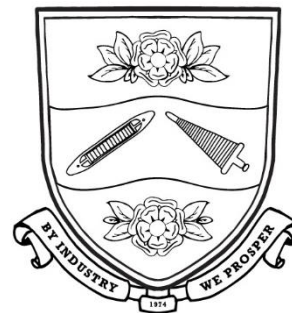


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## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF TODMORDEN TOWN COUNCIL

Held at Todmorden Town Hall

Wednesday 23rd February 2022 at 7:30pm

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

**A minutes silence was observed as a mark of respect following the recent passing of David Tattersall - former Councillor and Leader of Todmorden Town Council**

2021(TC)115	<p><b><u>ITEM 1 Apologies for Absence</u></b> 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 P Taylor (Mayor), J Williams Illness, K White illness The Revd G Kent and P Ripley prior commitments</i></p> <p><b>Proposed by Cllr S Martin and <i>Seconded</i> by Cllr P Taylor Unanimous</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That the apologies of Cllrs P Taylor (Mayor), J Williams Illness, K White illness The Revd G Kent and P Ripley prior commitments and the reason for absence, namely illness be accepted.</p>
2021(TC)116	<p><b><u>ITEM 2. Declarations of Interest</u></b> 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)117	<p><b><u>ITEM 3. Public Participation</u></b> 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>

2021(TC)118	<p><b><u>ITEM 4. Minutes – for Decision</u></b> To approve the minutes of the Town Council meetings held on the 26<sup>th</sup> January 2022</p> <p><b><i>Proposed by Cllr A Hollis <b>Seconded</b> by Cllr M Carrigan Unanimous</i></b></p> <p><b><i>RESOLVED:</i></b> That the minutes of the Town Council meetings held on the 26<sup>th</sup> of January 2022 be accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman as such.</p>
2021(TC)119	<p><b><u>ITEM 5. Exclusion of Press and Public – Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act) 1960</u></b> 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><b><i>Proposed by Cllr M Taylor and <b>Seconded</b> by Cllr A H Greenwood Unanimous</i></b></p> <p><b><i>RESOLVED:</i></b> That any Members of the public and or press attending during the meeting be welcomed to stay for all items on the Agenda</p>
2021(TC)120	<p><b><u>ITEM 6 Appointment to Committees – for Decision</u></b> To appoint Councillor June Turner to the Resources Committee and Development Committee.</p> <p><b><i>Proposed by Cllr A H Greenwood and <b>Seconded</b> by Cllr L Thorpe – for 8 , abstentions 1 against 0 motion carried</i></b></p> <p><b><i>RESOLVED:</i></b> That Cllr June Tuner be appointed to the Resources Committee and Development Committee.</p>
2021(TC)121	<p><b><u>ITEM 7 Appointment to outside bodies – for Decision</u></b> Following the passing of Christine Potter to seek nominations for and approve appointment to the following outside bodies and Trusts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Todmorden Civic Pride Partnership Board</li> <li>➤ Todmorden Development Board</li> <li>➤ Todmorden Accident Prevention Council</li> <li>➤ Reaps Moss Community Benefit Fund</li> <li>➤ Crook Hill Community Benefit Fund</li> <li>➤ Trustee Todmorden Emergency Support (War Memorial Trust &amp; Abraham Ormerod Trust).</li> <li>➤ Todmorden Town Hall Working Group</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Proposed by Cllr A H Greenwood and <b>Seconded</b> by Cllr M Carrigan For 10 against 0 abstentions 2 motion carried</i></b></p> <p><b><i>RESOLVED</i></b> That Cllr S Martin be appointed to Todmorden Civic Pride Partnership Board</p> <p><b><i>Proposed by Cllr A H Greenwood and <b>Seconded</b> by Cllr M Carrigan For 10 against 0 abstentions 2</i></b></p> <p><b><i>RESOLVED</i></b> That Cllr S Martin be appointed to Todmorden Development Board</p>

