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## Minutes of the meeting held at the Todmorden Vintner Wednesday 28th March 2012

Present :- Messrs. M D Birkett, LP Cockcroft, A Darwen ,I Dibble, S Brearley, J D Storah  
S.Murray  
Mrs C. Murray, G Connelly  
Anne Holdsworth Calderdale MBC

Apologies :- Mr J H Gregory, Cllrs, J. Battye, A James and M Holmstedt

**1.00** There were no minutes available from the last meeting of the Board and therefore no matters arising.

### **2.00 Projects**

Anne Holdsworth presented an update of the various projects which involve the Board and Calderdale MBC

#### Lever Street

Canal Connections have now erected the information board and this should soon be interactive with a phone link.

The final account for the works has still to be finalised and on completion of this stage the anti skid surface will be discussed. It was stressed that this is an integral part of the scheme and the preferred solution to any unspent monies.

A sign was handed to the Board to recognise SITA as a contributor and this is to be erected on the site.

The Heritage Lottery Bid for the towing path work is to be submitted and should the appeal for Sainsbury be successful it is intended to use Section 106 monies for this project.

HLF Phase 1bid should be submitted in Mid June and determined in September to December . there is a volunteer day for canal works on the 15th April coordinated by CMBC and British Waterways as part of the “adopt a length” initiative.

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#### Gauxholme

AH is continuing to negotiate with Network Rail but it was stated that due to the time taken the offer by EA and VS to provide help has been withdrawn.

There appears to be a Licence difficulty with Network Rail and this needs to be with CMBC in order that the continuation of the contract is acceptable.

It was agreed to continue with the licence negotiations and pursue the scheme later.

#### Cornholme

ID reported that the Mt Zion graveyard work is continuing with volunteer labour and that Paul Clarke is trying to access funds from the War Memorials Trust for the repair etc. to the war memorial in the area. there is a clean up day scheduled for the 24th April.

It was stated that the Town Council have now completed the purchase of the Vale Mill site and a group is trying to buy the former Library and site as a community asset.

Ivor agreed to act as a link to the various groups within Cornholme.

SM raise the query of safety surrounding the Portsmouth play area access. ID stated that this was now gated but there was no direct lighting for the gate, only road lighting.

#### Walsden.

MDB stated that the former Walsden Primary School may soon be put on the market.

Agreed that JDS should contact the Diocese and obtain any details available.

#### Fielden Statue.

LPC asked if we had any further discussion regarding the resiting of the statue. He expressed some concern over moving it to a more visible location with regard to vandalism etc.. Agreed that the Chair has raised this matter with Asda but there was no knowledge of any outcome. JHG to report to a future meeting.

#### Todmorden Town hall

LPC and CM reported that a bid has been submitted for works to Committee Room C. A major bid is being prepared for the remainder of the work. There is some concern that this may be linked to the bids for the Halifax Piece Hall and Museum and that this may be prejudicial to the Todmorden bid as it would mean

that Calderdale had perhaps an unfair share of Lottery Monies. However this is to be continued as it was agreed that there is no acceptable alternative.  
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The works to repair the roof and work to the stonework have now started and should be complete by June 2012

### **3.00 Finance.**

JDS reported that a statement has been received from the bank and that we have paid Todmorden in Bloom for materials set against the Community Spaces Award. We have received a grant of £920.00 from Calderdale Planning and this has been used to buy trees for the Rose Street site. Agreed by all.

Further finance discussions was postponed until the next meeting.

### **4.00 Sainsbury Appeal.**

JDS reported that the appeal has now been submitted and that the date for submission of comments is the 19th April 2012 with a date for the inquiry set at 24th July 2012 at Todmorden Town Hall.

After discussion it was agreed unan. that the original comments to the application be acquired from JHG and that written comments from the Board objecting to the proposal should be submitted to the Secretary of State.

ID commented that the appeal would deal only with the Reasons for Refusal and this must be our base for comment.

AD commented that Calderdale MBC must fight this appeal and the Council Strategy should be ascertained.

It was agreed also to forward our comments to Elected Members at Calderdale MBC and the Town Council

Action JDS and MDB

Should further discussion be needed it was agreed that a sub-committee be appointed consisting of JHG, JDS, ID, MDB, SB, GC .

It was also agreed that the market Traders should be informed of the action of the Board. Copies of our objection to be forwarded.

JDS reported that the Renaissance Board has also made comment to the Sec of State objecting to the proposal.

SB asked if anyone knew the position of ASDA in connection with the appeal. It was agreed to contact JHG and ask if he could liaise with G Connell and try to find out the current position.

### **5.00 Town Council Liaison.**

It was agreed that GC should refer back to her notes and send to JDS for distribution. Discussion to be at next meeting.

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### **6.00 Unitarian Chapel.**

ID has spoken to contractors and discussed the lighting of the Unitarian Chapel. Details have been forwarded to JHG for discussion at the Chapels Trust. Copies to be sent to JDS for records. Action ID

### **7.00 A.O.B.**

GC noted that there is a neighbourhood planning forum tomorrow 29th . She is to attend and will report to the next meeting.

AD has been contacting the EA with regard to the Square Road channels in Walsden.

These are now to be cleaned to help alleviate flooding to the railway.

### **8.00 Future Meeting Dates.**

the dates of the future meeting were agreed as being two days after the Renaissance Board meetings. The next meeting will be held on Thursday 17th May 2012 at 6.30 p.m. at The Todmorden Vintner. Other dates to be circulated by JDS.