

Item 5 Development
Committee 6 December
2023

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MINUTES OF THE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING Held in the Cockcroft Room, Todmorden Town Hall, Bridge Street, Todmorden, on Wednesday 8 November 2023 at 7.30 pm

Councillors Present: Cllrs S Martin (Chair), T Hanley (Mayor), A Hollis, Revd G Kent, B Jancovich, M Molteno (from 7.40pm), P Taylor, J Williams and M Carrigan (substitute for S Press)

Observing Councillors:

Officers: Mrs S Miles– Assistant Town Clerk (Minute taker)

Presenter:

Members of the Public: 1

2023(DC)112	<p><u>Item 1 Apologies for Absence – For Decision</u></p> <p>To receive and approve apologies for absence and reasons given to the Clerk prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Apologies received from Cllrs S Press, S Cheragi-Sohi and L Thorpe</p> <p><i>Proposed by Cllr J Williams Seconded by Cllr P Taylor</i> <i>Unanimously Approved</i></p> <p><i>RESOLVED:</i> <i>That the apologies of Cllrs S Press (prior commitments), S Cheragi-Sohi and L Thorpe (family commitments) be accepted.</i></p>
2023(DC)113	<p><u>Item 2 Declarations of Interest – For Decision</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>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.</p> <p>No declarations received.</p>
2023(DC)114	<p><u>Item 3 Public Participation – For Decision</u></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>Note: No resolutions can be under public participation</p> <p><i>Proposed by Cllr S Martin Seconded by Cllr P Taylor</i> <i>Unanimously Agreed</i></p> <p><i>RESOLVED:-</i> <i>That members of the public can make representation on the business of the agenda for the meeting.</i></p> <p>No representations received</p>
2023(DC)115	<p><u>Item 4 Exclusion of Press and Public – Public Bodies (Admission to meetings Act 1960) – For Decision</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><i>Proposed by Cllr S Martin Seconded by Cllr M Carrigan</i> <i>Unanimously Approved</i></p> <p><i>RESOLVED:-</i> <i>That any public or press who may attend be allowed to stay for the whole of the meeting.</i></p>
2023(DC)116	<p><u>Item 5 Minutes – For Decision</u></p>

To approve the draft minutes of the Development Committee meeting held 11 October 2023.

Proposed by Cllr P Taylor
Unanimously Approved

Seconded by Cllr B Jancovich

RESOLVED:- That the draft minutes of the Development Committee meeting held on 11 October 2023 be approved as a true record of proceedings

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Item 6 To Submit Comments on the Planning Applications Received from Calderdale Council.

Comments as detailed below were agreed by Members en bloc.

Proposed by Cllr P Taylor
Unanimously Approved

Seconded by Cllr the Revd G Kent

RESOLVED:- That the consultees responses as detailed below be submitted to Calderdale Council en bloc.

Item no	Application Number	Address	Purpose	TTC Feedback
6a	23/00946/FUL	Calder Bank House Shaw Wood Road Todmorden Calderdale OL14 6DA	Change of use from nursing home (Use Class C2) to single dwelling (Use Class C3) with alteration to roof structure and external accessible ramp to east and south elevations	Supported subject to the views of the Environment Agency
6b	23/01000/LBC	1 Chapel House Cottages Grey Stone Lane Todmorden Calderdale OL14 8RN	Replacement windows (Listed Building Consent)	Supported
6c	23/20164/TPO	The Mill House Burnley Road	Fell one tree, prune one tree (Tree	Supported subject to the views of the Tree Officer. Also suggest felled tree

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		Todmorden Calderdale OL14 7DQ	Preservation Order)	is replaced with one of a native species
6d	23/00977/FUL	48C Halifax Road Todmorden Calderdale OL14 5QG	Conversion of community room to single 1 bed flat	Supported
6e	23/20170/TPO	Bridleways 2 Rossendale View Todmorden Calderdale OL14 6HN	Prune one tree (Tree Preservation Order)	Supported subject to the views of the Tree Officer
6f	23/00712/HSE	4 Maple Street Walsden Todmorden Calderdale OL14 7TH	Proposed single storey rear extension. Dormers to north and south elevations.	Supported
6g	23/00985/LBC	Middle Midgelden Farm Bacup Road Todmorden Calderdale OL14 7HW	Window alterations to previously approved plans (Ref: 19/00771/FUL & 19/00772/LBC).	No comment
2023(DC)118	<p><u>Item 7 Correspondence Concerning Previous Planning Applications - For Information</u> To receive a verbal update</p> <p>No update</p>			
2023(DC)119	<p><u>Item 8 CMBC Decisions for Planning Applications Where Todmorden Town Council has been Consulted</u> To receive written update</p> <p><i>Proposed by Cllr S Martin Seconded by Cllr P Taylor</i> <i>Unanimously Approved</i></p> <p><i>RESOLVED:- That the update be received.</i></p>			
2023(DC)120	<p><u>Item 9 Outstanding Issues Register, Including Paths and Obstructions – For Information</u></p>			

