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MINUTES OF THE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Held in the Cockcroft Room, Todmorden Town Hall, Bridge Street, Todmorden, on Wednesday 4th December at 7:30 pm

- Councillors Present:** Cllrs C Potter [Chair], K White, A Greenwood, R Coleman – Taylor, T Roberts, J Williams, A Greenwood, The Revd G Kent, A Hollis, L Levick and P Taylor
- Absent Councillors:** Cllrs S Martin, L Needham Cllr K White(Mayor) left meeting after Item 3 to attend function in the Mayors Parlour.
- Observing Councillors:** Cllr D Skelton and Cllr M Taylor
- Officers:** Colin Hill– Town Clerk (Minute taker)
- Members of the Public:** 2 members of the public attended

2019(D)195	<p><u>Item 1 Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>To receive and approve apologies for absence and reasons given to the Clerk prior to the meeting</p> <p><i>Proposed by Cllr J Williams and Seconded by Cllr A Greenwood Unanimous</i></p> <p>RESOLVED:- <i>That the apologies and reasons for absence be noted, namely Cllrs S Martin and L Needham for illness be received and accepted.</i></p>
2019(D)196	<p><u>Item 2 Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>To receive disclosures of personal and prejudicial interests from members on matters to be considered at the meeting. Officers are required to make a formal declaration about council contracts where the employee has a financial interest.</p> <p>Note: Members must generally declare a disclosable pecuniary interest which he or she has in any item on the Agenda. A Member with a disclosable pecuniary interest may not participate in any discussion of the matter at the meeting and must not participate in any vote taken on the matter at the meeting. In addition, the Council's Standing Orders require a Member with a disclosable pecuniary interest to leave the room where the meeting is held while any discussion or voting takes place.</p> <p><i>None declared</i></p>
2019(D)197	<p><u>Item 3 Public Participation</u></p>

Signed Chair:

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To adjourn the meeting to allow members of the public to make representation on the business of the agenda for the meeting.

Note: No resolutions can be under public participation.

The Chairman welcomed and thanked Brandon Jones Head of External Relations for First Buses Northern for coming this evening following a formal invitation extended late last week to address members about their concerns regarding the proposed withdrawal/lessening of bus route 589 that had raised extensive concern amongst the community.

Brandon Jones addressed the Committee and advised that summary of the proposed changes were as follow:-

592 – continues to serve Halifax- Burnley

590 – continues to serve Rochdale to Halifax

589 – no longer operate between Todmorden and Burnley

Reasons for change were down to customer demand but following Todmorden Town Council representations had reflected on this and spoken also to Burnley College.

- *aware of gaps in service for demand from both students and workers*
- *were now in process of registering at short notice some additional peak time hours to satisfy needs of college*
- *more aware of data collection issues – decision had been based on combination of date, surveys and observations*
- *acceptance that there are gaps created in the new timetable to put back in place to alleviate concerns of customers.*

Communication

- *tomorrow to clarify exact revised proposals thur / fri to get message out using drivers, leaflets social media, posters.*

Undertaking to monitor the impact of this and whether then to make further changes.

Confirmed that they have also received a petition.

A number of Councillors then made comments asked questions:-

Cllr K White (Mayor)

Having worked in the past for First Cllr White raised concerns about;

- *the “ticketer” system and accurate recording of data regarding users and advised of many “ghost” users who are simply not recorded as volume of passengers getting on are waived through without recording their use.*
- *Access into work and education leading to possible having to move and or change jobs if unable to access this vital service.*
- *Decision would disadvantage a third of Todmorden Residents*
- *Red Lees to Pike Hill – entirely reliant on First Bus as only provider this end of service.*
- *For many at Portsmouth end only way of getting into Burnley*

Response by Brandon Jones:-

- *New Team happy to come to future meetings*
- *First do not want to be in a situation of damaging impact on community but need a commercial balance.*
- *They had identified gaps in peak time service delivery*

