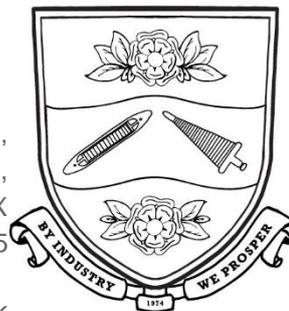


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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF TODMORDEN TOWN COUNCIL

Held remotely on

Wednesday 18th November 2020 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, and Cllrs M Carrigan and J Williams (who joined shortly after start of meeting)
- Councillors absent:** - **Cllr K White**
- Officers:** Colin Hill – Town Clerk (Minute Taker)
- Members of the Public:** None present.

2020(TC)025	<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 Cllr K White for medical reasons,</i></p> <p><i>Proposed by Cllr A Hollis Seconded by Cllr The Revd G Kent Unanimous</i></p> <p>RESOLVED: <i>That apologies and the reason for absence be accepted from Cllr K White on medical grounds</i></p>
2020(TC)026	<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>Cllrs R Coleman- Taylor, M Taylor, J Williams, A H Greenwood, L Levick and D Skelton had minor share holdings (£1) in the Calder Valley Community Land Trust Ltd already. The Town Clerk advised that as these were not made for investment purposes, but community interest, and had little or no influence in the voting rights of the trust he deemed them not to be a prejudicial interest by virtue of these shareholdings and that in his view Members may vote on Item 9</i></p>
2020(TC)027	<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>

2020(TC)028	<p>ITEM 4. Minutes To approve the draft minutes of the Emergency Committee meeting held on the 14th October 2020. <i>It was noted that Cllr T Roberts appeared as both present and absent and confirmed was absent. The Town Clerk will amend.</i></p> <p><i>Proposed by Cllr P Taylor Seconded by Cllr A Hollis Unanimous</i></p> <p>RESOLVED: <i>That the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 14th October 2020 be accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman as such.</i></p>						
2020(TC)029	<p>ITEM 5. Exclusion of Press and Public – Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act) 1960 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>No public or press present and no items requiring exclusion</i></p>						
2020(TC)030	<p>ITEM 6 . Committee minutes To confirm the receipt of approved committee minutes previously circulated and to receive them En-Bloc</p> <table data-bbox="327 936 1220 1041"> <tr> <td>6a Development Committee</td> <td>28th October 2020</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6b Resources Committee</td> <td>4th November 2020</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6c Climate Emergency Committee</td> <td>11th November 2020</td> </tr> </table> <p><i>Proposed by Cllr A H Greenwood and Seconded by Cllr C Potter Unanimous</i></p> <p>RESOLVED. <i>That the Committee minutes of the Development Committee of the 28th October 2020, Resources Committee of the 4th November 2020 and the Climate Emergency Committee of the 11th November 2020 be received en bloc</i></p>	6a Development Committee	28 th October 2020	6b Resources Committee	4 th November 2020	6c Climate Emergency Committee	11 th November 2020
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2020(TC)031	<p>ITEM 7. Financial Virements, Earmarked Reserves and Budget Increases To receive a report seeking ratification of the Resources Committee decision to agree budget virements, changes to Earmarked Reserves, establishment of new project -based budgets, and a financial summary, detailed revised budgets and balance sheet following such changes.</p> <p><i>Members received the report and noted the agreement of the Resources Committee to virements and movement in Earmarked Reserves and the financial summary forecast for end of year General Reserves at £98,944</i></p> <p><i>Proposed by Cllr S Martin and Seconded by Cllr A H Greenwood Unanimous</i></p> <p>RESOLVED: <i>That Town Council ratifies the actions of the Resources Committee in establishing a new expenditure budget of £434,892 and an income budget of £508,103 for the current financial year 2020/21 and the actions of the Resources Committee to establish Earmarked Reserves in a total of £159,913.</i></p>						

