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MINUTES OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

Held in the Cockcroft Room, Todmorden Town Hall, Bridge Street, Todmorden, on
Wednesday 31st July at 5.45 pm

Councillors Present:	Cllrs D Skelton [Chair], K White [Town Mayor – Ex-Officio], A Greenwood, M Holmstedt, C Potter, L Needham, M Doyle.
Absent Councillors:	Cllrs M Carrigan, J Williams [Vice-Chair] A Hollis, M Taylor, P Taylor, P Ripley
Observing Councillors (not a member of the committee):	None
Officers:	Colin Hill – Town Clerk/RFO (minute taker)
Members of the Public:	4 members of the public

2019(A) 019	<p><u>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>Proposed by Cllr. M Holmstedt and Seconded by Cllr. C Potter - unanimous</p> <p>RESOLVED:-</p> <p>That the apologies and reasons for absence, namely holidays ,work and illness be received from Cllrs. M Carrigan, J Williams, A Hollis, M Taylor, P Taylor and P Ripley be approved.</p>
2019 (A) 020	<p><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS</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>None declared.</p>
	<p>The Chair then welcomed Councillor Matthew Doyle onto the Committee following the recent Walsden election.</p>

Signed Chair:

Dated:

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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 agreed to hear representations on a non- agenda item in connection with the Bandstand.

Deborah Farrington advised Members that she had attended a Cabinet meeting of Calderdale Council last Monday evening where the future of the bandstand was raised and where options were considered which appeared to be favouring demolition and creation of a new performance area.

Deborah advised that on social media she had received over 1500 expressions of support to keep the Bandstand. Of this specifically 303 to refurbish it and 102 to replace it.

Deborah believes there is strong support within the community to keep this and specifically is asking Todmorden Town Council to allow the opportunity and time for her to assemble a task force to save the Bandstand.

Her concerns are that given Calderdale's financial position, once demolished the new performance area will be low priority.

Cllr. C Potter stated the factual position that the Bandstand is owned by Calderdale Council

Cllr. C Potter expressed an opinion that this is an opportunity to replace with a more modern option.

Cllr. M Holmstedt disagreed.

Cllr. K White advised of that there is an ongoing problem of vandalism and associated costs

Proposed by Cllr. A Greenwood Seconded by Cllr. K White
(Six in favour one abstention – motion carried)

RESOLVED:-

That in so far as Todmorden Town Council have the power to grant sufficient time, it wishes to support the request to provide a time period for the group to take this forward.

Peter Hazeldine also spoke on the same matter raising three questions:-

Does Todmorden Town Council have a position regarding objecting to the Planning Application that will be required to demolish the Bandstand?

In needing a group to remind people what is happening, would Todmorden Town Council be prepared to act as a conduit for arranging a public meeting, petition, serve as focal point?

From a technical point, is Todmorden Town Council prepared to seek a listing of the Bandstand as an asset of the community in order then for the option for any group established to buy it (presumably at minimal price given its condition)?

This would provide a statutory window of 6 months to raise the necessary funds by exploring grant funding from such as "Space to Connect" (£1.6m funds available to bid for) and breathing space to try to save the Bandstand.

	<p>The Chair advised that that Todmorden Town Council has been interested in this issue with representation also on the Todmorden Development Board, and hence why it funded the options appraisal that has been used by Calderdale Council in their deliberations.</p> <p>No further discussion was entered into at this time.</p> <p>The matters raised would be taken away for further consideration.</p>
2019(A) 022	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>To approve the minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on the 6th June 2019</p> <p>Amendment to minutes – Cllr. L Levick apologies for absence recorded were incorrect as she is not a member of this committee</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr. K White and Seconded by Cllr. A Greenwood – unanimous</p> <p>RESOLVED:-</p> <p>That the draft minutes of the Amenities committee meeting held on the 6 June 2019 be approved as a true record of proceedings and signed by the Chair, subject to the following factual amendments:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">1) Cllr.L Levick is not member of this committee and apologies recorded in error.</p>
2019 (A) 023	<p><u>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>Proposed by Cllr. C Potter and Seconded by Cllr. M Holmstedt - unanimous</p> <p>RESOLVED:-</p> <p>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.</p>

GRANT APPLICATIONS

To consider and approve the grant applications enclosed:

No Grant applicants were present

2019 (A) 024

Applicant	Amt Requested	Purpose
Community Right of Way	£443.50	To fund cost in connection with improvements to "There and Back" Routes in Eastwood as per detailed schedule submitted.

Cllr. Holmstedt thought a really good proposal but that we should ask them to delay on point 1 of their proposed work schedule to consider some improvements to the footpath at the lower level

Cllr. Potter suggested that there be consideration given for more synergy re signage with Todmorden Town Council.

