

TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of meeting held 23rd June 2010

88**PRESENT:** Cllr M Holmstedt, Town Mayor.

Cllrs Rob Goldthorpe, A Hussain, D Jordan, P J Lally, H Myers, D W O'Neill, J R Rodgers, C Stovin, S Sutcliffe, C Trustlove-Smith, P Walters and R White.

Apologies were submitted from Cllrs I V Davey, Ruth Goldthorpe and A James.

89 It was moved by Cllr C Stovin
Seconded by Cllr P Walters

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held 15th May 2010 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

90 Consideration was given to the motion to exclude the public and press for any agenda items.

It was moved by Cllr C Stovin
Seconded by Cllr D Jordan

RESOLVED: that the public and press be allowed to stay in the meeting for all agenda items.

91 **Mayor's or other Communications:**

- i) An invitation was submitted from The Royal British Legion (Todmorden) Branch to attend an Armed Forces Day Parade on 27th June 2010 at 11.45 am.
- ii) Information was submitted regarding an Action for Market Towns Awards Ceremony and Networking Event to take place on 2nd July 2010 at Central Methodist Church.

92 It was moved by Cllr D W O'Neill
Seconded by Cllr P Walters

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held 15th May 2010 be approved and adopted.

93 It was moved by Cllr R White
Seconded by Cllr A Hussain

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Development Committee meeting held 15th May 2010 be approved and adopted.

94 It was moved by Cllr D Jordan
Seconded by Cllr Rob Goldthorpe

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held 15th May 2010 be approved and adopted.

95 It was moved by Cllr S Sutcliffe
Seconded by Cllr R White

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Development Committee meeting held 19th May 2010 be approved and adopted.

Cllr A Hussain re-iterated the interest as declared at the Development Committee meeting in respect of Minute 35.

96 It was moved by Cllr Rob Goldthorpe
Seconded by Cllr P J Lally

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held 26th May 2010 be approved and adopted.

97 It was moved by Cllr P Walters
Seconded by Cllr D W O'Neill

RESOLVED: that, with a correction to Minute 70 to record that "Cllr D W O'Neill declared a prejudicial interest in the item as a Calderdale Council Cabinet Member and left the room during the discussion and voting thereof", the Minutes of Amenities Committee meeting held 2nd June 2010 be approved and adopted.

Cllr Rob Goldthorpe declared a prejudicial interest in Minute 70 of the Amenities Committee meeting as a Trustee of Todmorden Tourist Information Centre Trust and stated that he would leave the room should the item be raised.

Cllr M Holmstedt re-iterated the interests as declared at the Amenities Committee meeting in respect of Minutes 62 & 70 and stated that she would leave the room should the items be raised.

Cllr D W O'Neill re-iterated the interest as declared at the Amenities Committee meeting in respect of Minute 70 and stated that he would leave the room should the item be raised.

Cllr C Trustlove-Smith declared a prejudicial interest in Minute 70 of the Amenities Committee meeting as a Trustee of the Todmorden Tourist Information Centre Trust and stated that she would leave the room should the item be raised.

98 It was moved by Cllr S Sutcliffe
Seconded by Cllr R White

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Development Committee meeting held 9th June 2010 be approved and adopted.

99 It was moved by Cllr Rob Goldthorpe
Seconded by Cllr A Hussain

RESOLVED: that receipts totalling £68.31 since the last meeting be received and payment of accounts in accordance with the list now submitted (schedule 23-60) totalling £37,787.82 be approved.

100 Consideration was given to the completion and approval of the Annual Return for the financial year ended 31st March 2010.

Section 1 – Accounting Statements

It was moved by Cllr Richard White
Seconded by Cllr Rob Goldthorpe

RESOLVED: that the unaudited Todmorden Town Council accounts for the year ended 31st March 2010, as submitted and contained in the Annual Return be approved as per 'Section 1 – Accounting Statements'.

101 Section 2 – The Annual Governance Statement (questions as listed)

It was moved by Cllr Rob Goldthorpe
Seconded by Cllr S Sutcliffe

RESOLVED: that Section 2 of the Annual Return be approved as submitted – ‘The Annual Governance Statement’ – with answers to be given to all questions as “yes”.