- *By tomorrow, will through the Town Clerk, update on new timetable changes*
- *Will not plug all gaps but will go a long way to restoring peak provision.*
- *Happy to monitor and then come back and revise gaps identified from demand.*

Cllr R Coleman – Taylor

- *Reinforced concerns about short notice of these changes that provide little or no time for those affected to be able to make changes.*
- *Observation that huge numbers of students travel back and forward at peak times*
- *Wish First to recognise importance of accessing education as important.*
- *In studying environmental changes the impact of not using public transport is serious. All evidence suggesting there is a growing movement to use public transport so reducing this level of service goes counter to this increasing demand.*

Cllr T Roberts

- *For years a change is being seen about modal shift in transport habits.*
- *There is a commitment to public transport and likely increases in public transport demand.*
- *The loss of sixth form in Todmorden means there is a continuing cohort of students coming through each year that will require this service to be provided.*

Cllr K White

- *People will be left behind if service full at Todmorden*
- *Serious weather disruptions/traffic events emphasise need for this service Todmorden to Burnley end to stay in place.*
- *Removing 589 service would decimate bus service this end of the county.*
- *Sought agreement as minimum to reinstate the peak times full service early morning and afternoon/early evening.*

Cllr M Taylor

- *Emphasised that as a user himself this service is very well used.*
- *Drivers do not record - regularly waiving all through and data therefore fundamentally flawed.*
- *If moving to one per hour (from currently 2 per hour) the reality will be people will just not be able to get on, bus will be full along the journey and many left stranded waiting for the next bus at the extremities of the route.*
- *In 2011, there were 4 buses an hour to Burnley. Two run by First Group and 2 by Northern blue. For the past few years there have only been two buses an hour from about 7am to 7pm and 1 bus per hour outside these times and on Sundays.*
- *Burnley is a more popular shopping destination than Halifax and removal deters social mobility.*
- *Todmorden has one of the lowest level of car ownership*
- *Emphasised the need for Brandon to take back to First the serious concerns of residents.*
- *Expressed on behalf of all Councillors that this has been the single most important issue raised by Residents direct with Councillors they had experienced such is the level of real life changing concern about this decision*

Cllr The Revd G Kent

- *Emphasised links between bus and train*
- *Emphasised that if expanding their service need for First to promote use by “good, safe and clean way to travel”*
- *Emphasised the health and social benefit of public transport by walking to get the bus and interacting with passengers and being able to access other areas/towns for social interaction or other services.*

Cllr A Greenwood

- *How many buses Todmorden to Portsmouth? 1 per hour*

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to get from Rochdale to Burnley? 592 • How to get from Todmorden Burnley? – 592 • How to continue to Halifax? – 592 • How to get from Burnley to Tod? – 592 1 per hour • How are people going to know about this? <p><i>Cllr J Williams</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns that with Northern Rail Service being appalling this plus removal of 589 Is likely to lead to an increase in use of cars and with it further detrimental impact on the environment. <p><i>The Chair brought questions to a close and thanked Brandon again for attending.</i></p> <p><i>Brandon Jones closed by:-</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Recognising support by Town Council for public transport ➤ New network will make it easier for recording of trips to better inform decision re service provision. ➤ Climate Emergency – understand fully the concerns expressed and First part of a partnership with others that actively work on this including starting retrofitting buses for reducing emissions. Keen to seek youth engagement in modal changes. ➤ Will advise through Town Clerk tomorrow (Thursday) of changes.
2019(D)198	<p><u>Item 4 Minutes</u></p> <p>To approve the minutes of the Development Committee meeting held on the 23rd October 2019</p> <p><i>Proposed by Cllr J Williams and Seconded by Cllr A Hollis Unanimous</i></p> <p>RESOLVED:- <i>That the draft minutes of the Development committee meeting held on the 13 November 2019 be approved as a true record of proceedings and signed by the Chair.</i></p>
2019(D)199	<p><u>Item 5 Exclusion of Press and Public – Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act 1960)</u></p> <p>To consider and confirm any agenda items that require the exclusion of the Press and Public in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 for matters appertaining to confidential or exempt information.</p> <p><i>Proposed by Cllr C Potter and Seconded by Cllr R Coleman -Taylor Unanimous</i></p> <p>RESOLVED:- <i>That the agenda items for the meeting do not require the exclusion of the press and public and that they be allowed to remain for the duration of the meeting.</i></p>
2019(D)200	<p><u>ITEM 6 Housing Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>To provide a verbal update on progress made in obtaining this grant.</p> <p><i>The Town Clerk advised that we have not yet received agreement for this work to be carried out but continues to chase.</i></p>
2019(D)201	<p><u>Item 7 Correspondence</u></p> <p>To receive an update on previous items of correspondence considered and agree any further actions required</p>

