

# Todmorden Pride



## Minutes of the Meeting

Thursday, 23 October 2008

Golden Lion, Todmorden

**Present:** James Gregory                      *Chair*  
David Storah                                      *Secretary*  
Simon Brearley  
Shaun Murray  
Chris Edwards  
Alan Darwin  
Cllr Ian Cooper  
Cllr Olwen Jennings  
Cllr Janet Battye  
Cllr Margaretta Holmstedt  
Doug Blenkey  
Clare Townley  
Lynne Midwinter  
Louise Castro

**In attendance:** Louise Harrison                      *Upper Calder Valley Renaissance*

**Apologies:** Jon Crowther                              *Calderdale MBC*  
Malcolm Birkett                                  *Treasurer*  
Anne Lee  
Cynthia Murray  
Cllr Hilary Myers  
Peter Cockcroft  
Alan Fiddling

**Chair:** James Gregory

**Note Taker:** Louise Castro

Minute	Discussion	Action
143/10/08	<b>Welcome</b> The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting	
144/10/08	<b>Minutes of the Last Meeting</b> Minutes of the last meeting were approved: Proposed: Simon Brearley Seconded: Shaun Murray	
145/10/08	<b>Matters arising not covered elsewhere</b> There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.	
146/10/08	<b>Declaration of Items for Any Other Business</b> Annual General Meeting Canal Linear Park Todmorden Town Council - Officer Bramsche Square	

<p><b>147/10/08</b></p>	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Rat &amp; Bird Graffiti</b></p> <p>A copy of an e-mail regarding the above was circulated to the board.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Board felt they could do no more than respond as individuals to this outbreak of vandalism, report to the Graffiti Helpline when necessary and seek to encourage others to do the same. Although a considerable amount has already been removed it is unsightly and the Council should be chased on the remainder.</li> <li>• Despite having been investigated two or three years ago discussions regarding the moving of John Fielden’s statue into a more prominent position in the Town centre should be revisited.</li> </ul> <p>Representatives of Todmorden Town Council present at the meeting responded that despite being fully aware that a previous Todmorden Pride request into the possibility of moving the statue resulted in the advice from Calderdale MBC that it is too fragile to move, are fully supportive of raising this issue again at the next appropriate Town Council meeting.</p> <p>The Board felt the moving of the statue would be symbolic of what Todmorden Pride is trying to achieve with its support of the Renaissance Board and regeneration projects currently underway in the Town. This matter could be looked at in conjunction with the Todmorden Town Centre plans and some impressive public realm landscaping.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formally write to the Town Centre Project Board requesting the moving of the John Fielden statue be considered as part of the overall proposal.</li> <li>• Respond with thanks for the positive suggestions and the interesting debate the letter inspired.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Todmorden Railway Station</b></p> <p>A copy of an e-mail regarding the above was circulated to the board.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Although the Board sympathised with all members of the public who currently find it difficult/impossible to use the station the Board felt other groups may have more influence with Northern Rail on this issue. However, the Board were advised that when the goods yard was sold a right of way was reserved for disabled access. There is one track bed still owned by Northern where it may be possible to site a ramp.</li> </ul> <p>After discussion the Board felt that the Station Partnership and Todmorden Town Council would be the best mechanism to advance this issue. Todmorden Pride will formally write to both organisations enclosing a copy of the correspondence requesting this matter be looked into.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>LC/JG</p> <p>LC/JG</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Board will also respond to the original letter setting out the proposed actions</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Idea for Improving the visitor experience of the Town</b></p> <p>A copy of an e-mail regarding the above was circulated to the board.</p> <p>This idea brought to mind the work of the Upper Calder Valley Renaissance project with the warp and weft ideas. Despite the suggestion fitting into the tourism push from Calderdale MBC and Yorkshire Forward the Board are currently involved in a rather lengthy list of improvements and as such the request is noted but the board could not give the idea priority. However, it was also noted that where possible the Board make it an ambition that whatever land they can bring to repair the commissioning of a piece of public art will be considered as part of the overall finished scheme.</p> <p>The Board will respond to the original correspondence outlining the above decision.</p>	<p>LC/DS</p> <p>LC/JG</p> <p>LC/JG</p>
<p><b>148/10/08</b></p>	<p><b>Financial Report</b></p> <p>A copy of the financial report was circulated.</p> <p>It was noted by the Board that the Rural Target Fund monies must be spent by 31st March 2009. Walsden now have a design for the gateway site and work should start in the New Year. A meeting of the Walsden Sub-group will be arranged to implement the actions required to bring this project to completion.</p> <p>It was reported to the Board that the RTF monies will not fund the Townscape project as originally planned, however Highways should be approached with a proposal to upgrade the bollards and railings in the Town Centre in line with those now in situ at Patmos.</p>	
<p><b>149/10/08</b></p>	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Annual General Meeting</b></p> <p>The Board agreed that the next meeting, 13th November 2008 will be an Annual General Meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Canal Linear Park</b></p> <p>The Board heard the meeting was well attended with an introduction from James Allinson, a video of the I Town my Town project and a presentation by Lindsey Smails giving an overview of linear parks. A short discussion followed with a sharing of ideas and information.</p> <p>Representatives attending the meeting reported that no future meeting had been arranged and that it could be that if something isn't arranged covering the valley wide area a pilot scheme could be implemented in Todmorden and Walsden with ideas implemented through the development briefs.</p>	

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Todmorden Town Council</b></p> <p>The Board heard that Todmorden Town Council are currently setting budgets for the new year with any big ideas being incorporated into next year's spending plans having to be decided by mid November. Todmorden Pride were invited by the Town Council representative to submit any ideas/requests for funding on an urgent basis.</p> <p>The new Officer role will now be one of a Development role with a post that the Town Council intends to be sustainable. Currently the remit is to employ someone for approximately 25-30 hours per week.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Bramsche Square</b></p> <p>The dynamics of the Town Centre are such that the project is almost ready to begin the second phase, with a much wider brief possibly being implemented into the Renaissance Board's remit. The Representative from the Town Centre Renaissance project invited Todmorden Pride to put forward any ideas or suggestions they would like to see considered in a development brief. Although the Board felt a working group could produce an outline of the Board's wishes it was felt that this was a debate that could stimulate some innovative ideas. It was therefore decided that on conclusion of formal business at the Annual General Meeting discussions and a brief proposal of ideas and suggestions could be written by the Board and submitted to the Town Centre Renaissance Project Team.</p> <p>Proposed: James Gregory  Seconded: Louise Castro</p>	
<b>150/10/08</b>	<p><b>Date and Time of Next Meeting</b>  Thursday 13th November 2008 6:30 pm Golden Lion</p>	