102 In line with **Development Committee Minute 608 12.5.2010** consideration was given to the presentation of a petition for possible Town Council support by Tracy Wilson, Practice Manager, Todmorden Group Practice to “Calderdale Council and Metro Bus Service to re-site the pedestrian crossing from outside LIDL to further down Halifax Road towards the Health Centre, add a zebra crossing onto Lower George Street and re-direct a local bus service to drop off on Lower George Street, making access into the Health Centre safer and easier for all”.

It was moved by Cllr R White
Seconded by Cllr A Hussain

RESOLVED: that the above petition be supported by Todmorden Town Council and forwarded to Calderdale Council via a Ward Councillor.

103 It was moved by Cllr H Myers
Seconded by Cllr S Sutcliffe

RESOLVED: that thirteen cheques presented for signature in the sum of £20,819.23 be signed in accordance with Council procedures.

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
Minutes of meeting held 30th June 2010

104 PRESENT: Cllr A James, Chair
Cllrs I V Davey, Rob Goldthorpe, A Hussain, S Sutcliffe and P Walters

Apologies were submitted from Cllrs J Rodgers, J Stansfield, C Trustlove-Smith and R White

105 RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meetings held 19th May and 9th June 2010 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

DELEGATED MATTERS
Plans and Decisions

106 RESOLVED: that planning application **09/01070** be recommended for **APPROVAL**.

Application number 10/00280/FUL Lower Cross Stone, Cross Stone Rd. Todmorden – demolition of existing house & construction of 4 new dwellings Members recommended **REFUSAL** due to the change in PPS3 guideline which now considered gardens to be a greenfield site, the TPO on trees on part of the site and over intensification of the site.

Cllr Rob Goldthorpe declared a personal interest in application 09/01070 as he was known to the applicant.

Cllr I V Davey declared a personal interest in application 09/01070 as he was known to the applicant.

The Assistant Clerk declared a personal interest in application 09/01070 as she was known to the applicant.

107 RESOLVED: that three Planning Permissions and one Refusal Of Certificate Of Lawful Use Or Development be received for information.

Conclusion of Delegated Matters

Correspondence

**108 Network Rail
RAILWAY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM**
A nationwide Railway Communications System was to be introduced across the entire rail network, which would allow direct and continuous communication between train drivers and signallers, providing improved safety, reliability and punctuality on the rail system. A site had been identified at Cornholme for the siting of a communications mast that met the necessary safety and technological criteria. Network Rail was in discussion with Calderdale Council's Planning Department regarding the siting of the mast, which fell under Permitted Development Rights.

RESOLVED: that the letter be received.

**109 The Planning Inspectorate
COMMONS ACT 2006 – SECTION 38 – WORKS AT SHORE MOOR &
WARDLE COMMON IN CONNECTION WITH A 12 TURBINE WIND FARM,
APPLICATION COM 132
COMMONS ACT 2006 – SECTION 16 – TO DEREGISTER LAND AT RAMSDEN
& WHITE SLACK COMMON, SHORE MOOR AND WARDLE COMMON IN
CONNECTION WITH A 12 TURBINE WIND FARM, APPLICATION COM 134**
A letter was submitted advising that the above applications had been withdrawn by the applicant. The inquiry would still open on 13th July 2010 as previously advised to consider the remaining three applications.

RESOLVED: that the letter be received.

**110 Michael Allen
COPY LETTER & RESPONSE FROM MICHAEL ALLEN TO DAVID
STOPHER, RAIL SERVICES LEADER, WYPTE RE CALDERVALE LINE RAIL
SERVICE**
A copy email to Metro was submitted detailing Mr Allens' concerns regarding the 2008 rail timetable for Calder Valley and the introduction of a semi-fast service from Manchester to Bradford omitting Mytholmroyd and other stations in the Calder Valley. Mr Stopher had replied with a detailed explanation of how Metro had looked at the timetables to try to provide solutions to improve the service frequency in the peak for as many stations as possible where they were to get a reduced service to and from Halifax and Bradford as a result of the introduction of the semi-fast trains. Eighteen additional calls at various stations along the line over the two peak periods on Mondays to Fridays had been introduced.

RESOLVED: that the correspondence be received.

Conclusion of Correspondence

111 **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED IN RESPECT OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS PREVIOUSLY CONSIDERED**
None received.

112 **REPORT FROM TODMORDEN TOWN CENTRE RENAISSANCE PROJECT**
No report was given.

