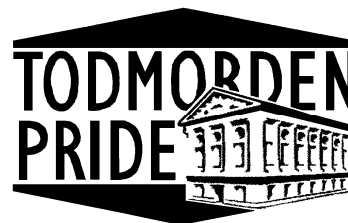


Todmorden Pride



Minutes of Meeting

Thursday 4th November 2010

Golden Lion, Todmorden

Present : James Gregory Chair
 Lynne Midwinter
 Gillian Connolly
 Anne James
 Anne Holdsworth
 Malcolm Birkett
 Simon Brearley
 David Storah
 Peter Cockcroft
 Shaun Murray
 Sheila Greenwood
 Doug Blenkey
 Liz Hinchliffe
 Ivor Dibble
 Lindsay Smales

Cornholme Community Project

Note Taker : Doug Blenkey

Minute	Discussion	Action
197/11/10	Welcome James Gregory welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially Liz Hinchliffe from the Cornholme Community Project and Ivor Dibble.	
198/11/10	Apologies for absence Apologies had been received from Anne Lee, Cynthia Murray, Alan Darwin, Hilary Myers, Ian Cooper and Mary Clear.	
199/11/10	Minutes of the Last Meeting One change required to minute 191/09/10 – amended to read “Lindsay Smales had commented on planning issues....” Otherwise agreed as a true record : proposed by Gillian Connolly; seconded by David Storah.	
200/11/10	Projects : Lever Street/Oxford Street Anne Holdsworth described the scheme as developed, noting that it comprised a core scheme and additional works, to permit phased implementation in accordance with available funding. AH circulated a report prepared for Todmorden Town Council (TTC) which included costings and possible funding sources. These are TTC, Sita (landfill tax funds), CMBC Highways and hopefully Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF). First 3 sources to fund core works; HLF for additional works (Towpath surfacing – Rochdale Rd to Lock 18; Reconstruction of setts at Lock 18; pathways from lock to Halifax Rd) if available. The HLF application is in progress with outcome	

	<p>unlikely to be known before mid-late Jan 2011.</p> <p>A presentation was given to TTC who are so far very supportive, suggesting possible funding of £18k in 2010/11 and £12k in 2011/12.. A further meeting will be held on 17 November to seek funding support based on AH's report costings.</p> <p>A start might be possible on site in February 2011.</p> <p>A meeting had been held with BW engineers to discuss any possible difficulties, and a further one is planned for 11 November with BW estates section on any access requirements.</p> <p>AH noted that possible problems might arise because of the presence of a 10" gas main in the towpath and the proximity of cellars adjacent to Lock cottages.</p> <p>The meeting supported the view that local contractors should be invited to tender. This will need clearance from CMBC in respect of capability and public liability requirements.</p>	
201/11/10	<p>Projects : Cornholme</p> <p>Meeting agreed that it would be useful to produce a report similar to the Lever St one to support an application for funding from TTC for Cornholme projects. Establishment of a subgroup involving Cornholme Community Project agreed, as soon as possible and before 26 November, to identify do-able schemes.</p>	
202/11/10	<p>Projects : Gauxholme Arches</p> <p>Little progress possible at this time through lack of interest by Network Rail. Meeting agreed the scheme should be kept alive despite this setback.</p>	
203/11/10	<p>Todmorden Transformation Board (TTB)</p> <p>David Storah was congratulated on becoming Deputy Chair of TTB.</p> <p>Noted that demolition of Rose St health centre had commenced.</p> <p>DS reported on an Environmental Agency presentation to TTB.</p> <p>The next phase of flood protection works is planned to start in February 2011, comprising works upstream from the Market Hall to Shade School. Works include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raising sidewalls between Shade School and Knowlwood Road Removing the weir at Waterloo Raising sidewalls between the weir and the Old Toll House. Altering the service entrance to Morrisons, including landscaping Realigning sidewalls at Morrisons customer entrance Culvert reconstruction beneath the Market Hall. <p>Works planned for the period 2/2011 to winter 2011; restart spring 2012 to complete by Sept 2012.</p> <p>Planning permission is required to raise sidewalls and these raise sight-line issues on highways. A submission to CMBC is expected at the end of November. EA proposes to carry out works progressively in 100m lengths with traffic-light control along Rochdale Road.</p> <p>A major problem exists at the Market Hall where the roof of the culvert beneath the Hall requires replacement. EA has looked at 3 alternatives :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A. Laying a pipe inside the existing culvert - B. Building new walls and roof inside the existing culvert 	

	<p>- C. Removing the current culvert roof and re-roofing. A and B would result in a permanent restriction of flow, so EA favours option C, but this would require closure of the Market Hall for at least 3 months, possibly longer.</p> <p>TTB had expressed disapproval of the EA proposals, which are due to be presented to TTC on 14th December.</p> <p>Many present at this TP meeting expressed major concern that the programme and the scheme works proposed by the EA were unrealistic and significantly flawed. It was thought that insufficient consideration had been given to the impact on the town and queried why other options had not been considered. For example, options A and B might be improved by construction of an additional overflow culvert outside the existing line, or, more radically, consideration given to construction of a new market facility to modern standards prior to demolition of the existing structure which might then result in opening out of the river in the town centre.</p> <p>Agreed that this new information has significant impact on the town centre as a whole and could severely affect previous thinking on the town centre development brief.</p> <p>The meeting resolved to press council members and officers to plan and manage development opportunities effectively and in a coordinated fashion. A personal approach expressing Todmorden Pride's extreme concern will be made to Cllr Battye, as Leader of Calderdale Council.</p> <p>Lindsay Smales advocated production of a holistic development plan for the town, hopefully supported by major groups such as Todmorden Pride, IET, Tod Business Association. If this were privately funded, it would not require the endorsement of CMBC but would provide a base document expressing the aspirations of the town against which any proposals could be judged, including for example the EA or supermarkets.</p>	JG
204/11/10	<p>Todmorden Town Hall</p> <p>Peter Cockcroft advised that estimates between £4 and £6 million had been obtained for works necessary to the Town Hall modernisation, about 75% of which might be obtainable from HLF. It is necessary to develop a Plan B, comprising works to the ground floor and lift, should funding not be found for the full scheme.</p>	
205/11/10	<p>Supermarkets</p> <p>There is no planning basis on which Todmorden Pride can object to proposals by Asda/Netto on the Abraham Ormerod/ Olympia site. However, we can raise objections to the quality of design and construction at this location. Examples were circulated of 'improved' supermarket proposals in other sensitive locations. Agreed that this approach was required for the Asda site, especially since this was in a conservation area, and CMBC planners must be pressed to negotiate strongly on behalf of the town and its residents to get the best outcome possible.</p> <p>The situation is different for the proposed Sainsbury development on Halifax Road, where the argument is one of whether a supermarket in this location is necessary or desirable. LS felt that we should not be drawn into commenting on the quality of design, though this is currently at the lower end of the market compared with accepted proposals in other towns. JG advised that Sainsbury's wishes to talk to Todmorden Pride and suggested that, as the matter is likely to go to litigation, it would be damaging not to permit them the opportunity to present to TP. Meeting agreed that a meeting should be arranged, with minutes taken, to avoid possible</p>	

	misrepresentation in future.	JG
206/11/10	Cinderhill Mill JG advised that, since there are few funds available in CMBC budgets for enforcement action, it is unlikely that work to tidy up the Cinderhill Mill site will be undertaken.	
207/11/10	Next Meeting 16 th December 2010 at 6.30pm : Golden Lion	