Proposed by Cllr.A Greenwood and Seconded by Cllr. D Skelton
(Six in favour one abstention – motion carried)

RESOLVED:-

That a grant of £443.50 be awarded to the applicant in accordance with the grant criteria terms and conditions, but in doing so we engage with the applicant to do additional works and that the Town Clerk engages with them in parallel with other initiatives being considered regarding Lobb Mill.

2019 (A)025

Applicant	Amt Requested	Purpose
Todmorden Interfaith Chaplains	£220.00	Revenue funding required to help with Public Indemnity Insurance, Uniforms, Training and Publicity.

Proposed by Cllr.M Holmsted and Seconded by Cllr.C Potter - unanimous

RESOLVED:-

That a grant of £220.00 be awarded to Todmorden Interfaith Chaplains in accordance with the grant criteria terms and conditions.

2019 (A) 026

Applicant	Amt Requested	Purpose
Todmorden Riverside Improvement Group	£376.91	Assistance towards rent for storage unit, public liability insurance, service for mower.

Cllr.C Potter congratulated them on the attractiveness of newsletter with fellow Members agreeing an excellent publication.

Cllr K White advised that this was an interdenominational group

Proposed by Cllr.C Potter and Seconded by Cllr.M Holmstedt - unanimous

RESOLVED:-

That a grant of £376.91 be awarded to Todmorden Riverside Improvement Group in accordance with the grant criteria terms and conditions.

2019 (A) 027	<u>GRANT APPLICATIONS (TOWN HALL HIRE REFUND)</u>			
	Applicant Todmorden Photographic Society	Amt Requested £564.60	Purpose Hire fee for Annual Exhibition	
	Proposed by Cllr.M Holmsted and Seconded by Cllr.L Needham - unanimous			
	RESOLVED:-			
	That a grant of £564.60 be awarded to Todmorden Photographic Society in accordance with the grant criteria terms and conditions.			
2019 (A) 028	<u>GRANT FEEDBACK FORMS</u>			
	Organisation	Grant amount	Town Hall hire refund amount	Amount used Underspend
	Northern Powerhouse Boxing Academy	£1500		£1500 Nil
	Pushing up Daisies		£300	£300 Nil
	Todmorden Choral Society	£670.33		£670.33 Nil
	Confirmation of amount spent omitted from previous feedback form submitted in May 2018			
	Fielden Centre Association	£2000		£2000 Nil
	Members moved to receive these en-bloc – unanimous			
2019 (A) 029	<u>Correspondence</u>			
	None received			
2019 (A) 030	<u>TREE SAFETY INSPECTIONS</u>			
	Members noted that contact has now been made with Calderdale and for the Town Clerk to take this forward			
	Members noted that the development of a Tree Safety Inspection Policy has not yet been developed and priority for delivery to be considered in due course as part of a review of overall priorities currently under way by the Town Clerk.			
	Item to be carried forward to next meeting.			
2019 (A) 031	<u>REVIEW OF THE GRANT APPLICATION FORMS</u>			
	Members noted that the review of a Grants Application process has not yet been developed and priority for delivery to be considered in due course as part of a review of overall priorities currently under way by the Town Clerk			
	Item to be carried forward to next meeting.			

Signed Chair:

Dated:

2019 (A) 032	<p><u>BOUNDARY SIGNS</u></p> <p>Members received images of key gateway signs all indicating in poor condition</p> <p>Cllr. Ken White offered to clean and repaint these free of charge, subject to materials being provided by Todmorden Town Council</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr. K White Seconded by Cllr. A Greenwood - unanimous</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That the Town Clerk be delegated to oversee the works necessary to improve these signs taking into account any Health and Safety issues, and that signs containing West Yorks be removed.</p>
2019 (A) 033	<p><u>CHEQUES</u></p> <p>To receive the schedule of cheque payments that require signing in accordance with the Financial Regulations.</p> <p>Seventeen cheques were presented for signature to the value of £15,518.79</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr. K White and Seconded by Cllr.L Needham</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the cheques be signed in accordance with Council procedures.</p> <p>Cllr. A Greenwood requested that the Town Clerk check that the two payments to Hepstonstall Exhibitions Charity and Richard Naylor Charities were correct in relation to the grant application submitted and that subsequently approved by Todmorden Town Council</p>
2019 (A) 034	<p><u>ANY ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FOR A FUTURE AGENDA</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lobb Mill • Tree Works and Policy • Grants Policy • Xmas lights
2019 (A) 035	<p><u>DATE OF THE NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING</u></p> <p>The date of the next committee meeting was noted – Wednesday September 4th 2019 at 7.30pm, Todmorden Town Hall.</p> <p>There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 6.45 pm.</p>