113 **PARKING & RELATED ISSUES IN CAMBRIDGE ST/HEY ST (REFERRED FROM PUBLIC QUESTION TIME)**
Members discussed at some length the issues raised by residents in the Cambridge St/Hey Street area where abuse of parking permits and illegal parking of commercial vehicles was causing concern. It was felt that extending the permit scheme area to include Hey Street, Sanworth Street and Anchor Street would help the situation, as prosecution of non-permit vehicles could then be enforced. It was agreed that letters be sent to CMBC Parking Services requesting consideration be given to extending the permit parking scheme, and to CMBC Highway Safety Officer requesting investigation into the parking of commercial vehicles in Hey Street which were parked illegally and causing an obstruction to emergency vehicles, a danger to pedestrians and blocking sight lines for cars approaching Halifax Road.

RESOLVED: that letters be sent as detailed above.

Cllr S Sutcliffe declared a personal interest in the above item as he lived in the area.

114 **FOOTPATHS & OBSTRUCTIONS**
None reported.

115 **CHEQUES FOR SIGNATURE**
One cheque was presented for signature in the sum of £105.75

RESOLVED: that the cheque and supporting list be signed in accordance with Council procedure.

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
Minutes of the meeting held 7th July 2010

116 **PRESENT:** Cllr M Holmstedt, Town Mayor.
Cllr Rob Goldthorpe, Chair.
Cllrs Ruth Goldthorpe, A Hussain, D Jordan, D W O'Neill, J Rez, C Trustlove-Smith and R White.

Apologies were submitted from Cllrs P J Lally and H Myers.

Cllr A James, a non-Committee Member, attended the meeting and spoke in connection with Minutes 125 & 128.

117 **RESOLVED:** that the Minutes of the General Purposes Committee meetings held 15th May and 26th May 2010 be approved as correct records and signed by the Chair.

118 **PROVIDING A CEMETERY FOR TODMORDEN**
Mr Paul Stubbs, Funeral Services Manager and Mr Andrew Pitts, Neighbourhoods & Community Engagement, Calderdale MBC attended the meeting and briefed Members regarding a proposed cemetery for Todmorden.

Currently Calderdale Council does not have a burial site for the residents of Todmorden, with existing facilities being provided by local church organisations. These graveyards are becoming full and burial arrangements at adjoining local authority cemeteries incur additional non-resident costs. The search for suitable land within the Todmorden area commenced over six years ago, since which 22 different sites have been inspected, with locations at Walsden and Lumbutts being narrowed down. Subsequently it was decided to concentrate on the Lumbutts site and a series of meetings have been held with representatives of the Lumbutts Methodist Church with a view to forming a partnership. The land proposed for extension had been originally purchased to enable the graveyard to be extended. During the public consultations opposition has been expressed, and it is known that a petition is being circulated in this respect. However in the absence of any alternative, and given that the site is seen as the most economically viable solution a joint agreement will now be sought with the Lumbutts Methodist Church to provide equal partnership in the management, maintenance and control of the graveyard. Calderdale Council is cognisant that the Lumbutts graveyard sits in the middle of a conservation area, thus any development must be in keeping with the surrounding natural beauty of the area.

Mr Stubbs assured Members that the Local Authority was fully aware of the feelings of residents and wished to work with both the Church and the residents to fulfil the objective of providing a local cemetery for Todmorden.

Members asked a range of questions on the proposals, consultations etc. and it was noted that a planning application would be necessary in respect of alterations to boundary walls, at which time the Town Council's formal views would be sought in the usual manner.

RESOLVED: that Mr Stubbs and Mr Pitts be thanked for the presentation, and the Town Council's full support be recorded for the effort to gain a cemetery for Todmorden.
Cllr D W O'Neill declared a personal interest in the above item as a Calderdale Councillor for Calder Ward.

Correspondence:

119 **Yorkshire Local Councils Associations
ELECTION OF CALDERDALE FORWARD BOARD DEPUTY
REPRESENTATIVE**

A letter was submitted which informed that following a postal ballot the successful candidate appointed to the above body was Councillor Hilary Myers.

RESOLVED: that the letter be received.

Additional Correspondence:

120 **Calderdale MBC:
Chief Executive's Office
LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME JULY-SEPTEMBER 2010**
The Calderdale Council Learning & Development Programme was submitted for July-September 2010.

Approval was granted for any Member who wished to take part in training sessions as listed and it was agreed that the programme would be circulated to all Members.

