

Dear Committee members,

Re: - Grant application reference, PETShop/Immortal bloom

I come from an arts background and have many years extensive experience in the delivery of community arts based projects within Todmorden and further afield.

The project manager for the above arts project, (Rachel Rae) I have known for 17 months and she is a highly professional project manager and accomplished artist who works to a high standard of service delivery. During the last 12 months I have seen and experienced at first hand a number of the arts work shop projects that this group have successfully delivered within the Leeds area.

As part of Rachel's commitment to Todmorden, she has relocated to live in the town and is fully embedded within the community. Rachel and immortal bloom fully understand and embrace the long standing tradition within Todmorden of art being accessible to everyone and diversity in art. They promote an arts culture with an environmentally friendly culture and their ethos and values would so greatly compliment Todmorden and its community values.

I have no hesitation in lending my support to this project and I would like to hope that the Town Council would feel the same way. This community arts project will be a real asset to our town, especially given the times that we are living in where so much of our arts calendar has been affected.

To show and underline my belief and commitment to this group, I have put a small amount of my own money into this project to help realise the Christmas arts project that they are looking to deliver to the people of Todmorden.

Many thanks and kind regards

Cllr Ken White

19th October 2020