

Todmorden Pride



Minutes of the Meeting

Thursday 05 March 2009

Todmorden Cricket Club, Todmorden

Present: James Gregory
Malcolm Birkett
David Storah
Doug Blenkey
Simon Brearley
Shaun Murray
Chris Edwards
Cynthia Murray
Lynne Midwinter
Louise Castro
Peter Cockcroft
Alan Fiddling
Clare Townley
Cllr Hilary Myers
Helena Cook

Chair
Vice Chair
Secretary
Treasurer

In attendance: Louise Harrison
Mary Clear
Cllr James Allinson

Upper Calder Valley Renaissance
Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council
Chair of UCVR Co Ltd by Guarantee

Apologies: Cllr Mararetta Homstedt
Alan Darwin
Anne Lee
Janet Battye
Cllr Olwen Jennings
Cllr Amanda Byrne
Jon Crowther

Todmorden Town Council

Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council
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Chair: James Gregory

Note Taker: Louise Castro

Minute	Discussion	Action
169/03/09	Welcome The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting especially James Allinson, and Helena Cook.	
170/03/09	Minutes of the Last Meeting Minutes of the last meeting were approved. Proposed: Doug Blenkey Seconded: Peter Cockcroft	

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171/03/09	<p>Matters Arising Not Covered Elsewhere</p> <p>Todmorden Business Association Todmorden In Bloom Update Todmorden Town Hall</p>	LM HC PC
171/03/09	<p>Nomination of Officers</p> <p>The three officer posts of Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary were under nomination following the Annual General Meeting. The meeting agreed that self-nomination was a preferable method of nomination. However, should there be more than one nomination the paperwork was in place if a secret ballot be required.</p> <p>Malcolm Birkett - Vice Chair Proposed: Hilary Myers Seconded: Lynne Midwinter</p> <p>Doug Blenkey - Treasurer Proposed: Simon Brearley Seconded: Shaun Murray</p> <p>David Storah - Secretary Proposed: Peter Cockcroft Seconded: Chris Edwards</p>	
171/03/09	<p>Todmorden Pride Constitution</p> <p>Clause 9.1 of the the constitution is to be moved to a special meeting to be arranged at a later date.</p>	
172/03/09	<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p>A copy of the Treasurer's Report was circulated.</p> <p>There had been no changes since the previous report.</p> <p>It was agreed that Penny Bennett be asked to produce some more drawings, including Tipside and Morrisons and work with Anne Holdsworth (CMBC Officer) on Tipside and Gill Connolly on the Morrisons site.</p>	JG JG/GC

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173/03/09 Upper Calder Valley Renaissance

A discussion on the subject of where Todmorden Pride sits under the umbrella of Upper Calder Valley Renaissance project was held.

It was suggested that the various projects undertaken by Todmorden Pride had been implemented by Todmorden Pride Board members without either financial or administrative support from the UCVR.

Patmos - Patmos has been led by the Environment Agency and Calderdale MBC with Board members included in the project from the start. The upgrading of the scheme had gone well with the shop owners choosing the planters and pavement surface. Todmorden Pride's Rural Target Fund monies had paid for the upgrading of the railings, planter boxes and pavement surface with the Shop Keepers choosing black for the railings and seating. The seating was provided by Todmorden Town Council.

Walsden - The impetus to initially identify and then drive the projects forward had come from the Walsden Subgroup, with Peter Rigg match funding the Rural Target Fund. The initial success of the first stage of improvements was built upon with CMBC Highways being supportive of the group and the schemes by implementing a programme of improvements that saw the removal of Kee-Clamp railings and old bollards and replacing them with superior products. The Rural Target Fund monies was used to upgrade the scheme and paid for the removal of the signal box at St Peter's Gate.

Some members of the Board of Todmorden Pride expressed the view they couldn't see the benefit to the Town Team of Todmorden Pride of being in the UCVR as current projects are being delivered by Calderdale Council in partnership with Todmorden Pride, Todmorden Town Council and Yorkshire Forward.

Hilary - As a Director of UCVR Co Ltd by Guarantee explained she was "keen to clarify that UCVR is crowded in confusion. Firstly it is a vision and secondly it is a partnership; Town Teams, Calderdale MBC and Yorkshire Forward. UCVR Co is a metamorphosis, its the Town Team that doesn't belong to a Town. Its aim was to link the valley." A Company Limited by Guarantee was formed by David Fletcher, Chair of Hebden Bridge Town Team, with the aim of drawing down funding.

"There should be a feeling of united we stand and we're all the UCVR, it is a vision, we haven't got the communication facilities or had any funding to deliver to any projects but can I make a little plea to buy into the vision to work with towns across the valley."

Todmorden Pride has lobbied Calderdale with no success for all the satellite towns to have funding.

It was proposed therefore that UCVR now champion this.

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	<p>Upper Calder Valley Renaissance Continued</p> <p>Louise Harrison reported the following to the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● The new Geographic programme will have three main thrusts to it: Customer First Shay Todmorden● There is to be a drive by Calderdale MBC for more practical business support with a shop local campaign. There will be a toolkit and the opportunity for retailers to work in partnership with the Council.	
174/03/09	<p>Todmorden Town Centre Transformational Project</p> <p>It was reported that in terms of where we are the Development Brief has been amended and is going forward to be formally adopted by Cabinet. Things should then begin to move fairly quickly, with contracts between CMBC and PCT for the purchase of Rose Street to go to legal. The DB by nature is a wordy document and not very exciting but things are moving in the right direction.</p>	
175/03/09	<p>Todmorden Town Hall</p> <p>It was reported that some progress has been made on the physical side of the building with interested parties being invited to submit designs and drawings for the Town Hall. They will be sent a design brief and a copy of the conservation statement. The meetings have been attended, and continue to be attended, by English Heritage (who will oversee all the refurbishment of the Town Hall), Todmorden Town Council, Todmorden Together, Todmorden Pride and Friends of Todmorden Town Hall amongst others.</p> <p>Management of the Town Hall should have consideration to Todmorden Town Council, and they can not be ignored. However there is also an option to be looked that involves a Trust with a partnership that includes Calderdale MBC elected representatives and Todmorden Town Council. This would have the benefit of being able to access funding more easily than a Council.</p>	

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176/03/09	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Todmorden Business Association - The map of last year will be in circulation as it was a 2008/9 map and we do have enough left. The map has been paid for by the Business Association and more support is need if it is going to be progressed in 2010/11.</p> <p>There will be a Made In Tod event again with plans to make it bigger and better than the last event with arts and crafts in Central Methodists and Community groups in Committee Room A.</p> <p>Todmorden In Bloom - New signs have been made for the railway station and the Health Centre is being planted as a show garden for vegetables.</p> <p>Todmorden Town Council Development Officer - Todmorden Town Council have now employed a Development Officer and it was suggested she come along to the next meeting to meet everyone and talk about her role in the Town.</p>	LC
177/03/09	<p>Date and Time of Next Meeting:</p> <p>Thursday 11 June 2009, 7 pm Golden Lion, Todmorden</p>	