- a) Email from Sarah Pennie expressing thanks for action re bend near Vale Baptist Church
- b) To receive pastiche of emails from Calderdale about the dangerous bend.

Member noted receipt of items 7a and 7b and asked that the Town Clerk follow this up in due course to see whether any further progress made.

2019(D)202

Item 8 Correspondence received in respect of planning applications previously considered

None received

2019(D)203

Item 9 Comments on Planning Applications

To submit comments on the planning applications received from Calderdale Council Comments as detailed below were Agreed by Members En Bloc

Proposed by Cllr C Potter and Seconded by Cllr A Hollis Unanimous

RESOLVED:- That the consultees responses as detailed below be submitted to Calderdale Council En Bloc

Item no	Application Number	Address	Purpose	Response
9a	19/01163/LBC	The Shippon, North Ramsden Lane, Todmorden, OL14 7RS	Two storey side extension	Do not support his application on grounds of -Out of keeping with the character -Windows not in keeping with existing or reflecting history of existing building -Size out of proportion -materials are not vernacular.
9b	19/01289/FUL	Chapel Nook, Inchfield Road, Walsden, Todmorden, Calderdale, OL14 7QW	Construction of raised and terraced decking (Retrospective)	Support but concerns regarding sight lines for A603 junction – highways satisfaction to be sought.
9c	19/01167/LBC	4 Cropley House, St PeterS Gate, Walsden, Todmorden, Calderdale, OL14 6BG	New window and door and new conservation rooflight (Listed Building Consent)	Support
9d	19/01362/HSE	1 Royd Street, Todmorden, Calderdale, OL14 5JL	Single storey extension	Support
9e	19/01331/HSE	8 Stoodley Grange, Todmorden, West	Detached garage	Support

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		Yorkshire, OL14 6JR		
9f	19/01270/HSE	Beggars Roost Cross Stone Road Todmorden West Yorkshire OL14 8AW	Detached double garage	Concerns regarding flooding surface run off of water arising from this construction – are there permeable surfaces being introduced?
9g	19/20166/TPO	Pennine Lodge Care Home Burnley Road Todmorden Calderdale OL14 5LB	Prune three trees (Tree Preservation Order)	No comment

2019(D)204

Item 10 Other planning issues for consideration

To consider if there are other planning issues for consideration.

- a) To receive a report from Cllr A Hollis regarding specific comments to allocated sites for development within the Calderdale Local Plan and to confirm submission of such comments to Calderdale MBC on behalf of the Development Committee.
- b) Delay in approval for Development at Cinderhill Mill, Halifax Road, Todmorden OL145TH

Members noted the report by Cllr A Hollis and agreed to support this document being sent as formal response in respect of the Local Plan consultation process.

Proposed by Cllr J Williams and Seconded by Cllr c Potter Unanimous

RESOLVED:-

That the Town Clerk submit this response as a formal response on behalf of Todmorden Town Council into the Local Plan process and to Network Rail regarding any movement issues raised in this report.

Cllr M Taylor raised the apparent delay in dealing with a major planning application. The Town Clerk advised that a recent discussion with the Planning Officer at Calderdale indicated that there have been delays in respect of highway issues that have now been resolved.