	<p><b>Proposed</b> by Cllr A H Greenwood and <b>Seconded</b> by Cllr L Thorpe For 10 against 0 abstentions 2 motion carried</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> That Cllr M Carrigan be appointed to Reaps Moss Community Benefit Fund</p> <p><b>Proposed</b> by Cllr A H Greenwood and <b>Seconded</b> by Cllr L Thorpe For 10 against 0 abstentions 2 motion carried</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> That Cllr S Martin be appointed Crook Hill Community Benefit Fund</p> <p><b>Proposed</b> by Cllr M Carrigan and <b>Seconded</b> by Cllr A H Greenwood For 10 against 0 abstentions 2 motion carried</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> That Cllr J Turner be appointed to Todmorden Emergency Support (War Memorial Trust &amp; Abraham Ormerod Trust).</p> <p><b>Proposed</b> by Cllr M Carrigan and <b>Seconded</b> by Cllr A H Greenwood For 10 against 0 abstentions 2 motion carried</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> That Cllr J Turner be appointed to Todmorden Town Hall Working Group</p> <p>No nominations were received for Todmorden Accident Prevention Council</p>
2021(TC)122	<p><b>ITEM 8 Committee Minutes -for information</b> To confirm the receipt of approved/draft committee minutes previously circulated and to receive them En-Bloc</p> <p>7a Development Committee 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2022 Draft</p> <p><b>Proposed by</b> Cllr S Martin and <b>Seconded</b> by Cllr L Levick <i>Unanimous</i></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That minutes of the Committee meetings as specified above be received en bloc.</p>
2021(TC)123	<p><b>ITEM 9 Financial Position – for Information</b> To receive a financial statement as of 16<sup>th</sup> February 2022.</p> <p>9a Financial Summary 9b Balance Sheet</p> <p><b>Proposed by</b> Cllr A H Greenwood and <b>Seconded</b> by Cllr L Thorpe <i>Unanimous</i></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That the information be received with thanks</p>
2021(TC)124	<p><b>ITEM 10 Council Tax Reduction Grant and Parish Grant</b> To receive any update from CMBC following budget consultation on the proposed removal of Council Tax Reduction Grant and Parish Grant from 2022/23.</p> <p>The Town Clerk advised Calderdale MBC budget consultation has finished and</p>

	<p><i>that proposals to remove Council Rax Reduction Grant and Parish Grant remain resulting in a loss of c£44,000 for income for 2023/24 onwards. A separate email had also been received from CMBC leader acknowledging our concerns and seeking to enter into some dialogue re possibly how if CMBC financial circumstances were to improve they could assist.in terms of Election costs and or phasing in of reduction.</i></p> <p><i>Cllr S Martyn acknowledged that not all Town/Parish Councils, had received the same treatment and that CMBC have been continuing with this grant support but regrettably can no longer do so. Unfortunate but inevitable as austerity cuts continue to impact.</i></p> <p><b>Proposed</b> by Cllr S Martin and <b>Seconded</b> by Cllr L Needham Unanimous</p> <p><b>RESOLVED;</b> <i>to receive the update and to bring this back to the Resources Committee to pursue further dialogue with CMBC.</i></p>
2021(TC)125	<p><b>ITEM 11 Schedule of Payments - for Decision</b> To receive and approve a schedule of 15 payments made between 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022 to 16<sup>th</sup> February 2022 totalling £18,347.93</p> <p><b>Proposed</b> by Cllr A H Greenwood and <b>Seconded</b> by Cllr M Taylor Unanimous</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> <i>That a schedule of payments consisting of 15 items totalling £18,347.93 be approved and signed by the Chair and one other Town Councillor.</i></p>
2021(TC)126	<p><b>ITEM 12 Town Council to act as sponsor and project manager for Centre Vale Park related projects. For decision</b></p> <p>To receive a report from Resources Committee recommending that the Town Council formally approve its involvement as Sponsor.</p> <p><b>Proposed</b> by Cllr L Thorpe and <b>Seconded</b> by Cllr M Carrigan Unanimous</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> <i>That Town Council formally commits to our Role as Sponsor and that the Town Clerk is authorised to write to Calderdale MBC to confirm this subject to providing to them the clarification sought regarding litigation indemnity.</i></p>
2021(TC)127	<p><b>ITEM 13 Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations- for Decision</b> To consider whether to implement a small grants scheme of £500 per organisation or £100 per individual in respect of organising street parties up to a maximum total £2,500</p> <p><i>Cllr L Thorpe raised concern regarding to individual and wished to limit to constituted groups.</i></p> <p><i>Cllr M Holmstedt felt that doing so would restrict access as many streets would not wish to form constituted groups with banks accounts just fit this one purpose.</i></p> <p><i>The Clerk advised that legality is a grey area to make grants to personal individuals but it is a risk based decision and if such measures as retrospective claim and</i></p>

