



Dear Mr Hill,

Following Cllr Mick Taylor request for the bandstand to be discussed at the next amenities meeting on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November, I have prepared an update of the Todmorden Community Bandstand Group progress so far.

From when we approached the Town Council and asked for time to formulate a Group and start a Business Plan in view to apply for a Community Asset Transfer, from Calderdale. We have exceeded our initial targets and are well on our way to completing our Business Plan.

We collated just under 3000 signatures from the residents of Todmorden within weeks, prior to a full council meeting at Calderdale.

Jane Scullion (Deputy Leader of Calderdale) attended one of the group meetings where she agreed to put a halt the demolition on the understanding that the business plan would be formulated by the end of January, or at least part of, as quoted.

Achievements to date.

- Created a full committee complete with 6 sub –committees to assist with relevant departments.
- Written a full Constitution
- Opened a bank account
- Website in construction
- Pledges from all the primary school in Todmorden
- Pledges from the local Scout groups
- Pledges from the youth club
- Policy, Guidelines and Safeguarding documents complete.
- Event costings, cinema expenditure, hiring equipment
- Wedding venue costing

- Applying for a charity status
- Applied to Heritage England for a listing status
- Sourcing Funding and Grants available
- Pledges from Fielden Factors of materials
- Contacted Lost Arts Experts

We also have contractors attending site on the 29<sup>th</sup> November to quote for repairs and renovation.

In conclusion we genuinely feel that we have shown that in a short space of time that we have dedication and professionalism needed to work with the Town Council.

We are asking the Town Council to seriously consider the possibility of a working Partnership with the Group and to take over ownership of the Bandstand from Calderdale. This would result in both parties working amicably towards a future and successful collaboration for both the Bandstand and the community of Todmorden.