Members wished to check that this is being dealt with within the appropriate timescales

Proposed by Cllr A Greenwood and Seconded by Cllr R Coleman - Taylor Unanimous

RESOLVED:-

That the Town Clerk formally correspond with Calderdale Planning on this matter and to seek an explanation as to what appears to be an unsatisfactory delay in determining this application.

2019(D) 205

Item 11 Cancellation of Bus Routes 7 and 589

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	<p>To receive a verbal and written update about progress</p> <p><i>Route 589 issues previously discussed at start of meeting.</i></p> <p><i>Route 7 -Prior to the meeting a note was circulated advising that this route had been retendered and will continue to operate as is.</i></p>
2019(D)206	<p><u>Item 12. Todmorden Street Cleaning</u></p> <p>To receive an update regarding any progress on this issue.</p> <p><i>The Town Clerk had circulated a note to Committee Members following a meeting with Operatives from Calderdale MBC that provided a little more detail as to how things work in Todmorden from a waste collection perspective.</i></p> <p><i>Calderdale have advised about a volunteer coordinator being appointed that may assist in helping collate all of the local good efforts being made.</i></p> <p><i>Members noted the report and it was agreed that any grot spots would be fed into the Office to report. Copies of the Quarterly Audit Report carried out by Calderdale have been requested.</i></p> <p><i>Action note – Town Clerk to explore with Calderdale removal of chewing gum around town hall area and cigarette butt bin.</i></p>
2019(D)207	<p><u>Item 13 Lidl Site Run Off Flooding Issue and Security Issue</u></p> <p>To receive a verbal update regarding any progress made on this issue.</p> <p>a. Security</p> <p><i>No further response from Lidl. Noted however that site has remained secured but concerns expressed about temporary nature of fencing.</i></p> <p>b. Flooding</p> <p><i>No further update from Calderdale available at the moment</i></p> <p><i>Apparently work on this it had seen the pits filled in a bit reducing the capacity</i></p> <p><i>Town Clerk to continue to press for updates and bring pit filling and temporary fencing to attention of Calderdale</i></p>
2019(D) 208	<p><u>Item 14 Update about Aldi build</u></p> <p>To receive a verbal update on this development.</p> <p><i>Email has been sent to Aldi but no response as yet but will follow up</i></p>
2019(D)209	<p><u>Item 15 Update about the Community College</u></p> <p>To receive a verbal update on the proposed community asset transfer.</p> <p><i>In view of time constraints agreed to carry over to next meeting</i></p>
2019(D)210	<p><u>Item 16 Update about Station Lift Access</u></p> <p>To receive an update about this project</p> <p><i>Minutes had been circulated regarding the presentation by Network Rail made on 20th November 2019.</i></p> <p><i>In view of time constraints agreed to carry over to next meeting</i></p>
2019(D)211	<p><u>Item 17 Outstanding Issues Register</u></p> <p>To review register of outstanding issues.</p> <p><i>An updated register of outstanding issues was presented and duly noted by Members</i></p>

2019(D) 212	<p><u>Item 18 Footpaths and Obstructions</u> To consider any issues surrounding footpaths and obstructions. <i>None reported</i></p>
2019(D) 213	<p><u>Item 19 Cheques</u> To receive the schedule of cheque payments that require signing in accordance with the Financial Regulations.</p> <p><i>A schedule of 20 payments totalling £14,609.66 was presented together with cheques for approval and signature.</i></p> <p><i>Proposed by Cllr J Williams and Seconded by Cllr The Revd G Kent Unanimous</i></p> <p>RESOLVED:- <i>That the schedule of payments totalling £14,609.66 be accepted and Members authorised to sign cheques accordingly</i></p>
2019(D) 214	<p><u>Item 20 Any items for discussion for a future agenda</u> To notify the Clerk of any matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lidl • Aldi • Community College • Station Lift Access
2019(D) 215	<p><u>Item 21 Date of the Next Committee Meeting</u> The date of the next committee meeting was noted – Wednesday January 8th 2020 at 7.30pm, Todmorden Town Hall.</p> <p><i>There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 9.15 pm.</i></p>