

## **Minutes of the meeting of Todmorden Pride held on 11th July 2013**

Present :- Messrs J. Gregory( Chair0) MD Birkett, D. Blenkey , S. Brearley I Dibble, P  
Cockcroft. S Murray Mrs C. Murray, Mrs C. Moreton Deakin Cllr J Battye.  
In attendance from Calderdale MBC Anne Holdsworth.

Apologies :- Ms A. Greenwood.

The meeting commenced with a short period in memory of Chris Edwards.

### **1.00 Minutes of the last meeting.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 18th April 2013 were read and approved  
prop S Murray sec P Cockcroft.

### **2.00 Matters Arising**

None not covered in the rest of the meeting.

### **3.00 Land in Todmorden. - various areas**

a) Reference was made to the proposed section 215 action proposed. Now the land at Halifax Road has been sold it was decided to wait to see what would happen in the future. Other areas were discussed but it was felt that CMBC were not wishing to proceed at this time.

b) Anne Holdsworth stated that the E A wished to carry out some tidying works in Todmorden and that this was aimed at the Rochdale Rd Area ( Gauxholme) . there was little progress to date from NetworkRail but the site may be able to be cleared and the trees remain with rubble and other materials removed. The walls would be reduced and some works carried out by EA. This was speculative at present and subject to confirmation.

Prior to any work the ground would have to be tested for contamination and this was estimated at approx. 1K.. It was discussed and agreed that Todmorden Pride would pay this costs up to 1K cost, subject to a written quotation.

c) Cornholme

ID stated that the old library was now open and operating and the local committee meets 1/4 ly. the work is not yet complete but the building will have a cafe and other community activities.

There is a sketch plan for the "rock" site and Mt Zion is progressing with a scheme to tidy the graveyard and war memorials and gravestones.

#### d) Station Approach.

The transport team at CMBC are to create a link Bus/Rail/ Cycle to improve access between the station and bus station. There is a slight difficulty in that the former Civic Trust had a lease on part of the land but the group felt that this could be overcome. The provision is part of the Equality Act provisions and they will have to consult the public on their proposals in the near future.

ID suggested that it would be good to reposition the entrance to the station to the side to allow safer egress from the station. A copy of the Highways Briefing note was presented for consideration. It was suggested that this also be shown to the Transport users group and the Friends of Todmorden Station.

#### e) Halifax Road.

This was now in new ownership and the 215 work has not been proceeded with. This could be transferred to other sites. To be discussed further

The new Development Board has now met and suggested that the brief be extended to include the Town Hall, water Street, gateway Sites, The Asda site. Rose Street was not in as a priority now as it was being considered by the Asset Transfer Group.

### **4.00 Waste Transfer Station.**

It was noted that this is to close for refurbishment. It was confirmed by Cllr Battye that there are no alternative arrangements in place for the upper calder area other than to use Sowerby Bridge or Brighouse. Concern was expressed that this will result in fly tipping in the area as with road works and time constraints most residents would not go so far down the valley.

### **5.00 Tour de France.**

CM noted that the web site for Todmorden is now in place and that there is growing interest in the event and hopes of a bonus for the Todmorden Area.

### **6.00 Venue**

The Vintner was closing and thanks were expressed to Nick and Madeleine for their hosting of the group. It was suggested that the next meeting be at Lever Street subject to availability.

The date of the next meeting was 22nd August 2013. Venue and time to be advised.