RESOLVED: that approval be granted for Members' attendance as above.

**121 Safer & Stronger Communities
ANNUAL MEETING OF TOWN & PARISH COUNCILLORS – 9TH OCTOBER
2010**

Notification was received of an annual meeting of all Town & Parish Councillors in Calderdale on Saturday, 9th October from 10.30am-2pm at St. Michael's Church, Mytholmroyd.

RESOLVED: that the information be received, with Members' attendance approved and encouraged.
Conclusion of Correspondence

122 BUDGET REVIEW

The Budget Review was submitted showing expenditure of £5,507 since the last review, plus £134 'rolled over' monies, leaving a balance on estimates of £19,113 plus £296 'rolled over' monies, leaving a balance on estimates of £102,887 and £9,704 respectively. The monthly Bank reconciliation was reported. £100,000 had been transferred to one month's notice Term Deposit account.

RESOLVED: that the Budget Review as above be received.

**123 POSSIBLE APPROACH TO CALDERDALE COUNCIL REGARDING BY-LAWS
TO COMBAT CIGARETTE STUBS & LITTER OUTSIDE PUBS AND
RESTAURANTS**

The merits or otherwise of approaching Calderdale Council in respect of the above were discussed, but it was felt that the matter should be deferred for at least six months, pending the Government review of the by-law system and to see what effect the new street cleansing team/street wardens would have on the problem.

RESOLVED: that the above action be taken.

124 CEMETERIES IN TODMORDEN

The item was deferred to the next meeting at the request of the Member placing it.

**125 TOWN COUNCIL SUPPORT AGAINST POSSIBLE POLICE STATION
CLOSURE IN TODMORDEN**

A Member detailed the concerns expressed at a recent Ward Forum and also at a PACT Meeting that either Todmorden or Hebden Bridge Police Stations would be closed in the near future. Other Members were not aware that such a proposal was being considered.

Members were extremely concerned and alarmed of the effect that closing Todmorden Police Station would have. It was felt that letters should be sent to West Yorkshire Police Authority (to Chief Superintendent Alan Ford and Inspector Allen Raw) asking for clarification and what evidence was being used to justify a closure of Todmorden Police Station. The letter also to detail Todmorden Town Council's strong support in favour of keeping the station open, being that Todmorden was at the end of the line; that the population was twice as large as Hebden Bridge; that the crime rate was much higher in Todmorden; that the PACT meetings in Todmorden were the best attended in the whole of Calderdale and that there would be a gap in provision when Police Officers had to clock-on at Hebden Bridge prior to travelling to Todmorden, resulting in an increase in crime.

RESOLVED: i) that letters be sent to West Yorkshire Police Authority as above, with copies to the six Calderdale Ward Councillors for Todmorden and Calder Wards.
ii) that the letters be sent under Delegated Powers due to the urgency of the matter.

126 REPAIRS TO MAYOR'S CHAIN OF OFFICE

The need for repair of the Mayoral Chain of Office was reported as a shoulder clasp had broken off.

RESOLVED: that repairs as required be authorised.

127 TOWN COUNCIL POLICY DOCUMENTS

Preparatory to applying for 'Quality Status' re-accreditation consideration had been given to the adoption of a number of policies as submitted to Members. These had been researched and prepared by the Assistant Town Clerk, being *Training:Statement of Intent*, *Community Engagement:Statement of Intent* and *Equality & Diversity Policy*.

Members discussed the documentation and thanks were expressed to the Assistant Town Clerk for the research and preparation involved.

RESOLVED: that the *Training:Statement of Intent*, *Community Engagement:Statement of Intent* and *Equality & Diversity Policy* as submitted be approved and adopted by Todmorden Town Council.

128 MINUTES OF 'DEVELOPMENT OFFICER STEERING GROUP' MEETING HELD 6TH JULY 2010

Minutes of the above meeting, together with a Job Description and Person Specification were tabled and consideration was given to the recommendations to be referred to full Town Council.

The Steering Group had amended the job title, hours and terms of employment of the new post (to be styled 'Town Council Project Officer') in the light of past experience and with a view to future developments.

The General Purposes Committee considered the documentation and approved the documentation for referral.

