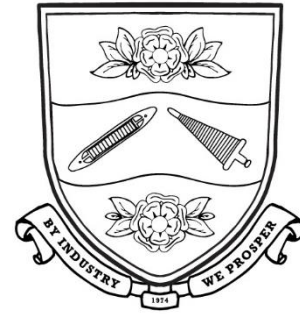


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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF TODMORDEN TOWN COUNCIL Held at Todmorden Town Hall Wednesday 17th November 2021 at 7:30pm

- Councillors present:** - P Taylor (Mayor), D Skelton, L Levick, S Martin P Ripley, A Hollis, J Williams, M Holmstedt, L Thorpe, The Revd G Kent M Carrigan
- Councillors absent:** - A H Greenwood, K White, M Taylor, R Coleman – Taylor, L Needham, C Potter
- Officers:** Colin Hill – Town Clerk (Minute Taker)
- Members of the Public:** Douglas Wilson, Naomi Crewe

2021(TC)064	<p><u>ITEM 1 Apologies for Absence</u> To receive and approve apologies for absence and reasons given to the Clerk prior to the meeting noting substitutions at late notice will be allowed.</p> <p><i>Apologies were received from Cllrs A H Greenwood, M Taylor and R Coleman- Taylor away from home, C Potter (unwell), K White (illness), L Needham (Covid19)</i></p> <p><i>Proposed by Cllr J Williams and Seconded by Cllr A Hollis</i> <i>Unanimous</i></p> <p><i>RESOLVED:</i> <i>That apologies and the reasons for absence be accepted from Cllrs A H Greenwood, M Taylor and R Coleman- Taylor, away from home, C Potter (unwell), K White (illness) L Needham (Covid19) ,</i></p>
2021(TC)065	<p><u>ITEM 2. Declarations of Interest</u> 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><i>None received.</i></p>
2021(TC)066	<p><u>ITEM 3. Public Participation</u> To adjourn the meeting to allow members of the public to make representation on the business of the agenda for the meeting. No resolutions can be under public participation.</p> <p><i>No representations made</i></p>

	<p><i>Cllr Revd G Kent addressed the meeting to advise that he had no hesitation in supporting this. He raised concerns that it was necessary for such a group to have to seek grant funding and that we should make our MP aware of the beneficial impact to so many people with disabilities in Todmorden.</i></p> <p>Proposed by Cllr The Revd G Kent and Seconded by Cllr J Williams Unanimous</p> <p>RESOLVED: <i>That the Town Clerk write to the MP expressing our concerns</i></p> <p>Proposed by Cllr M Carrigan and Seconded by Cllr L Thorpe Unanimous</p> <p>RESOLVED. <i>That a grant award of £4,414 be made to Disability Calderdale</i></p>
2021(TC)072	<p>ITEM 9. Commemorative Plaque – for decision</p> <p>For members to consider whether the time is appropriate to take forward the installation of a plaque to commemorate Todmorden’s resilience and kindness during the pandemic.</p> <p><i>Cllr A Hollis felt that this was still too soon to implement</i></p> <p><i>Proposed by Cllr D Skelton and Seconded by Cllr A Hollis Unanimous</i></p> <p>RESOLVED: <i>That the Town Clerk bring this matter back in March 2022 to reconsider.</i></p>
2021(TC)073	<p>ITEM 10 Doctors surgery - for information and decision</p> <p>For Members to express the concerns of residents regarding difficulties in accessing appointments at the Todmorden Health Centre and to consider whether they wish to extend an invite to address the Town Council on this matter</p> <p><i>Cllr A Hollis whilst acknowledging there are concerns expressed about accessing services, he wishes to express thanks for the work that is being carried out and that whilst felt it right to invite the surgeries to provide some feedback/context at some future date (as happened in early 2020) felt this was not the right time given the pressure the NHS is under.</i></p> <p><i>Cllr M Holmstedt reminded the Council that historically councillors have visited the surgeries and thought this may be appropriate to understand what the issues are that are in impacting on delays in accessing services.</i></p> <p><i>Cllr L Thorpe in expressing her view that whilst the state/crisis of the NHS was being covered up to enable privatisation of the NHS to move forward, had concerns about involvement at the moment with the surgeries and questioned whether it was the remit of the Town Council to involve themselves in such matters.</i></p> <p><i>After further discussion Members agreed that letters be written to the surgeries expressing the thanks of the Town Council, asking whether a supportive visit from councillors may be welcomed and whether any lobbying needs to be taken forward on their behalf to help resolve their current challenges.</i></p> <p>Proposed by Cllr D Skelton and Seconded by Cllr S Martin 10 for 1 abstention</p> <p>RESOLVED: <i>That the Town Clerk write a letter of thanks/support to both surgeries</i></p>

