



TODMORDEN TOWN COUNCIL

# Outside Bodies

## 2023-2024

### A. Informal Appointments

#### 1. Age Concern Todmorden Committee

- Two councillors appointed annually.

Age Concern Todmorden is a small local charity supporting older people in Todmorden, Walsden, Cornholme, Portsmouth and surrounding areas. Appointed Town Councillors will attend the meetings of the Age Concern Trustees but are not appointed as Trustees. There are approximately 10 meetings a year.

#### 2. Calder Valley Line Community Rail Partnership Steering Group

- One councillor appointed annually.

The Calder Valley Line Community Rail Partnership was established in 2021 by Rochdale Council, Calderdale Council and local communities along the route of the Calder Valley Train line which runs from Rochdale through Todmorden to Halifax and Huddersfield. Community rail partnerships bring together local groups and partners along railway lines to work with the rail industry and deliver a range of community engagement and promotional activities to encourage ownership and improve access to and use of local rail services. They promote understanding of the importance of local railways, in terms of improving mobility and sustainable travel, community cohesion and wellbeing and social and economic development. The appointed Councillor will represent Todmorden Town Council and the interests of Todmorden at the Steering Group meetings. The Steering Group meetings are held every quarter and take place in person.

#### 3. Calderdale Anti-Poverty Steering Group

- One councillor appointed annually.

The Anti-Poverty Steering Group, which includes representatives from statutory and voluntary sector partners, co-ordinates the three key areas of work set out in Calderdale Council's Anti-Poverty Action Plan.

The three key areas of work are:

- to prevent people from falling into poverty,
- to support residents living in poverty through intervention, and
- to help people be more resilient to stay out of poverty.

The group's activities are wide ranging, spanning housing, welfare and debt advice, education, employment and training, food poverty, fuel poverty, health and wellbeing and early intervention and signposting.

The appointed Councillor is invited to attend Steering Group meetings and events.

#### **4. Calderdale Tourism Board**

- One councillor requested to join the Board.

In March 2023 the Calderdale Tourism Board invited a representative of Todmorden Town Council to join the Board and work alongside hospitality and tourism stakeholders and partners from across Calderdale. The appointed Councillor is asked to attend meetings of the Board and take part in events where possible.

#### **5. Emergency Coordinators**

- Up to 6 councillors appointed annually.

Coordinators are appointed to act on behalf of the Town Council both in an emergency and in the aftermath.

#### **6. Crook Hill Community Benefit Fund Advisory Group**

- Two councillors appointed annually.

Crook Hill Wind Farm near Whitworth has an associated community benefit fund worth £35,000 per year. Community groups located within a 5km radius of Crook Hill wind farm can apply for grants of between £250 and £10,000. Todmorden falls within the 5km radius and so two Town Councillors are invited to be part of the Advisory Group that evaluates grant applications and approves awards. The Advisory Group meets once a year in March/April to decide on the grant awards.

#### **7. Fielden Hall/The Fielden Centre Association**

- Two councillors appointed annually.

Fielden Hall is an indoor and outdoor event venue for weddings, parties and a range of other events from meditation classes to dance classes. The venue is run by the Fielden Centre

Association which is a registered charity. The two appointed councillors are not asked to be Trustees but are invited to attend board meetings and take part in some of Fielden Hall's events.

## **8. Friends of Centre Vale Park**

- Two councillors appointed annually.

Friends of Centre Vale Park is a voluntary group which aims to protect, improve, promote and enhance Centre Vale Park.

Activities include hands on projects such as woodland management, planting initiatives and path improvements as well as the planning and promotion of projects such as the development of the park's facilities through fundraising and public awareness.

The group help ensure the park is well maintained and raise and monitor any issues that arise with the Local Authority staff who oversee the park.

The appointed Councillors are invited to attend the groups monthly meetings where they discuss future events and planning, review the effectiveness of past activities and organise work for volunteer days (usually twice per month).

## **9. Reaps Moss Community Benefit Fund**

- Two councillors appointed annually.

Reaps Moss Wind Farm between Todmorden and Bacup has an associated community benefit fund worth £10,000 per year. Community groups located within Todmorden and Bacup can apply for grants of between £250 and £3,500. Two Town Councillors are invited to be part of the Advisory Group that evaluates grant applications and approves awards. The Advisory Group meets once a year in March/April to decide on the grant awards.

## **10. Upper Valley Safer, Cleaner Greener Team**

- One councillor appointed annually.

There are four Safer Cleaner Greener Teams within the borough of Calderdale. They focus their work towards the action plan for the Safer and Stronger Communities Partnership, addressing the problems specific to the local areas that they cover. Each team is led by a senior officer/manager from one of Calderdale Council, West Yorkshire Police or Together Housing. Membership includes Senior Manager (Chair), Neighbourhood Policing Inspector, Primary Care Trust, Local Authority (community safety, youth services, parks and street scene, environmental health), Together Housing, West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service. Other members are enlisted on an ad hoc basis to support their work, develop ideas and projects and share good practice. The Upper Valley SCG team usually meet every two months.

## **11. Todmorden Together**

- New Outside Body. No precedent on number of councillors appointed.

Todmorden Together was formed by Todmorden High School as a forum for interested stakeholders (including police officers, parents, members of our community, CMBC Councillors and school staff along with many others). Group members work together to ensure that our students have a safe and happy school and community to live in.

The meetings are once every half term (6 in a year). They are on a Thursday evening usually 5.30-6.30 and the agenda is pulled together prior to the meeting.

## **12. Todmorden Town Hall 150th Anniversary Steering Group**

- One councillor requested.