RESOLVED: that the following proposals be referred to full Town Council for approval and adoption at the next meeting:

- i) approval of drafted Job Description and Person Specification as circulated.
- ii) subject to approval of the above to consider the granting of full delegated powers to the 'Recruitment' Sub-Committee to progress all matters in the selection and recruitment of a Town Council Project Officer within the allocated 2010/2011 salary budget, together with recruitment costs of £3,000 from the existing 'Development Officer – Council Improvements' Budget Heading.

129 APPOINTMENT OF 'RECRUITMENT' SUB-COMMITTEE FOR THE CURRENT MUNICIPAL YEAR

Consideration was given to the above in the light of the Membership recommendation of the Amenities Committee meeting of 2.6.2010 (Minute 68), being the Chair of Amenities Committee/Leader of the Council, the Chair of Development Committee the Chair of General Purposes Committee, a Minority Party Representative chosen by the Committee, (Cllr J R Rodgers), plus the Town Clerk (voting).

RESOLVED: that the 'Recruitment' Sub-Committee be formed with the above membership.

130 CHEQUES FOR SIGNATURE

Eight cheques were presented for signature in the sum of £4,570.25.

RESOLVED: that the cheques and supporting list be signed in accordance with Council procedure.

AMENITIES COMMITTEE
Minutes of meeting held 14th July 2010

131 PRESENT: Cllr M Holmstedt, Town Mayor.
Cllr J Rez, Chair.
Cllrs A James, D Jordan, H Myers, J Rodgers, S Sutcliffe and P Walters.

Apologies were submitted from Cllrs I V Davey, Ruth Goldthorpe, D W O'Neill and J Stansfield.

132 RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Amenities Committee meetings held 15th May and 2nd June 2010 be approved as correct records and signed by the Chair, with a correction to Minute 70 of 2nd June 2010 to record that "Cllr D W O'Neill declared a prejudicial interest in the item as a Calderdale Council Cabinet Member and left the room during the voting and discussion thereof".

133 CCTV UPDATE

Mr Peter Woodhouse, CCTV Manager, Calderdale Council, attended the meeting and gave an update on the Borough's Communications Facility, incorporating the Todmorden town centre cameras.

Since the last report it was stated that closer liaison had been established with the Emergency Services, Metro, the Community Safety Team, the Environment Agency, Northern Rail and other Calderdale Council officers. Todmorden's five cameras were monitored at the CCTV Monitoring Suite on a 24-hour system over 7 days per week.

Mr Woodhouse advised Members that CCTV cameras were very worthwhile as part of crime prevention and detection measures and had been useful in a number of incidents. These included instances of criminal damage at Burnley Road and at Rose Street, thefts and vehicle crime evidence gathering, a missing from home case, road traffic collisions and drunk and disorderly behaviour near to the Bus Station. Also, in a serious incident occurring on the morning of the meeting in Todmorden the cameras had been instrumental in tracking and apprehending one of the suspects involved. Additionally following an operator identifying a person who had collapsed in the street Police and the Ambulance Service had been mobilised for treatment at the scene.

Members asked a range of questions regarding CCTV matters and it was also felt that a further visit to the Monitoring Suite would be beneficial.

Mr Woodhouse also raised the possibility of replacing CCTV signs via a schools design competition.

RESOLVED: that the report be received and Mr Woodhouse thanked for his presentation.

Correspondence:
Community Transport Calderdale
GRANT APPLICATION

134
A grant was submitted in the sum of £5,000 towards the Todmorden Office running costs.

RESOLVED: that a sum of £5,000 be granted from the 'Donations, Grants & Subscriptions' budget heading, the spend being a payment made in accordance with the Town Council's powers

under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, the expenditure of which, in the opinion of the Council, is in the interests of the area, or its inhabitants, and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure.

Cllr D Jordan declared a prejudicial interest in the above item as Chair of Community Transport Calderdale and left the room during the discussion and voting thereof.

Cllr J Rodgers declared a personal interest in the above item as a volunteer driver for the Community Car Service.

**135 Community Transport Calderdale
GRANT APPLICATION**

A grant was submitted in the sum of £3,519, being 20% of Community Bus Service running costs for the Cross Stone Rural Link.

RESOLVED: that a sum of £3,519 be granted from the ‘Donations, Grants & Subscriptions’ budget heading, the spend being a payment made in accordance with the Town Council’s powers under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, the expenditure of which, in the opinion of the Council, is in the interests of the area, or its inhabitants, and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure.

Cllr D Jordan declared a prejudicial interest in the above item as Chair of Community Transport Calderdale and left the room during the discussion and voting thereof.

