

Todmorden Pride
Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting
Thursday 15th February 2007, 6:30pm. Golden Lion, Todmorden

Present: James Gregory Chair
Margaretta Holmstedt
Clare Townley
Mary Clear
Tony Mullin
John Ford
Lynne Midwinter
Simon Brearley
Alan Fiddling
Cynthia Murray
Anne Lee
Chris Edwards
Louise Castro
David Storah
Lyndsey Smails
Chris Evans

Apologies: Peter Cockroft
Alan Darwin
Malcolm Birkett
Peter Rigg
Janet Battye

Chair: James Gregory

Minute Taker: Louise Castro

| | Discussion | Action |
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| 24/02/07 | Welcome and Apologies | |
| | James welcomed everyone to the meeting. | |
| 25/02/07 | Minutes of the last meeting | |
| | Proposed , with amendments: Claire Townley was present at December's meeting Janet Battye sent apologies Minutes Accepted | CT All |
| 26/02/07 | Matters Arising | |
| | There were no matters arising | |
| 27/02/07 | Declaration of Any Other Business | |
| | Made In Tod Day Upper Calder Valley Renaissance | LM CE |
| 28/02/07 | Correspondence | |
| | There was no correspondence. | |

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| 29/02/07 | Financial Matters | |
| | <p>Louise proposed, on behalf of Malcolm Birkett, a financial year should be set from 01 April – 31 March. Seconded – Claire Townley Accounts can now be independently audited and will be available at the next meeting.</p> | LC |
| 30/02/07 | Overview of Todmorden – James Gregory | |
| | <p>Todmorden market could not be completed due to a lack of finances, however Sowerby Bridge market is now finished and in the interests of equity and fairness Councillors, should pose questions to CMBC to ensure that finances are made available to complete Todmorden market as originally agreed. Funding should be found to carry out major work to the indoor market.</p> <p>PCT have now obtained planning and work should start in the future on the new Todmorden Health Centre.</p> <p>Work at Patmos will now move ahead as issues have been resolved.</p> <p>Rochdale Metal Units have bought new premises.</p> <p>Write formally to Calderdale MBC regarding a prescribed stamp of quality to be issued on all future building work, in particular new build and sympathetic restoration, to be carried out in the OL14 area. Proposed: Anne Lee Seconded: Claire Townley</p> | JG |
| 31/02/07 | Bramsche Square Update – Lindsey Smails | |
| | <p>A Yorkshire Forward funded consultation and development plan is in the process of being undertaken. Lindsey Smails has been employed specifically to liaise with the wider Todmorden community and key stakeholders to ensure any future development/s is commercially viable and of a high standard.</p> <p>A process of consultations will start in March and carry on into April and will include: Market Traders and Key Business in and around Bramsche Square – 14th March Todmorden Town Council - 28th March Todmorden Pride – 29th March To inform the wider community a consultation event will be held. This will be probably take the form of a drop-in session and will include key stakeholders as well as the wider general public. 21st April 10:00 – 16:00 Todmorden Town Hall</p> <p>The consultants will be systematically discussing wider views; to date current talks have included a pedestrian network, indoor and outdoor markets and sites around the square</p> | |

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| | <p>A sophisticated analysis of how it can be used in the future, including the Post Office, supermarket and car parking will feature in the equation. (Harrop's are to undertake a quick review of car parking.)</p> <p>However, the emphasis is being placed on plans being passed in an open and transparent way ensuring any option carried forward has a better chance of being implemented and becoming a reality.</p> <p>The findings produced in the report will be presented formally.</p> <p>James – Should you provide a focus when consultations are being carried?</p> <p>Lindsey – Jargon free and easy to understand options will be produced to enable the whole community understand the proposals and any ideas put forward will then be taken into consideration.</p> <p>Yorkshire Forward is interested in producing investment, but private sector must be included.</p> <p>David – Despite his initial concerns feels that the end options will have a commercial reality about them.</p> | |
| 32/02/07 | Patmos – David Storah | |
| | <p>A meeting with the environment agency and highways has resulted in a finalised plan incorporating bollards and planters to prevent parking on the pavement.</p> <p>Work should start in 2008/9 and be funded by Calderdale MBC highways department and the environment agency.</p> | |
| 33/02/07 | Walsden Development Brief | |
| | <p>£7,500.00 has been granted and some work identified in the Walsden Development Brief has been started, including stone cleaning in Walsden. Work stone cleaning the bridge against Fielden Wharf has also been carried out enabled by monies released through the Walsden project.</p> <p>This work has been match funded by Peter Rigg.</p> <p>The contractors have started work on the landscaping, including the Square, bottom of Hacking Lane at Copperas rail verges and footpaths to along the Rochdale Road.</p> <p>Approval is need for the work to continue and Walsden Pride Group will be applying for further funding on 01 April from the Rural Town Fund.</p> <p>Proposed: Claire Townley Seconded: Lynn Midwinter</p> | |