Friends of Todmorden Town Hall invited Todmorden Town Council to appoint a councillor to be part of an exciting project to mark the 150th anniversary of the opening of the Town Hall. The anniversary will take place in April 2025, but the process has started early to give enough time to bring ambitious plans to fruition. The Steering Group will have representatives from a wide cross section of Todmorden based organisations and interested individuals. The group will likely meet once every 6-8 weeks in the first instance. It is anticipated that the group would be overseeing the project, rather than taking on the nuts and bolts of organising each part of the celebration (though there will be plenty of opportunity for that if someone is keen!).

## **13. Todmorden Town Hall Working Group**

- One Councillor appointed annually.

The Town Hall Working Group membership includes, Friends of the Town Hall, Todmorden ward councillors, Todmorden town councillors and the Todmorden Information Centre. The group works closely with Calderdale Council have worked closely with the Council to agree a scheme that improves the acoustics whilst being sympathetic to the history of the building.

## **14. Todmorden Town Twinning Association Management Committee**

- Two councillors appointed annually.

The Todmorden Town Twinning Association values the involvement of Town Councillors on its Management Committee and has enjoyed a long relationship with the Town Council as an Outside Body. The Management Committee meets every 6 weeks to engage in its main business of maintaining connections with Todmorden's Twin Towns of Bramsche and Roncq; this is achieved primarily by arranging exchange visits. This year from 29th-31st May there will be a visit to Roncq by members of the Town Twinning Association.

## **15. Town and Parish Council Liaison Group**

- One councillor appointed annually and one substitute

In 2008 Calderdale Council established a Town and Parish Council Liaison Group, with the aim of promoting better and more effective working relationships between the Council and the Town and Parish Councils. The group has produced a draft Charter agreeing to several ways the councils can work together for the benefit of local communities.

The group is co-ordinated by Andrew Pitts of Calderdale Council and meets every other month via Microsoft Teams usually between 18:30-20:00, usually a Tuesday and usually every 3 months.

## **16. Town Deal Board**

- One councillor appointed annually.

The Town Deal Board includes representation from local people with specific skills and experience, Todmorden Town Council, Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council (Accountable Body), the local MP and an advisory representative from West Yorkshire Combined Authority. The Board has oversight of the development and delivery of the projects set out in the Town Investment Plan which attracted £17.5 million investment from the Government's £3.6 billion Towns Fund. The appointed Councillor will attend meetings of the Board and other events in support of the Town Deal project.

## **B: Formal Appointments**

### **1. Todmorden Information Centre Trust**

- Four Town Council appointments

Todmorden Information Centre is owned and run by a local trust whose membership include Town Councillors, professionals and volunteers. Appointed Councillors attend Trust meetings and are invited to support or take part in other events organised by the TIC.

Todmorden Information Centre provides information about local things to see and do in Todmorden along with details of where to stay when visiting the town and surrounding areas. They also provide a ticket booking service for theatres, venues, and events in Todmorden and Hebden Bridge. The TIC premises incorporate a shop selling souvenirs, maps, cards and books about Todmorden as well as exhibition space for local artists and photographers.

### **2. Todmorden Emergency Support**

- Four Trustees to be appointed, who do a 3 year term, every year four are nominated

Todmorden Emergency Support is the amalgamation of two charitable trusts, the Todmorden War Memorial Fund (1914/1918) and the Abraham Ormerod Trust, both of which exist to provide benefit and assistance to residents of Todmorden who are in need. Appointed Councillors will be registered as Trustees with the Charity Commission. Trustees meetings take place quarterly.

### **3. Trustees to the Heptonstall Exhibitions Charity and the Charity of Richard Naylor**

- Four Trustees to be appointed, each for a 4 year term

Appointed Councillors will be registered with the Charity Commission as Trustees of both of these Charities. Both charities offer financial assistance to young people leaving school who are going on to further education and who live within the Ancient Chapelry of Heptonstall for the purpose of providing assistance with the purchase of books. Trustees will attend one meeting per year in October at which they will review applications and agree grant disbursements.

#### **4. Trustees to The John Eastwood Homes**

- Three Trustees to be appointed, each for a 4-year term

The John Eastwood Homes charity was established to purchase land on which to build homes for older people in Todmorden. They have an interest in a number of homes in Walsden including a recent development delivered in partnership with the Calder Valley Community Land Trust. The three Town Council trustees will be appointed for a four year term and this will be a formal appointment recorded with the Charity Commission.

#### **5. Trustees to Cloughfoot School Trust**

- Two Trustees to be appointed, each for a 4-year term

This is a formal appointment with Trustees details being recorded by the Charity Commission. Cloughfoot School Trust gives out small grants to young people in education and training to support their studies. Trustees meet twice a year, once in May for the Annual meeting and once in October to review applications and decide grant disbursements.

## **C. No Appointments – All Welcome**

### **1. Todmorden Flood Group**

Councillors are welcome to attend the public meetings organised by the Todmorden Flood Group, but their constitution prevents Councillors from taking a position on the Steering Group. Meetings dates for 2023 pending.

### **2. Community Resilience Operational Group**

The group welcomes any Councillor who wishes to attend their public meetings. No appointment to the Steering Group is offered. Meeting dates for 2023 pending.

### **3. YLCA – South Pennine Branch Meeting**

Todmorden Town Council is a member of the Yorkshire Local Councils Association (YLCA). YLCA Branches are an opportunity for councillors and clerks of member councils to meet together to discuss issues of mutual interest and concern nationally and in their branch area. Branches can invite speakers on parish matters.

Any councillor or clerk can attend the Branch meeting but only two representatives from each member council/parish meeting have a vote.

There will be two more branch meetings in 2023 one on Wednesday 7 June and one on Wednesday 11 October. These are likely to be in-person meetings but no venues have been announced as yet.