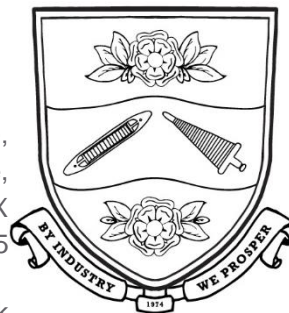


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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF TODMORDEN TOWN COUNCIL Held remotely on Wednesday 17th February 2021 at 7:30pm

- Councillors present:** - R Coleman – Taylor (Mayor), The Revd. G Kent (Deputy Mayor), S Martin, A Hollis, T Roberts, L Needham, J Williams, C Potter, L Levick, P Taylor, M Holmstedt, M Taylor, D Skelton, A Greenwood, M Doyle, P Ripley, M Carrigan
- Councillors absent:** - Cllr K White and Cllr The Rev G Kent
- Officers:** Colin Hill – Town Clerk (Minute Taker)
- Members of the Public:** Deborah Jones for Walsden Neighbourhood Watch Group

2020(TC)054	<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>Apologies were received from Cllr K White for medical reasons,</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr R Coleman- Taylor and Seconded by Cllr A Hollis Unanimous</p> <p>RESOLVED: That apologies and the reason for absence be accepted from Cllr K White on medical grounds.</p>
2020(TC)055	<p><u>ITEM 3. 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>None received</p>
2020(TC)056	<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>The Mayor welcomed representatives of the Walsden Neighbourhood Watch Group to the meeting to speak to Item 7.</p> <p>The Mayor with Council agreement invited the Town Clerk to speak to Item 7 as had significant news to update both Council and the Walsden Neighbourhood Watch Group representatives</p> <p>The Clerk advised that CMBC have now agreed an offer, subject to contract, to develop the former church nearby but in taking note of both our interest and that of the</p>

	<p>Neighbourhood Watch, they have agreed that the library site which is needed for parking for the proposed residential scheme, will also be sold but conditioned that the developer must provide local community space which will comprise a community garden and book exchange and work with the community to establish that.</p> <p>The Walsden Neighbourhood Watch Group commented that this was such good news. for further discussion refer to Item 7 which was bought forward to the meeting at this stage as an item of business to enable a decision to be made.</p>									
2020(TC)057	<p><u>ITEM 4. Minutes</u> To approve the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 16th December 2020.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr L Levick Seconded by Cllr J Williams Unanimous</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 16th of December 2020 be accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman as such.</p>									
2020(TC)058	<p><u>ITEM 5. Exclusion of Press and Public – Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act) 1960</u> 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>Proposed by Cllr D Skelton and Seconded by Cllr R Coleman- Taylor Unanimous</p> <p>RESOLVED: That any Members of the public and or press be welcomed to stay for all items on the Agenda</p>									
<p>A minute’s silence was observed in remembrance of Frank McManus OBE former Town Mayor and Councillor who recently passed away</p>										
2020(TC)059	<p><u>ITEM 6 Committee Minutes</u> To confirm the receipt of approved/draft committee minutes previously circulated and to receive them En-Bloc.</p> <table data-bbox="373 1272 1437 1377"> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 40px;">6a</td> <td>Development Committee</td> <td>6th January 2021</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 40px;">6b</td> <td>Development Committee</td> <td>3rd February 2021</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 40px;">6c</td> <td>Climate Emergency Committee</td> <td>10th February 2021 (to follow)</td> </tr> </table> <p>Proposed by Cllr D Skelton and Seconded by Cllr J Williams Unanimous</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the minutes above be received en – bloc.</p>	6a	Development Committee	6 th January 2021	6b	Development Committee	3 rd February 2021	6c	Climate Emergency Committee	10 th February 2021 (to follow)
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2020(TC)060	<p><u>ITEM 7. Walsden Neighbourhood Watch – Walsden Library Land - Community Asset Transfer</u> To receive a report to consider support in respect of a Community Asset Transfer proposal.</p> <p>The Clerk had already outlined further developments advising that CMBC have now agreed an offer, subject to contract, to develop the former church nearby but in taking note of both our interest and that of the Neighbourhood Watch , they have agreed that the library site which is needed for parking for the proposed residential scheme, will also be sold but conditioned that the developer must provide local community space which will comprise a community garden and book exchange and work with the community to establish that.</p> <p>Cllrs welcomed the active involvement of the Group and thanked them for their work to date. Councillors were concerned that this was a little vague in terms of whether on this</p>									