**136 Todmorden Business Association/Incredible Edible Todmorden
GRANT APPLICATION**

A grant was submitted in the sum of £4,967.24 towards the Local Heroes Food Festival 2010.

RESOLVED: that a sum of £4,967.24 be granted from the ‘Business & Market Development - rolled over’ budget heading, the spend being a payment made in accordance with the Town Council’s powers under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, the expenditure of which, in the opinion of the Council, is in the interests of the area, or its inhabitants, and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure.

Cllr D Jordan declared a personal interest in the above item as the Town Council representative on the Incredible Edible Todmorden board.

137 REFUND OF TOWN HALL HIRE CHARGES

The following applications were submitted:

- i) Todmorden Orchestra – Concert 26th June 2010 – 14 hours - £518.25.
- ii) Age Concern Todmorden – Coffee Morning 30th October 2010 – 3 hours - £56.50
- iii) St Dunstan’s Charity – Coffee Morning 26th June 2010 – 3½ hours - £63.00.
- iv) Rotary Club of Todmorden – Concert 16th October 2010 – 4¾ hours - £228.50.

RESOLVED: that the above applications be granted.

Cllr D Jordan declared a personal interest in the item (iii) above as she had helped to organise the coffee morning.

138 REPORT BACK FORMS AND LETTERS OF THANKS

Documentation from Todmorden Information Centre Trust and St Dunstan’s Charity was submitted.

RESOLVED: that the documentation be received.

Additional Correspondence:

**139 Todmorden Riverside Improvement Group (TRIG)
GRANT APPLICATION**

A grant was submitted in the sum of £440.63 for BTCV insurance/membership and for running costs.

RESOLVED: that a sum of £440.63 be granted from the 'Environment' budget heading.
Cllr D Jordan declared a personal interest in the above item as a TRIG member.

Conclusion of Correspondence

140 BUDGET REVIEW

The Budget Review was submitted showing expenditure of £15,694 since the last review plus £4,000 'rolled over' monies, with total expenditure to date of £42,999 and £4,500 respectively, leaving a balance on annual estimates of £77,001 plus £37,000 'rolled over' monies. No income had been received.

RESOLVED: that the Budget Review be received.

141 PUBLIC SEATS

Consideration was given to the replacement of a bench at Lumbutts Road near Croft Carr, as requested by a member of the public via Mick Harrop at Calderdale Council.

RESOLVED: that a replacement public seat be installed and fixed as above.

142 CALDERDALE COUNCIL TOURISM OFFICER

Consideration was given to inviting the new Tourism Officer to attend a future meeting.

RESOLVED: that the above invitation be extended.

143 'COFFEE MORNING' SIGNS

A Member raised the possibility of the Town Council purchasing two 'Coffee Morning' signs for the use of group organisers when coffee mornings were being held in the Town Hall.

Members discussed the proposal and agreed to set a budget of £150, with design details and costings to be brought back to the Amenities Committee for final approval.

RESOLVED: that, within a budget of £150 from the 'Sundry items' heading, Cllrs M Holmstedt, D Jordan and P Walters liaise as above and report back to the Amenities Committee accordingly.

144 CHEQUES FOR SIGNATURE

Two cheques were presented for signature in the sum of £4,775.44.

RESOLVED: that the cheques and supporting list be signed in accordance with Council procedures.

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DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
Minutes of meeting held 21st July 2010

145 PRESENT: Cllr A James, Chair

Cllrs I V Davey, A Hussain, P J Lally, J Rodgers, J Stansfield, S Sutcliffe, C Trustlove-Smith and R White.

Apologies were submitted from Cllrs Rob Goldthorpe and P Walters.

Cllr J Rez, a non-Committee Member attended the meeting and spoke in connection with minutes 147.

146 RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 15th May 2010 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

147 Mr Neil Ryan, Project Officer, Environment Agency – Todmorden Flood Defence Scheme (Phase 3)

Mr Neil Ryan attended the meeting and spoke on the proposed Phase 3 flood defence scheme. Work had been put on hold in 2007 due to financial constraints and although funding would not be confirmed until 2011, the Environment Agency was looking to renew planning applications to continue the defence work which would run along the river parallel to Rochdale Road from Shade School to the back of the market and last for approximately sixteen months. The work would involve strengthening and raising the river walls, altering the access for customers and delivery vehicles at the supermarket, improving culverts along the length and fitting a box culvert under the market. A contractor had been identified and there had been advances in construction processes since the last works. The Environment Agency would be working with Calderdale Council and the Regeneration team regarding plans for the work, especially in the market area.