2020(TC)032	<p>ITEM 8. Standards Matter To receive a paper circulated by the National Association of Local Councils for the Town Councils view regarding the Code of Conduct and how well ethical standards are help up in public life.</p> <p><i>Cllr D Skelton advised that he was responding on behalf of the Labour Group</i></p> <p><i>Proposed by Cllr R Coleman- Taylor and Seconded by Cllr Revd G Kent Unanimous</i></p> <p>RESOLVED: <i>That Members let the Town Clerk have their comment by 25th November 2020, in order to collate and send a response by 2nd December 2020</i></p>
2020(TC)033	<p>ITEM 9. Calder Valley Community Land Trust Ltd – The Fielden Acre Project To consider whether Todmorden Town Council wishes to invest in a community share offer.</p> <p><i>The Town Clerk advised Members that he had received advice from YLCA that an investment of this nature by way of Community Share subscription, could be made under Section 137 LGA 1972 provided deemed of benefit to the community and subject to completion of a financial risk assessment and the written assurance of CVCLT that in the event that the minimum share subscription of £150,000 were not raised this investment would be returned in full and in the meantime funds deposited held in a separate restricted use account.</i></p> <p><i>Cllr D Skelton spoke in support of making a modest investment of £3000 subject to due diligence being undertaken by the Town Clerk</i></p> <p><i>Proposed by Cllr D Skelton and Seconded by Cllr C Potter Unanimous</i></p> <p>RESOLVED: <i>That Todmorden Town Council agrees in principle to invest a sum of £3000 into the Calder Valley Community Land Trust Ltd – The Fielden Acre Project Community Share Offer, subject to consideration by the Resources Committee of the financial risk and value for money, and that a report be bought back from the Resources Committee to the next Town Council Meeting to formally recommend or otherwise that such investment be made.</i></p>
2020(TC)034	<p>ITEM 10. Climate Emergency – amended resolution, update and action plan To receive a report from the Climate Emergency Committee seeking an amended resolution, to provide an update of their work and to present their action plan.</p> <p><i>Cllr The Revd G Kent spoke to the report and thanked the Climate Emergency Committee Members and the Vice Chair , for the enormous amount of work carried out during his recent absence and for their bi-partisan approach to this. In recommending the action plan to Council he emphasised the priority of updating and developing the Moorland Policy alongside Calderdale MBC /Yorkshire Water and other Town Councils and that this work be undertaken in conjunction with the Development Committee.</i></p> <p><i>Cllr M Holmstedt commented favourably on the delivery focus of the action plan.</i></p> <p><i>Proposed by Cllr The Revd G Kent Seconded by Cllr J Williams Unanimous</i></p> <p>RESOLVED: <i>That Todmorden Town Council Reinforces its earlier Declaration of a “Climate Emergency, Works collectively as a community and with wider stakeholders, towards making Todmorden carbon neutral by the earliest practical date and continues to call on the Government and Calderdale to provide the resources and powers so that our Town Council can make its contribution to the UK’s Carbon Reduction targets.</i></p>

2020(TC)035	<p>ITEM 11. Calderdale Green New Deal To receive a paper seeking the endorsement of Todmorden Town Council.</p> <p><i>Members discussed the paper and agreed to endorse the work of this group</i></p> <p><i>Proposed by Cllr M Taylor and Seconded by Cllr D Skelton Unanimous</i></p> <p>RESOLVED: <i>That Todmorden Town Council endorse the work of this group and send a letter of support expressing such endorsement.</i></p>
2020(TC)036 +	<p>ITEM 12. Todmorden Emergency Support Group To consider the approval of Trustees</p> <p><i>Cllr C Potter advised Members that there was a vacant trustee position and sought nominations to fill this vacancy that is also associated with both the Abraham Ormerod and War Memorial Trust</i></p> <p><i>Proposed by Cllr C Potter Seconded by Cllr M Holmstedt Unanimous</i></p> <p>RESOLVED: <i>That Emma Fielden, who has served her term of office, be invited to stand as trustee for a further three-year period.</i></p>
020(TC)037	<p>ITEM 13. Correspondence Received To consider any correspondence received not already tabled for discussion on the Agenda</p> <p>Letters received in response to TTC letters sent.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Response from MP re Schools Laptop provision • Response from CMBC re Parent fines and laptop • Response from Lancs re Service 800 <p><i>Cllr C Potter raised concerns that there were still instances of inadequate provision of suitable devices for students to enable studying from home.</i></p> <p><i>Cllr S Martin advised that DOE liaising direct with schools so any children needing a device should be able to access this through their school.</i></p> <p><i>Cllr M Carrigan in her role as a school governor advised that the first round of provision concentrated on disadvantaged pupils, including wifi provision and that auditing for accessibility is currently under way. Cllr M Carrigan will provide further updates.</i></p> <p><i>Members noted receipt of this correspondence</i></p>
2020(TC)038	<p>ITEM 14. Date of the Next Town Council meeting To note the date of the next Meeting of the Town Council be scheduled for 16th December 2020 at 7.30 p.m.</p> <p><i>The meeting ended at 8.13 pm</i></p>