

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF TODMORDEN PRIDE

Thursday 14th November 2013

Present: Simon Brearley (Chair), James Gregory, Cynthia Murray, Ivor Dibble, Shaun Murray, Barry Glenister, Alison Greenwood (Minutes)

Apologies: D Storah, M Birkett, Kate Moreton-Deakin, Cllr J Batty, Cllr Baksa, Cllr J Booth, M Holmstedt, D Blenkey, Anne Holdsworth, Peter Cockcroft

Ivor Dibble introduced Barry Glenister, a potential new member.

2.00 Minutes of the last meeting (10th October)

The minute of the last meeting was agreed as a true record. Proposed – I Dibble, Second – S Murray.

3.00 Items for AOB

- Neighbourhood Development Plan
- News from Peter Stubbs re item 6
- Hollins Mill

4.00 Chairs Report

- The Chair expressed pleasure in the attendance of a new member and encouraged all existing members to attend meetings.
- He expressed the hope that if there are any issues identified by group members, they are welcome to bring them to the Committee.
- See Treasurers Report item 2 – Simon emphasised that Todmorden Pride had built on the previous experience they had gained through the Lamplighters Festival. As Todmorden Pride is properly constituted they may be in a position to assist other organisations with funding bids.

5.00 Treasurers Report

This has been circulated in the absence of the treasurer.

- The personal donation from James Gregory was made to IET to tidy the Halifax Road site. Unfortunately this did not take place as the Regeneration Department wished it to be left as at present. Ivor Dibble suggested that as the Tour de France was in Yorkshire next year, pressure could be brought to improve the area - possibly via the press. **ACTION**

6.00 Schemes in Todmorden and Progress Report (Halifax Road, Cornholme, Todmorden Market)

- **Todmorden Market.** The Todmorden Market Futures Board Report is being printed. It is likely to be released in January; probably the official launch will be at the Council meeting on 15th January. If the report is accepted then action will continue.
- **Transport Hub Programme.** There has been an email from Peter Stubbs regarding issues raised at the last meeting. He has taken on some of the groups suggestions.
 1. He is willing to proceed with a higher spec (setts) for the car park.
 2. The works at the bus station will be revised. Shaun Murray had also spoken to the Calderdale Cycling officer who was also against the cycle track behind the bus station.
 3. He suggested that Todmorden Pride might consider a donation of £1,000 - £2,000 towards the work, keeping in mind the higher spec agreed. It was proposed that there should be a donation of £1,500. **This was agreed.**
 4. With regard to suggestions from Ivor Dibble, he felt that these were long term and that more funding could be available in the future.

Barry Glenister suggested that Simon asks if signage could be put up by the station acknowledging the support of Todmorden Pride. Simon Brearley will respond to Peter via Anne Holdsworth.

- **Gauxholme Arches.** Environmental Health Department are currently in discussion with Network Rail re tidying the rubbish.
- **Burnley Road.** There is a rumour that Asda will still build on the site and that the Community College will become a 6th Form College.
- **Halifax Road.** There is a rumour that Weirs will buy out the garage to improve access and that the garage will move onto the Halifax Road site. There is no information about what will happen to the rest of the land.
- **Cornholme.** Cornholme Library Scheme is moving forward. They are applying for full charity status. The library now includes a café. Ivor Dibble has been invited to join with a group including councillors to look at the Rock site.
- **Canal.** Further work could be done under the library bridge. The cycling officer has intimated that the council are intending improving the towpath from the library bridge to Key Sike Lane and from Hebden Bridge to Stubbing Wharf.

7.00 Future meeting dates and venue

The following meeting dates were agreed. The venue would be the Community Room, Lever Street

09-01-14	27-02-14	10-04-14	22-05-14
10-07-14	28-08-14	09-10-14	13-11-14

8.00 AOB

- **Hollins Mill.** The weaving sheds are part of a listed building with no potential buyers. There are plans to look at some type of home for the elderly which would mean demolishing the sheds. James Gregory thinks that a planning application has already gone in despite the sheds being a listed building. The Methodist church on the opposite side of the road is also for sale and the price of this building keeps dropping.
- **St Peters Gate site.** This area previously had a telecom box on it. There have been early discussions with Gordon Riggs who would provide plants if planters were purchased. David Storah to continue discussions.
ACTION D Storah
- **Neighbourhood Development Plan.** IET in conjunction with Integrate has said that there is potential for Todmorden Pride to support a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP). The NDP was brought in in 2011 and allows local communities to develop the Neighbourhood Multistage process. Plan →local electorate→ council→ planning authority. The NDP must conform to national planning policy (planning credibility).IET are trying to get an emphasis on a food based economy and wish to apply for funding for a feasibility study re a NDP. They ask if Todmorden Pride would be willing to support it. The council are reluctant to be involved.

Ivor Dibble queried what has happened to the Town Plan, however, no one had any information.

Members felt that in principal they would be willing to support IET; however, Tod Pride must be able to express its own opinions even if these clashed with those of IET. Simon Brearley agreed to express interest to Pam Warhurst and ask for further information from IET and Integrate.
ACTION S Brearley

Ivor Dibble will invite Rachel Julian to a future meeting to discuss funding applications.

- **Memorial Bench.** Ivor Dibble has been involved in tidying Mount Zion and the idea of siting a bench in memory of Ann James. Margareta Holmstedt said that there will be a bench in Todmorden, however, this does not preclude a bench in Cornholme.
- **John Fieldens Statue.** James Gregory asked if it would be possible to apply for funding to move the statue back into the centre of the town. It was queried whether there would be enough support.
- **Drain at the Vedas.** Simon Brearley has contacted the council as this drain is not adequate; the members also queried whether the 'statue' is complete as the work is shoddy. Simon will contact the Environment Agency.
ACTION S Brearley

THE NEXT MEETING OF TODMORDEN PRIDE WILL BE ON

Thursday 9th January at 6.30pm in the Community Room, Lever Street, Todmorden