

# Todmorden Pride



## Minutes of the Meeting

Thursday, 9 September 2010

Golden Lion, Todmorden

**Present:** James Gregory *Chair*  
David Storah  
Gillian Connolly  
Simon Brearley  
Anne Lee  
Peter Cockcroft  
Shaun Murray  
Cllr Anne James  
Anne Holdsworth  
Cllr Janet Batty  
Lynne Midwinter  
Alan Darwin  
Cynthia Murray  
Cllr Ruth Goldthorpe  
Sheila Greenwood

**In Attendance:** Rachel Johns

**Chair:** James Gregory      **Note Taker:** Anne Lee

Minute	Discussion	Action
182/09/10	<b>Welcome</b> The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially Rachel Johns from Cornholme and Cllr Ruth Goldthorpe.	
183/09/10	<b>Apologies for absence</b> Todmorden Together has been disbanded and Louise Castro will therefore not be attending future meetings.  Louise Harrison's contract with Yorkshire Forward has not been renewed.  The Chair expressed the Group's thanks to them both for their considerable contributions to our success.	
184/09/10	<b>Minutes of the last meeting</b> Minutes of the meeting held on 15th July 2010 were unanimously agreed as a true record. Minute 179/07/10 - should read "An Award will be submitted"	
185/09/10	<b>Matters arising from the minutes not on the Agenda</b> It was requested and agreed that the Abraham Ormerod centre should be placed on the agenda.	

<p><b>186/09/10</b></p>	<p><b>Declaration of Any Other Business</b></p> <p>Declarations of interest regarding plans for NETTO, Cinderhill Mill and Bramsche Square were made by Cllr Rurh Goldthorpe and Cllr Anne James.</p> <p>Future projects would be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.</p>	
<p><b>187/09/10</b></p>	<p><b>Lever Street Project</b></p> <p>Taken at the Amenity Committee meeting was well received. Ideas about the canal were put forward. No sums of money were agreed but it was moved on the the tender state for Lever Street and surrounding plans.</p> <p>A Grant for £10,000 has been received and enquiries made regarding a Lottery bid. The setts on Canalside will be renovated.</p> <p>It was suggested that a third member from Todmorden Council should be invited to join the Group - discussions are ongoing.</p> <p>Renaissance Partnership Board are also supporting us.</p> <p>Lock Cottage - the owner has agreed to stone clean his building and other landowners round the Lock will be encouraged to do so, along with houses on Water Street and Dale Street.</p>	
<p><b>188/09/10</b></p>	<p><b>Cornholme Project</b></p> <p>Rachel Johns introduced herself and the Cornholme Group and listed their projects and achievements so far, including a £50,000 grant matched by 106 money from Calderdale.</p> <p>Portsmouth Recreation site is to be developed, including willow sculptures and other structures. The Group feel that the following sites are priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Methodist Chapel area - the site owner met Anne Holdsworth and David Storah and it is understood that the Coal Board are progressing the major work needed with the owner, including a culvert underneath the road to the river. Improvement and development of the whole area are planned. Planning permission may include parking.</li> <li>• The site at Black Rock is to be tidied if the owner agrees.</li> <li>• There are also plans to tidy the areas underneath the viaduct.</li> <li>• Brewery Street could be a viewed as a Gateway Site to be tidied and landscaped. Enforcement matters to be tackled.</li> <li>• Council owned areas can be processed comparatively quickly and matched funding may be obtained from other local agencies - ie highways, coal board.</li> </ul> <p>Rachel was asked how the Board can help the Cornholme Group and thanked for her presentation.</p>	
<p><b>189/09/10</b></p>	<p><b>Gauxholme Arches</b></p> <p>The project has been worked up and Anne Holdsworth is still in contact with Network Rail - funding would not be available this financial year.</p>	

<p><b>190/09/10</b></p>	<p><b>Transformational Board</b></p> <p>A positive meeting was held with Louise Owens. Demolishment of the rose Street Medical Centre is to start soon, hopefully before Christmas in conjunction with the Environmental Agency - traffic management, parking and other related matters still need to be arranged.</p> <p>Rose Street - 6 - 8 weeks to come down, 6-8 weeks for landscaping.</p> <p>Culvert work - access for the Environment Agency to do the necessary work - it may be possible to use the site - agreed more information needed about funding for refurbishment of the area.</p> <p>Cllr Barry Collins has expressed concern regarding matters in Todmorden, especially the Town Hall scaffolding, Bramsche Square and the Netto and Stannard sites.</p> <p>Questions have been asked regarding Compulsory Purchase Orders for sites in Todmorden - the Council must pay commercial market prices, which it was not possible to do. The District Valuer was not involved.</p>	
<p><b>191/09/10</b></p>	<p><b>Supermarkets</b></p> <p>Lindsey Smales advised on planning issues regarding the plans for a Netto/Asda supermarket on the Burnley Road sites. It is not possible to veto plans for a supermarket on that site as it is already a supermarket and it has some merit over the option of Halifax Road - parking would be provided for 2 hours which would help the market and would make it difficult for another supermarket to be built on Halifax Road.</p> <p>The current design put forward to Calderdale to keep the frontage is not acceptable to the Council. It is felt that it is inevitable and desirable for the matter to be sorted out as quickly as possible. Discussion took place regarding the design and materials for the building.</p> <p>It was resolved that the Chair will write to the Planners about design and matters, stating that ASDA would, in our opinion, be generally welcomed in the town.</p>	
<p><b>192/09/10</b></p>	<p><b>Cinderhill Mill</b></p> <p>Discussion took place regarding the state of this Mill. We understand that several attempts have been made to come to some arrangements with the owner but it is proving difficult and costly, with a possible asbestos issue. If the building is precarious, the Council can enforce repairs or demolishing. Pennine Housing could also be approached.</p> <p>Todmorden Council will be asked to approach Calderdale to put pressure on the owners and also on the Cornholme site (Mill name?).</p> <p>Todmorden Pride will write to Calderdale Council regarding Council powers and the conditions of disrepair, future costs and value of the site and what can be done.</p> <p>It was also agreed to lobby for the area which is a Gateway Site to the town.</p>	

<p><b>193/09/10</b></p>	<p><b>Membership</b></p> <p>Rachel Johns agreed to join us on the Board and it was suggested the another Town Councillor should also be asked.</p> <p>The Constitution needs to be reviewed - to be put on the agenda for AGM</p> <p>Membership - suggestions welcomed.</p>	
<p><b>194/09/10</b></p>	<p><b>Administration</b></p> <p>It was suggested that the Town Council may consider revenue support for an honorarium for admin staff - £3,000 pa would provide part-time assistance and other costs. This was unanimously agreed.</p> <p>The Chair will ask Todmorden Town Clerk for information.</p>	
<p><b>195/09/10</b></p>	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>Members were asked to think of future projects for the next meeting.</p> <p>There will be a Ward Forum meeting on 28th September, 6.30 - 8.00pm at St Michael's in Mytholmroyd. Garden Street, Hebden Bridge, Copley and Bramsche Square will be on the agenda.</p> <p>The advertising at Liddl - a letter has been issued with 7 days for enforcement.</p>	
<p><b>196/09/10</b></p>	<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p> <p>Suggestions for other meeting places were asked for - Peter Cockcroft will ask if the Old Hall would be available.</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on Thursday 4th November at 6.30pm - at a place to be decided.</p>	