	<p><i>specifying qualifying expenditure -perhaps infrastructure then unlikely to be challenged if for benefit of residents anyway</i></p> <p><i>Members supported the concept and financial limit of £2,500 but wished to delegate detail and implementation to The Town Clerk in consultation with the Mayor and Chair of Resources.</i></p> <p><b>Proposed</b> by Cllr A H Greenwood and <b>Seconded</b> by Cllr M Taylor Unanimous</p> <p><b>RESOLVED That</b> <i>Members supported the concept and financial limit of £2,500 but wished to delegate detail and implementation to The Town Clerk in consultation with the Mayor and Chair of Resources</i></p>
2021(TC)128	<p><b>ITEM 14 Todmorden Emergency Support- for Decision</b></p> <p>To receive a report clarifying the process of election of Trustees, summary of remit and to recommend that the Town Council receive and administer such funds under the instruction of Trustees and assist in the preparation of accounts</p> <p><i>Cllr M Carrigan welcomed this report and the recommendations made which will help clarify the way trustees are appointed to the Charity going forward.</i></p> <p><b>Proposed</b> by Cllr M Carrigan and <b>Seconded</b> by Cllr A Hollis Unanimous</p> <p><b>RESOLVED.</b> <i>That the appointment of Christine Potter, Margareta Holmstedt and David Tattersall as Trustees of the War Memorial Fund (1914/1918) charity number 219673 and Abraham Ormerod Trust charity number 252036) be confirmed retrospectively from May 2021. That the Town Clerk take on the responsibility of Secretary and Treasurer to the respective Charities as a reasonable adjustment to the contractual responsibilities of the Town Clerks role.</i></p>
2021(TC)129	<p><b>ITEM 15 Process of Election for Mayor Making</b></p> <p>To revisit the process of Mayor Making and to consider whether from May 2023 a new process should be adopted</p> <p><i>Members considered the three options presented for consideration.</i></p> <p><i>Cllr A H Greenwood stated that the role of Mayor was an honour but also carried with it responsibilities as Chair of the council and ex officio on all committees.</i></p> <p><i>The last Council elected had introduced this lots system- essentially a lottery draw – on the basis of a review and this was the time to do so. There were too many ambiguities surrounding the current system that led to confusion as to who should be on the top of the list anyway and no regard also to consideration of service provided or capability to carry out the role.</i></p> <p><i>Cllr A H Greenwood wished to move to a system of Full Council electing the Mayor straightforward and simple.</i></p> <p><i>Cllr M Taylor expressed concern that this then may become a political choice and felt some service based process may be preferable or if political then some form of political balance based process -example CMBC and for any such alternative to be introduced from 2023 onwards.</i></p> <p><b>Proposed</b> by Cllr A H Greenwood and <b>Seconded</b> by Cllr M Carrigan</p>

	<p><i>For 6 Abstention 1 Against 0 – motion carried</i></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> <i>That at the first Full Council in March of each year or as soon thereafter as possible, the Council will select by majority vote a Mayor and a Deputy Mayor for the subsequent municipal year and that this decision be binding on the Council save for the year after elections have been held, where at the first meeting of the new Council, to be held within 14 days of the election date ,the selection of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor will be the first two items of business and that this system of Mayoral and Deputy Mayoral Election commence forthwith.</i></p>
2021(TC)130	<p><b>ITEM 16 Correspondence received – for Decision</b> To receive any correspondence</p> <p>a. Calder Valley Election Boundary change proposals – for Town Council to consider whether to respond to formal consultation.</p> <p><i>Cllr S Martin felt the proposals were not clear but just taking Calder Valley into consideration proposed to accept both Sowerby Bridge and Whalley into the Calder Valley Constituency area. Cllr M Taylor whilst agreeing felt that what may be better is to simply call one Calder East and the other Calder West</i></p> <p><b>Proposed</b> by Cllr S Martin and <b>Seconded</b> by Cllr M Taylor      <i>Unanimous</i></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> <i>That the Town Clerk respond to the consultation to express the views mentioned above.</i></p> <p>b. Mayors for Peace - for Town Council to consider whether to join Mayors for Peace and donate £60.</p> <p><i>Members wished to support this initiative and join Mayors for Peace and contribute £60 but in terms of what resolutions to pass/support wished to consider the paper further .</i></p> <p><b>Proposed</b> by Cllr M Carrigan and <b>Seconded</b> by Cllr M Taylor      <i>Unanimous</i></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> <i>That the Town Clerk write to confirm membership but without commitment to specific resolutions and that this matter be bought back for consideration to the Resources Committee on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2022</i></p>
2021(TC)131	<p><b>ITEM 18 Any items for discussion for a future agenda – for information</b></p> <p><i>None proposed</i></p>
2021(TC)132	<p><b>Date of the next Town Council meeting</b> To note the date of the next Meeting of the Town Council will be 16th of March 2022 with an informal meeting scheduled for 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022. <i>Meeting closed at 8.45pm</i></p>