

## Minutes of the Meeting

Thursday 03 June 2010

Golden Lion, Todmorden

**Present:** James Gregory  
Doug Blenkey  
Shaun Murray  
Simon Brearley  
Peter Cockcroft  
Alan Darwin  
Chris Edwards  
Gillian Connolly

*Chair*  
*Treasurer*

**In attendance:** Anne Holdsworth  
Cllr Janet Battye  
Cllr Ian Cooper  
Catherine Hilton  
Louise Harrison

*Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council*  
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*Upper Calder Valley Renaissance*

**Apologies:** Louise Castro  
Cynthia Murray  
Anne Lee  
Cllr Barry Collins

*Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council*  
*Portfolio Holder - Regeneration*

Cllr Margareta Holmstedt  
Mary Clear  
Malcolm Birkett

*Todmorden Town Council*  
*Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council*  
*Vice Chair*

**Chair:** James Gregory

**Note Taker:** Louise Harrison

Minute	Discussion	Action
174/06/10	<b>Welcome</b> The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, however, as many of the membership were unable to attend the meeting, the chair said that the format would be of an informal chat.	

# Todmorden Pride

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The chair said that since the last meeting he had met twice with the Acorn Centre with regard to them helping support Todmorden Pride as there are doubts about the future of Todmorden Together who have given administration and secretarial support in the past, it was hoped that the Acorn Centre might in future fill this role.

The chair said that he would like to hear from businesses with suggestions on how to proceed as the town team for Todmorden.

Cllr Battye said that the Masterplan Review Conference would be a good opportunity- for all of the Upper Valley town teams - both to review the renaissance process and to look forward to the future.

The issue of funding for Todmorden Pride was discussed.

LH said that the other UCVR teams had no funding given to them and that they administered their own affairs with regard to calling meetings and writing and issuing agendas and minutes.

Funding for Todmorden Pride is to be discussed at the next meeting to which Todmorden Town Councillors are to be invited and a secretary/coordinator for Todmorden Pride is to be sought.

Cllr Cooper pointed out that a great deal had already been done since the creation of the RMT programme: the purchase of Rose Street, the drawing up of landscaping schemes and other peripheral schemes. The Town Hall project has progressed and a bid was made to the Heritage Lottery Fund for £2-2.5 m for improvements. The Netto/Abraham Ormerod site was discussed and the fact that the site is now in the ownership of ASDA. It was agreed that another supermarket in the town would completely kill retail trade in the town centre. The chair said that he did not want Todmorden to become known as the town for supermarkets, as Hebden Bridge is known as the town for great little shops.

Cllr Cooper said that as a market town reliant on its small network of shops, Todmorden would be destroyed by another supermarket.

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	<p>Item 6</p> <p>The chair wrote to Mr Geoff Willerton, Chief Planning Officer at Calderdale Council and has as yet not received a response. The Todmorden Town Centre Working Group lodged a concern to the chief planner that another supermarket would be detrimental to Todmorden and the Bramsche Square plans. It was stated that the majority of the town is opposed to another supermarket.</p> <p>Cllr Battye said that in her two meetings with developers on the Stannard site she had clearly stated that a supermarket was not wanted there, but that she was under the impression that the land was only saleable as a supermarket. Alan Darwin said that the value of the land will come down if no planning is granted for a supermarket. Simon Brearley said that there is a retail hierarchy with regard to supermarkets and that the criteria can change with the competition between the major players: Sainsbury's, Tesco etc.</p> <p>Item 7</p> <p>Anne Holdsworth reported that work has started on Vulcan Street and should be completed in a few weeks. Detailed designs have been drawn up to improve access to Oxford/Lever Street, costings have been worked up and funding sought. The £50,000 is not enough and a contribution from Highways at CMBC is to be sought. Todmorden Town Council is to be approached for a contribution. It was suggested that the money saved by the town council for not having to pay for a development worker could perhaps be used for environmental projects.</p>	
<b>176/06/10</b>	<b>Date and Time of Next Meeting:</b> 15 July 2010, 18:30 Golden Lion, Todmorden	