

**TODMORDEN TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the meeting held in Todmorden Town Hall on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 7.30pm**

- Present:** Cllr A Hollis, Town Mayor.  
Cllrs J Batty, M Carrigan, J Grieve, M Hatfield, M Holmstedt, P Marrington, B Paramor Reeder, C Potter, D Skelton, J Taylor, L Thorpe, D Tremayne and D Wardell.
- In attendance:** K Eastwood, Locum Town Clerk (Minutes) and D Pearce, Deputy Town Clerk.  
11 members of the public and 3 grant applicants.
- 762                   Absence**  
To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence.
- Apologies were submitted from Cllrs A H Greenwood, G Kent, L Stephenson and D Tattersall.
- Resolved:** that the reasons given for absence be approved.
- 763                   Public Question Time**  
There were no questions from the public present.
- 764                   To approve the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019**
- Resolved:** that the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019 be approved as a correct record and be signed by the Chair.
- 765                   To consider motion to exclude public and press for any agenda item(s)**
- Resolved:** that the public and press be allowed to stay in the meeting for all agenda items with the exception of agenda item 13, due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.
- 766                   Minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2019**
- Resolved:** that the Minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2019 be approved and adopted.
- 767                   Minutes of the Development Committee meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2019**
- Resolved:** that the Minutes of the Development Committee meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2019 be approved and adopted.
- 768                   Minutes of the Staffing Committee meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019**
- Resolved:** that the Minutes of the Staffing Committee meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019 be approved and adopted.
- 769                   Minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

**Resolved:** that the Minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019 be approved and adopted.

**770 Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

**Resolved:**

- i) that the following wording be removed from draft minute 723, "Town Centre Security budgetary heading" and be replaced with, "Tourism budgetary heading."
- ii) that with the above amendment, the Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2019 be approved and adopted.

**771 Grant Application – Todmorden Business Network Group - £3,000**

Cllrs J Battye, J Grieve and A Hollis declared non pecuniary interests in relation to this item as they knew the applicants personally.

Representatives from the Todmorden Business Network Group and Upper Calder Valley Renaissance (UCVR) were invited to discuss their grant application and take questions from Members. A presentation was given on development of a 'More in Todmorden' universal identity, the making of a film and development of promotional materials. The Chair thanked those present for their attendance.

**Resolved:**

- i) that a grant of £3,000 be awarded to the organisation.

**772 Citizenship Awards 2019**

**Resolved:**

- i) that the recommendations of the General Purposes Committee of the 20<sup>th</sup> March be received and noted.
- ii) that Citizenship Awards be presented to the two individuals at Mayor's Day 2019.

**773 Motions moved on notice by Members**

- (i) It is proposed that Todmorden Town Council declare a climate emergency and works with relevant local community groups to support Todmorden becoming carbon neutral by 2030 and that the Council: -
  - Declares a 'climate emergency'
  - Establishes a Climate Change Committee to respond to this challenge, that meets in public including cross party representation and the involvement of other relevant local groups with a strategic eye on reducing our carbon footprint year on year.
  - Calls 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.
  - Requests the Climate Change Committee to report back to the Council on progress made in November 2019.

**Resolved:** that the motion be carried.

- (ii) To overturn the resolution at Minute 704, GP Committee meeting 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019. Instead, the Town Council agrees that nominations and elections for Mayor-elect and Deputy Mayor-elect for the Mayoral Year 2019/20 will take place at the Informal Meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

The motion was amended to read, "The Town Council agrees that selections for Mayor-designate and Deputy Mayor-designate for the Mayoral Year 2019/20 will take place at the informal Meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019."

**Resolved:** that the amended motion be carried.

(iii) That copies of Town Council job descriptions be circulated to all Members.

**Resolved:** that the motion be carried and that the job descriptions also be published on the Town Council website in due course.

**774 Arrangements for election of the Town Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor**

**Resolved:** that the process for selection of Town Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor in 2019/20 be based on the drawing of lots in line with a draft procedure previously circulated to Members.

**775 Receipts and Payments**

**Resolved:** that receipts totalling £39.83 since the last meeting be received and payment of accounts in accordance with the list submitted (schedule 212 to 5) totalling £22,653.36 be approved.

**776 Cheques for Signature**

There were 13 cheques presented for signature to the value of £8,277.82.

**Resolved:** that the cheques be signed in accordance with Council procedures.

**777 Staffing Matters**

A confidential staffing matter was discussed following exclusion of the press and public. An update on temporary staffing arrangements was provided.

**Resolved:**

- i) that the course of action recommended by the Staffing Committee be agreed and progressed.
- ii) that the Town Clerk and the Chair and other Members of the Staffing Committee be thanked for their work in dealing with the issue.