2021(TC)074	<p><u>ITEM 11</u> Feedback from public event – Natural Flood Management Open Meeting – for information To receive feedback from the event held on 1st November 2021.</p> <p><i>Members were pleased to receive the positive feedback update and wished to pass on the thanks to Nicola Pugh who was instrumental in the organisation of the event</i></p> <p><i>Whilst Members raised concerns regarding small screen size, poor quality of sound and poor use of colourways for the presentations themselves</i></p> <p><i>Action note – Town Clerk to check status of press release</i></p> <p>Proposed by Cllr A Hollis and Seconded by Cllr J Williams <i>Unanimous</i></p> <p>RESOLVED: <i>That the update be received, thanks be passed onto Nicola Pugh and that the Town Clerk raise the concerns regarding screen size and sound quality to CMBC Cllr S Press given her involvement in the Town Hall as part of the Town Improvement Plan..</i></p>
2021(TC)075	<p><u>ITEM 12</u> Casual Vacancy – Walsden Ward – for information To confirm that a casual vacancy for Walsden Ward has been declared following the resignation of Mathew Doyle, formerly Town Councillor for Walsden Ward</p> <p><i>The Town Clerk updates Members on the timescales regarding the closing date of 30th November 2021 for 10 residents to request a bye election to be held and that should this be the case candidate nominations would need to be received by CMBC within a week after the closing date for them to issue the necessary notices calling such a bye election.</i></p> <p><i>Should no bye election be called, the Town Clerk will bring a report to the next Full Council meeting advising of the process for considering co-option.</i></p> <p>Proposed by Cllr The Rev G Kent and Seconded by Cllr L Levick <i>Unanimous</i></p> <p>RESOLVED: <i>That a letter of thanks be extend to Cllr Matthew Doyle</i></p>
2021(TC)076	<p><u>ITEM 13</u> Election of Deputy Mayor – for decision To consider the position of Deputy Mayor following the resignation of Matthew Doyle</p> <p><i>The Town Clerk provided confirmation that the process for selection of a Deputy Mayor is at the discretion of Full Council and that if they wished to appoint an acting Deputy Mayor for the remainder of this year, this was in order. They also agreed that by standing if for part of this year this year that should move down the list and be out of contention for a future deputy mayoral year.</i></p> <p><i>Members considered the historical list and Cllr L Needham was next in line followed by Cllr D Skelton. As Cllr L Needham was not at the meeting it was agreed that the Town Clerk contact her. If Cllr L Needham did not wish to take this forward Cllr D Skelton is happy to step up to the role.</i></p> <p>Proposed by Cllr M Carrigan and Seconded by Cllr S Martin <i>Unanimous</i></p> <p>RESOLVED: <i>That Cllr L Needham be offered the role of acting Deputy Mayor and if unable to accept Cllr D Skinner be appointed into the role.</i></p>

2021(TC)077	<p>ITEM 14 Correspondence received To receive any correspondence</p> <p>14a Lighting and Safety issues (including Centre Vale Park and</p> <p><i>Members were appreciative of the efforts made in bringing this to the attention of all.</i></p> <p><i>Cllr The Revd G Kent advised that lighting is still an issue in Centre Vale Park. Cllr D Skelton advised that Cllr D Tremayne of CMBC is following up with CMBC and discussions with CMBC Safer and Greener and the Police, were treating these issues with urgency.</i></p> <p><i>Action Town Clerk to send a letter/email of thanks to the authors of this correspondence</i></p> <p><i>In respect of Wheelspark lighting Members would support if grant funding could be obtained to cover all costs.</i></p> <p>14b Forus Tree request for funding assistance towards community tree nursery</p> <p><i>Members felt that this may be better considered by the Climate Emergency Committee in the first instance although would not be in a position to help with the level of funding necessary to take forward their project.</i></p> <p><i>Action Town Clerk to invite to attend Climate Emergency Committee to obtain better understanding and then to consider whether a way forward is appropriate.</i></p> <p>14c letter from MP Craig Whittaker re Trustees Week</p> <p><i>Members noted the letter from the MP a general letter sent to all Trustees</i></p> <p>Proposed by Cllr M Carrigan and Seconded by Cllr L Thorpe <i>Unanimous</i></p> <p>RESOLVED <i>That the correspondence item be received En Bloc and actions taken by the Town Clerk as appropriate.</i></p>
2021(TC)078	<p>ITEM 15 Any items for discussion for a future agenda - for information To notify the Clerk of any matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>Budget 2022-23 and setting of Precept</i> ➤ <i>Revisit proposal for election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor</i>
2021(TC)079	<p>Date of the next Town Council meeting To note the date of the next Meeting of the Town Council will be 15th December 2021. The meeting closed at 8.30pm</p> <p><i>Members are asked to note that there will be Special Recognition Award presented by the Mayor to Megan Shackleton, Bronze Medallist , Paralympic Games Tokyo 2020 at 6.30pm followed by light refreshments in the Cockcroft Room until 7.15pm before commencement of formal Council business</i></p> <p><i>Members are asked to arrive and be in place by 6.15pm</i></p>