

Todmorden Pride



Minutes of the Meeting

Thursday 17th September 2009

Golden Lion, Todmorden

Present: James Gregory
Malcolm Birkett
Doug Blenkey
Helena Cook
Chris Edwards
Shaun Murray
Louise Castro
Simon Brearley
Lynne Midwinter
Clare Townley

Chair
Vice Chair
Secretary

In attendance: Cllr Amanda Byrne

*Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council
Portfolio Holder - Regeneration*

Peter Colley
Cllr Anne James
Cllr Margaretta Holmstedt
Louise Harrison
Mary Clear
Anne Holdsworth

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

Apologies: Alan Darwin
Cllr Craig Whittaker

*Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council
Portfolio Holder - Children & Young
Peoples Services*

Alan Fiddling
David Storah
Cllr Ian Cooper

*Treasurer
Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council
Portfolio Holder - Leisure Service*

Cllr Janet Battye
Cynthia Murray
Anne Lee

Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council

Chair: James Gregory

Note Taker: Louise Castro

Minute	Discussion	Action
200/09/09	Welcome The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.	

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<p>201/09/09</p>	<p>Minutes of the Last Meeting Minutes of the last meeting were approved, subject to attendance amendments.</p> <p>Proposed: Malcolm Birkett Seconded: Simon Brearley</p>	
<p>202/09/09</p>	<p>Declare Items for Any Other Business Criteria for the selection of environmental projects. Annual General Meeting. Incredible Edible Todmorden</p>	
<p>203/09/09</p>	<p>Financial Report A copy of the Treasurer's Report was circulated.</p> <p>No bank statements have been received since March, Doug to check with the bank.</p>	
<p>204/09/09</p>	<p>Criteria for the selection of environmental improvement projects A copy of the cover sheet detailing how any projects undertaken must tie into Calderdale MBC's strategic plans, the parameters within which those projects must fall and the priorities which must match the priorities set for the Borough.</p> <p>Any projects, where possible, must ensure local people are used and if young people are helped with training it would be preferable. We should encourage contractors to use someone currently not in employment providing them with work experience opportunities.</p> <p>Procurement guidelines are that any work under £10,000.00 is allocated on a discretionary basis, between £10-£20,000.00 another policy applies and over £20,000.00 another set of criteria must be met. However, any contractors will be appointed in partnership with Todmorden Pride, it may be that a £20,000.00 project is split between 2 or 3 local contractors bringing each contract to under £10,000.00 making it a more viable proposition enabling local firms to partner and tender for the work.</p> <p>Comment from the Board - The criteria sets out rules and shows that cheques can not just be written by Todmorden Pride members, this is a welcome document and clarifies exactly where we stand. It is the framework we needed and is just common sense.</p> <p>How individual projects are arrived at is a matter for concern for the Board in partnership with CMBC.</p>	

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<p>205/09/09</p>	<p>Walsden Sub-Group</p> <p>Gateway - Practically complete with the lettering for the front of the stone in place. Calderdale MBC have now officially taken over the maintenance and with some funding left we have a wish list of items still required to complete work at the site, including lighting and an illustration board or plaque with information on John Cockcroft, we are hoping that this will tie in with the illustration boards proposed for the canal.</p> <p>Vulcan Street - Plans are on the shelf, however there is no money for this project, but should the opportunity arise it is ready to start.</p> <p>Walsden Junior School - it is thought that the building and land around it are currently owned by the Diocese, however as a central place for the village it would be ideal, and on the face of it there are a number of buildings such as the library that should be looked at.</p> <p>It could be that we hold a meeting with a map of the area to look at the whole rather than individual buildings. Prior to the meeting Board members could have a think about what is required for a village centre. We can not currently draw down funding but we can be a catalyst for the area.</p> <p>It was suggested the proposal be taken to the Town Council for their information and thoughts.</p> <p>When the gateway site is completed and the monies spent would the group write a report and send it into Todmorden News as a press release.</p>	<p>JG/LC/ Walsden Sub- group</p> <p>AJ</p>
<p>206/09/09</p>	<p>Gauxholme Arches</p> <p>The arches at Gauxholme are an immense Grade II listed structure designed by Stevenson currently hidden behind self-seeded trees and undergrowth.</p> <p>The proposal is to remove the seedling trees and weeds, take down the stone wall and open up the whole strip. To prevent further fly-tipping, once cleared, a fence will be erected. It also proposed that some stone cleaning will take place along with some simple landscaping and resurfacing, including the relaying of the existing sets. The hoarding will have to stay in the medium term, however it is hoped that Northern Rail will view the removal of it with sympathy.</p> <p>Negotiations are on-going with the community relations manager to look at re-working the area with a slightly different demarkation boundary.</p>	