Members asked a range of questions regarding the proposed defence work and the disruption that would be caused in the town.

RESOLVED: that the report be received and Mr Ryan thanked for his presentation.

DELEGATED MATTERS

Plans and Decisions

148 RESOLVED: that planning applications 00495, 00734, 00539, 00774 be recommended for **APPROVAL**.

Application number 10/00706/OUT 730 Halifax Rd. Todmorden – Proposed detached dwelling Members recommended **APPROVAL** subject to satisfactory highway's report and Environment Agency flooding report.

Application number 10/0518/FUL 1 Dean Villas, Walsden, Todmorden – Demolition of two storey outbuilding & construction of three bed detached dwelling, including alterations to boundary wall Members recommended **REFUSAL** due to access concerns and the scale and appearance of the dwelling were felt to be detrimental to the area.

Application number 10/00751/HSE 2 Maple St. Todmorden – Dormer extension & new window opening to side elevation at first floor level Members recommended **REFUSAL** due to the design of the dormer extension and the proposed flat roof.

Application number 10/00490/FUL Land adjacent to 165 Knowlwood Rd. Todmorden – Four bed, split level detached dwelling Members recommended **APPROVAL** subject to a satisfactory highways report.

Application number 10/00758/FUL Greenhills, 51 Ramsden Wood Rd, Walsden, Todmorden – demolition of existing garage & construction of new dwelling Members recommended **REFUSAL** due to over-intensification of the site, the close proximity to the new constructed house and access and parking issues.

Cllr P J Lally declared a prejudicial interest in application 10/00706/OUT as she was related to the applicant and left the room during the discussion and voting thereof.

Cllr A James declared a personal interest in application 10/00734/FUL as she was known to the applicant.

Cllr J Stansfield declared a personal interest in application 10/00734/FUL as she was known to the applicant.

Cllr R White declared a prejudicial interest in application 10/00758/FUL as he had employed the services of the applicant and left the room during the discussion and voting thereof.

149 RESOLVED: that two Planning Permissions and one Refusal of Consent be received for information.

Conclusion of Delegated Matters

Correspondence

**150 Calderdale MBC
Economy & Environment
SECTION 119 HIGHWAYS ACT 1980. PROPOSED DIVERSION OF PART OF
PUBLIC FOOTPATH ERRINGDEN 12, BETWEEN THE PENNINE WAY &
DICK'S LANE NEAR STOODLEY PIKE**
Documentation was submitted outlining the reasons for the footpath diversion and a plan of the diversion route. Comments to be received by 30th July 2010.

RESOLVED: that the documentation be received.

**151 Economy & Environment
TOWN COUNCIL PROTEST AGAINST FURTHER SUPERMARKETS IN
TODMORDEN**
A letter was submitted in response to previous correspondence advising that the only current planning application for a supermarket within the Todmorden area was for Netto at Burnley Road. The agent had indicated that further amendments would be made to the application before the formal process was started. Should any applications be submitted in the future, the Town Council would be consulted as normal and any comments made would be taken into account before a decision was decided.

RESOLVED: that the letter be received.

Conclusion of Correspondence

**152 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED IN RESPECT OF PLANNING
APPLICATIONS PREVIOUSLY CONSIDERED**
None received.

153 REPORT FROM TODMORDEN TOWN CENTRE RENAISSANCE PROJECT
At a recent meeting a discussion had been held regarding the long-term scaffolding around the Town Hall and the future of the Rose Street building following the forthcoming disbandment of Yorkshire Forward. Cabinet Members were all aware of the feelings in the town regarding the usability of the Rose Street building and the impact of

the empty building on the town. The matter would be discussed again in September when further information would be available.

Members were in full agreement with the above concerns and requested that a letter be sent to Calderdale Council requesting that repairs to the Town Hall outer stonework be carried out as soon as possible.

- RESOLVED:**
- i) that the report be received.
 - ii) that a letter be sent as details above.
 - iii) that the letter be sent under Delegated Powers due to the urgency of the matter.

154 **FOOTPATHS & OBSTRUCTIONS**
None received.

155 **CHEQUES FOR SIGNATURE**
None submitted.