	<p>site itself, or somewhere else within Walsden and whether conditioned on sale or as planning conditioning.</p> <p>The concern is that if elsewhere what size and substance. - Councillors do not want to see some small bit of waste land used that is not convenient to access.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr D Skelton and Seconded by Cllr M Taylor Unanimous</p> <p>RESOLVED: That in light of information provided regarding the potential sale of the church and adjoining ex library land site with conditioning to create both a community garden and a book exchange, the Clerk be authorised to write to CMBC to seek clarification of the detail behind how this will be conditioned and to seek assurances that any such community space will be of substance and that a section 106 agreement be pursued to ensure compliance.</p> <p>And further to request involvement of Todmorden Town Council in any possible alternative site selection for such community space and to also enter into detailed discussions as to what the proposals are for a book exchange.</p> <p>And to forward copy of the letter to the Group</p>
2020(TC)061	<p>ITEM 8. Financial Summary To receive the financial summary as of 9th February 2021.</p> <p>Members received the financial summary as at 9th February 2021.</p> <p>No questions were raised.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr R Coleman- Taylor and Seconded by Cllr J Williams Unanimous</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the financial summary as of 9th February 2021 be received.</p>
2020(TC)062	<p>ITEM 9. Precept 2021-2022 To receive confirmation of the amount of Council Tax Reduction Grant, Parish Grant and Precept being called for 2021/22.</p> <p>Members noted the Precept and Grant support levels for 2021/22. Members noted that there is no call to be made for 2021/22 on the Non-Precept Grant Phasing Earmarked Reserve of £17,745.</p> <p>Members noted the Precept demand letter issued by Todmorden Town Council</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr J Williams and Seconded by Cllr L Needham Unanimous</p> <p>RESOLVED: Members received the report and agreed that given the level of fluctuation in the Council Tax Reduction Grant, the Non-Precept Grant Phasing Earmarked Reserve of £17,745 be maintained at this level for 2021/22.</p>
2020(TC)063	<p>ITEM 10. Meeting schedule for 2021/22 To receive and approve a schedule of meetings for 2021/22.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr A Hollis and Seconded by Cllr C Potter</p> <p>RESOLVED: That subject to the informal meeting scheduled for the 12 Jan 2022 b be moved to 9th March 2022 the Schedule of Town Council and Committee Meetings for the Municipal Year 2021/22 be approved and details of such placed on the Council's web site.</p>

2020(TC)064	<p>ITEM 11. Community Rail Partnership To receive an invitation to participate in a Calder Valley Community Rail Partnership.</p> <p>Members supported this initiative and recognised the value of engagement at these early stages. Member representation will be considered when appointing to outside bodies</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr R Coleman- Taylor and Seconded by Cllr A H Greenwood Unanimous</p> <p>RESOLVED: That Todmorden Town Council becomes a Member of the Calder Valley Community Rail Partnership. That Members agree for the Town Clerk to commit some time to liaising with other Station Groups so as to gain a better understanding of front-line involvement of community groups and what projects are delivered.</p>
2020(TC)065	<p>ITEM 12. Cross Stone (St Paul) Cemetery Todmorden To receive notice from the PCC of St Mary's Church Todmorden of their intention to close the Churchyard for new burials and to pass on responsibility of maintenance to Todmorden Town Council.</p> <p>Members agreed that they do not wish for Todmorden Town Council to assume responsibility for the churchyard.</p> <p>Cllr Levick advised that it will still be used for multiple family use and or internment of ashes.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr D Skelton and Seconded by Cllr m Taylor Unanimous</p> <p>RESOLVED: That Todmorden Town Council confirm that it has no objection to the closure of the burial ground. That Todmorden Town Council Resolves that should it receive written notice of the intention to close the cemetery at St Marys to new burials and responsibility for maintenance to be passed to the Town Council, it gives notice to the PCC and Calderdale MBC of its intention to pass on the responsibility to Calderdale MBC.</p>
2020(TC)066	<p>ITEM 13. Insurance Cover To receive confirmation that Insurance Cover is in place</p> <p>Members noted that insurance valuations still require to be updated. Members noted the appropriateness of cover afforded and that the Town Council had committed for a three- year period.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr M Taylor and Seconded by Cllr L Needham Unanimous</p> <p>RESOLVED: That Town Council notes the levels of cover requires updating and notes the commitment for three years.</p>
020(TC)067	<p>ITEM 14. Climate and Ecological Emergency (CEE) Bill To consider adding support to this Bill to be passed through Parliament.</p> <p>Cllr R Coleman- Taylor advised that the Climate Emergency Committee supported this Bill</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr M Carrigan and Seconded by Cllr S Martin Unanimous</p> <p>RESOLVED: That Todmorden Town Council support the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill (ii) Informs the local media of this decision; (iii) Writes to local MPs, asking them to support the Bill; and (iv) Writes to the CEE Bill Alliance, the organisers of the campaign for the Bill, expressing its support and furthermore refers to this within the emerging Moorlands Policy.</p>

020(TC)068	<p>ITEM 15. Schedule of Payments To receive a schedule of 48 payments made between 10th December 2020 and 9th February 2021, totalling £70,409.17.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr R Coleman- Taylor and Seconded by Cllr C Potter Unanimous</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the schedule of 48 payments made between 10th December 2020 and 9th February 2021, totalling £70,409.17 be authorised and the schedule duly signed.</p>
020(TC)069	<p>ITEM 16 Covid Discretionary Fund To receive an update of spend on this fund and a request for £500 for Cornholme Food Bank by which to extinguish the balance of this fund.</p> <p>Members recognised the continuing demand being seen and supported a donation of £501.41 to Cornholme Food Bank and a further £500 for general assistance towards running costs.</p> <p>Members agreed that further funds should be released from the Covid Earmarked Reserve.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr A H Greenwood and Seconded by Cllr J Williams Unanimous</p> <p>RESOLVED: That Member approve an award of £501.41 subject the Clerk’s satisfaction as to the non-profit status of the organisation.</p> <p>That Members authorise drawdown on the Earmarked Reserve to supplement this award to an overall amount of £1, 000.</p> <p>That a further drawdown on the Earmarked Reserve of £1000 is authorised and a new revenue budget is established accordingly and that delegated powers for distribution of this fund be continued.</p> <p>That the Council in accordance with its powers under Section 137 and 139 of the Local Government Act 1972 should incur such expenditure which in the opinion of the council is in the interest of the area or its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure.</p>
020(TC)070	<p>ITEM 17 Correspondence Received To consider any correspondence received not already tabled for discussion on the Agenda.</p> <p>None received.</p>
020(TC)71	<p>ITEM 18 Date of the next Town Council meeting To note the date of the next Meeting of the Town Council be scheduled for 17th March 2021 at 7.30 p.m.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 9.20pm</p>