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<p>207/09/09</p>	<p>Todmorden Town Centre Renaissance Board Update</p> <p>The PCT have agreed the contract for Rose Street Health Centre and this is now currently with the legal department to sort out the transfer of the monies and finalise the Yorkshire Forward agreement. The delay has been due to the PCT querying the legalities of several clauses.</p> <p>In terms of enterprise Yorkshire Forward will be soft market testing during September with a view to making a decision on the ten towns to be allocated funding due at the end of September beginning of October.</p> <p>Comment - This is hugely important to Todmorden changing the use of a building is not regeneration. An anchor tenant however, makes the project far more viable, especially in the current economic climate.</p> <p>The building will be managed by the same company managing the other nine buildings, however it will not be an of-the-shelf design but a building designed exclusively for Todmorden.</p>	
<p>208/09/09</p>	<p>Governance</p> <p>The Co-op will assist in incorporating Todmorden Pride at a cost of £1532.75, this does include 12 months free legal advice. However, it is up to Todmorden Pride to give an indication as to the contents of the Memorandum and Articles of Association.</p> <p>Two representatives from Todmorden Pride must first provide their details to be checked for money laundering prior to submission to Company's House and Charity Commission.</p> <p>Currently the name of the organisation is Todmorden Pride Partnership Board, however this can be altered to Todmorden Pride with an application for exemption to drop Limited from the name.</p> <p>The area of operation will be the Township of Todmorden with membership anticipated to be along the same lines as at the moments with the small addition of the sum of £1-2's being paid, this will limit liability. The governing body will be known as Trustees and the remit will be not for profit, however the Directors duties will be the same as those of a for profit company. It is suggested a minimum of 9 Trustees serving a term of office for 3 years and then re-election should take place. The officers will be elected from and by the members. Members meetings will be quarterly with Trustees meeting more frequently and at least one Annual General Meeting per annum open to all and celebrating Todmorden Pride's successes.</p>	

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<p>209/09/09</p>	<p>Canals in Calderdale At the 6th September open day approximately 50 people attended.</p> <p>The first stage of the Leader funding application for signage boards and an interactive website has been successful. The group is now trying to put together a second stage bid, however £17,000.00 of match funding has to be found with some coming from the Safer, Cleaner, Greener fund, British Waterways and volunteer time.</p> <p>The aim of the group is to raise the profile of the canal and get whatever services are available in the town to the attention of canal users.</p> <p>Out of recent consultations and the clean-up it became apparent that more bins are required and at a meeting held by Todmorden Town Council General Purposes Committee as an item on their next agenda.</p> <p>The next initiative is ‘Supa Scoop’ a clean-up that will encompass the stretch of the canal from Warland to Sowerby Bridge.</p> <p>The off-road playground on the canal, built by Calis Mill needs some attention. The next stage is to find out who owns it and get permission to do it up.</p> <p>Calderdale MBC have contributed to, and agreed to contribute for the next 15 years to adopt length of the tow path and undertake some tow path upgrades.</p>	
<p>199/07/09</p>	<p>Any Other Business Todmorden Boundary Signs - The four cast iron boundary signs are shortly to be taken down, grit blasted and painted by students from Todmorden High School in their original colours. Todmorden Rotary and Todmorden Town Council will be financing this work.</p> <p>Annual General Meeting - The Annual General Meeting is scheduled for the 12th November, however there should be an interim one agenda item pre-meeting to cover any Governance issues to be held on 22 October.</p> <p>Incredible Edible Todmorden - The most important thing is Harvest Festival on 27 September and 16 November a Northern Conference with the Chief Executive of Grow Organic giving a talk. Todmorden High School will be hosting the event with Pennine Housing administering the event. There has been a maximum of 200 attendees set because all those helping are volunteers.</p> <p>On the 13/14 October Lynne Midwinter, Helena Cook and Louise Harrison will be traveling to Melton Mowbery for the final of Action for Market Towns regional awards. Next years regional awards are being held in Todmorden.</p> <p>Todmorden In Bloom won a Silver award with Ferney Lee winning a Gold.</p>	

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	Date and Time of Next Meeting:	
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	22 October 2009, Golden Lion, 18:30 pm Annual General Meeting 12 November 2009, venue and time to be confirmed.	
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