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| | <p>It was also noted that Dave Tee, Calderdale MBC Highways met the group on a Saturday morning for a walk round Walsden, the group extend their thanks, not just for him giving up part of his weekend but also in his continuing support.</p> <p>As an extension to the Walsden Development Plan Alan Fiddling has been undertaking a similar exercise in Todmorden.</p> | |
| 34/02/07 | Action Plan Update – Tony Mullin | |
| | <p>Unfortunately Claire Townley didn't get an invitation to the meeting – could a contact list be compiled.</p> <p>Background – a draft work plan undertaken by Claire Madders setting out the aspirations of Todmorden Pride as laid out in the John Thomson vision and to provide a basis for the next 5 – 10 years is being continued. Yorkshire Forward requires the vision to be brought down to ground level projects that can be undertaken by Town Teams.</p> <p>The purpose of the action plan:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) To provide a focus and framework for activities 2) Way of measuring progress 3) Demonstration of priorities to funders 4) Should be used as a tool to obtain funding <p>Yorkshire Forward is planning a new 3-year funding programme.</p> <p>Process: Good meeting set out from John Thomson report, also looked at projects that have emerged from outside the Renaissance – should be linked back to JT report as the support already in process.</p> <p>Draft Project Table: Looked at viability and demand, each project – apart from Walsden Gateway Plan, came out of the JT report.</p> <p>James – Halifax Road and Derr Street should be looked at as a whole development plan and advocated a development brief for the entire area.</p> <p>Claire – Could the Cath Gibson conservation area expansion scheme be brought into this?</p> <p>David – The area to be extended was to include Key Syke lane but the plan was not finished as Cath left, a new person has now been appointed to continue the work.</p> <p>Claire – Could a group be brought together to meet the new person and discuss work undertaken and its continuation.</p> | <p>LC</p> <p>LC</p> |

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| | Next Step: One more session on the Action is Planned. | TM |
| 35/02/07 | Any Other Business | |
| | <p>Made in Day – Todmorden Pride are sharing a stand with Todmorden Together and Acorn Centre – James to attend on Saturday.</p> <p>Upper Calder Valley Renaissance – Gareth has moved and has resigned from the Board would the Board please nominated another member to attend the executive meetings every 6 weeks and the Partnership meetings every 3 months.</p> <p>Louise Castro - representing the interests of Todmorden Pride, regeneration and Todmorden Together, community development was nominated. Proposed – James Gregory Seconded – Chris Edwards</p> <p>Chris – handed out written update on Upper Calder Valley Renaissance projects.</p> <p>James – suggested that the new Headmaster, once he has settled in is invited to attend a Board meeting.</p> <p>Mary – A 30% drop in crime in Todmorden was advised at the Neighbourhood Ward meeting. Metro are coming to look at re-painting the bus station. Back of North Street Spacia are paying for the removal of the trees and garages. Viaducts, the cobbled area is going to have the trees removed and fencing erected. 8th March – 11:00 – 12:00 Todmorden Railway Station celebration of the new signs and the Lions.</p> | |
| 36/02/07 | Date and Time of Next Meeting | |
| | Thursday 29 th March 18:30 Todmorden Old Hall | |