

# TODMORDEN TOWN COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF TODMORDEN TOWN COUNCIL Held at Todmorden Town Hall, Thursday 10th November 2022 at 7.30pm

**Councillors present:** - L Thorpe (Mayor), P Taylor, D Skelton, S Martin, J Williams, M Holmstedt, M Carrigan, J Turner and S Press

**Officers:** C Hill (Project Manager Minute Taker)

**Members of the Public:** None

2022(FC)088	<p><b>1. Apologies for Absence - Decision required</b></p> <p>To receive and approve apologies for absence and reasons given to the Clerk prior to the meeting.</p> <p><i>Apologies were received from The Revd G Kent, AH Greenwood, N Stocks, M Taylor and P Ripley.</i></p> <p><b>Proposed by Cllr J Williams    Seconded by Cllr J Turner    Unanimously Approved</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That the apologies of Cllrs the Revd G Kent (prior commitment), M Taylor (personal reasons), A H Greenwood (prior commitment), N Stocks (prior commitment), and P Ripley (prior commitment) their reasons for absence are accepted</p> <p><i>Absent: Cllrs. K White, A Hollis, L Needham, and L Levick.</i></p>
2022(FC)089	<p><b>2. Declarations of Interests</b></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><i>Note: Members must generally declare a disclosable pecuniary interest which he or she has in any item on the Agenda. A Member with a disclosable pecuniary interest may not participate in any discussion of the matter at the meeting and must not participate in any vote taken on the matter at the meeting. In addition, the Council's Standing Orders require a Member with a disclosable pecuniary interest to leave the room where the meeting is held while any discussion or voting takes place.</i></p> <p><i>No declarations received</i></p>
2022(FC)089	<p><b>3. Public Participation – Information only</b></p> <p>To adjourn the meeting to allow members of the public to make representation on the business of the agenda for the meeting.</p>

	<p><i>Note: No resolutions can be under public participation</i></p> <p><i>No public requested to address the Council.</i></p>
2022(FC)090	<p><b>4. Exclusion of Press and Public - Public Bodies (admission to meetings act) 1960 - Decision required</b></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><b>Proposed</b> by Cllr L Thorpe      <b>Seconded</b> by Cllr J Turner      <i>Unanimously Approved</i></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> <i>That any Members of the public and or press attending during the meeting be welcomed to stay for all items on the agenda.</i></p>
	<p><b>Private Item</b></p> <p>Confidential on the grounds that, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted, if the public were present, there would be a disclosure to them of exempt information within the meaning of schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.</p>
2022(FC)091	<p><b>5. Towns Deal Projects Provisional Grant Award – For Decision</b></p> <p>To receive a report from the Project Manager advising of a provisional award of external grant, associated risks and considerations and for the Town Council to decide whether to accept such award subject then to a formal legal agreement being entered into by the Town Council</p> <p><i>The project manager presented the report to Full Council and reminded members of the importance of this award as a first step to unlocking the funding shortfall and the importance of the Bandstand in the Business Case argument submitted to govt for Town Deal funding approval.</i></p> <p><i>The project manager also advised Members of the continuing dialogue with the awarder of the grant to seek to reduce exposure where we can but to still protect the Town Council in that it is only once the legal agreement is signed that TTC becomes liable for all delivery aspects of the grant.</i></p> <p><i>Members were also reminded of the need for development activity associated with this grant and indeed others, and that it is not just a construction project. An outline plan encompassing all aspects of the project was handed to Members, reinforcing the activity nature of this.</i></p> <p><i>At this stage the urgency of accepting the grant or not is for awarder of the grant to be satisfied that TTC wishes to take this forward subject to the legal agreement and therefore reserving these funds to us.</i></p> <p><i>The Project Manager advised Members that email confirmation has been received from CMBC the contribution required from the Town Council in respect of the non-building related element of the award for development activity, will be covered from Town Deal Funding.</i></p> <p><i>Cllr S Press raised a concern of risk of this grant award if Town Deal funding was not secured. The Project Manager advised that no drawdown could take place until the Town</i></p>

	<p><i>Deal funding was confirmed and a letter sent to the awarder of the grant confirming this</i></p> <p><i>Cllr D Skelton commented that this was an opportunity to seize on and provides very real benefit to Todmorden and acknowledged that the Bandstand is an integral part of the Centre Vale Park projects</i></p> <p>Councillors considered the report before them and associated risk in accepting this award of £248,226 in respect of the Bandstand.</p> <p><b>Proposed</b> by Cllr D Skelton <b>Seconded</b> by Cllr J Williams <b>Unanimously Approved</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>That Full Council agrees to accept the award of £248,226 from the awarder of the Grant and that the Mayor and Chair of Resources be authorised to accept the award in order to trigger preparation of the legal agreement.</p> <p>That if it is a condition of the awarder of the Grant that Todmorden Town Council must own the Bandstand to access this grant award then subject to Calderdale MBC agreement such land transfer be affected.</p> <p>That before legal commitment is given to the Grant Award, the Agreement is bought to Resources Committee for approval.</p> <p>That the Project Manager includes delivery of all the Grant award elements as part of the job role.</p> <p>That because of the unknown risk of costs that may be incurred in any of the CV Park projects, a Buildings Earmarked Reserve be created and funded by £5k per annum as first call on any year end underspend in the revenue budget exceeding this figure.</p>
2022(FC)092	<p><b>6. Date of the next Town Council meeting</b></p> <p>To note the date of the next Meeting of the Town Council will be the 16<sup>th</sup> November 2022 commencing at 7.30pm.</p>
	<p><b>Meeting closed at 7.48pm</b></p>