To receive written updates about blocked paths and obstructions as well as the Outstanding Issues Register

- a. Blocked paths and obstructions
- b. Outstanding Issues Register

Members discussed the update from Network Rail about the option for decorating the railway bridge on Hallroyd Rd with artwork. Ideas discussed included involving local schools (via Cllr M Carrigan and the local Schools Cluster) and local artists (the latter possibly contacted by a Town Council social media intervention). A possible theme for the artwork was suggested – ‘climate change and what is of importance in Todmorden over the next 8 years before the bridge is reconstructed (2029/30)’.

Proposed by Cllr J Williams
Unanimously Approved

Seconded by Cllr the Revd G Kent

RESOLVED:- That the clerk respond to Network Rail to find out what budget (to include materials and artist payment) is available for a community art project for the bridge.

RESOLVED:- That Cllrs J Williams, M Molteno, the Revd G Kent and T Hanley form a subgroup to design and implement the process for the selection of artists. Members also raised the issue of the Hey St bridge at Tipside. The clerk reported that the ownership is not certain. It is thought to be Jupiter Investments although members of the Riverside Improvement Group believe it could be Calderdale Housing. Calderdale Council is currently clarifying the ownership of the site and aims to collaborate with them to enable improvements for the wooden bridge.

2023(DC)121

Item 10 Update from Neighbourhood Coordinator About Anti-Social Behaviour/Young Lives Matter – For Information

To receive a written update

There was a great deal of discussion with some members stating that they believe that the issue of anti-social behaviour and lack of provision for young people (since the closure of youth clubs in Todmorden) was the main issue for Todmorden residents at the moment. It was mentioned that there are no funds specifically available, and that policing is minimal. It was mentioned that safeguarding and other requirements mean that it is more complex to set up activities than in the past. It was suggested that this is a prominent issue to address as it is known that criminal gangs in Rochdale and Bradford are recruiting young people to be involved in their illegal drug trade.

The Mayor stated that he has conversations with residents about anti-social behaviour and youth provision when he engages in mayoral activities.

It was mentioned that there are sporting and drama activities in Todmorden, though possibly not at the times of the day that young people may need them. It was mentioned that Todmorden High School has a group which meets called ‘Todmorden Together’ and they are currently investigating what young people

	<p>need and want in terms of activities. It was agreed to first find out about the recommendations of this group via their newsletter.</p> <p>It was suggested that the lack of funding for youth provision requires a creative partnership approach to make things happen. It was mentioned that a ‘Midnight Football League’ has been set up as an initiative in Halifax and that perhaps this could be tried in Todmorden. Sources of funding suggested were Children in Need and the Resources Committee of Todmorden Town Council.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr S Martin Seconded by Cllr B Jancovich Unanimously Approved</p> <p>RESOLVED:- That the report be received, and the Neighbourhood Coordinator be thanked.</p> <p>RESOLVED:- Cllr M Carrigan to arrange for a copy of the ‘Todmorden Together’ newsletter to be sent to the clerk who will circulate it to members.</p> <p>RESOLVED:- That a subgroup comprising Cllrs B Jancovich, T Hanley, M Molteno and P Taylor be set up to support the development work on this which is in its preliminary stages.</p>
<p>2023(DC)122</p>	<p><u>Item 11. Possibility of Planning Permission being Sought for an Onshore Windfarm at Walshaw Estate in Wadsworth, Hebden Bridge – For Information</u></p> <p>To receive a written update</p> <p>Members discussed the importance of understanding this issue so that the correct approach can be taken.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr S Martin Seconded by Cllr B Jancovich Unanimously Approved</p> <p>RESOLVED: - That the update be received and that Cllrs S Martin, S Press and the clerk will attend the first meeting of the Parish Forum in Hepstonstall on Monday 13 November 2023 at 7.30pm and report back to the next meeting of the Development Committee on 6 December 2023.</p> <p>RESOLVED:- That Cllr M Molteno will let the clerk have a copy of the applicant’s pre-application Scoping Report for circulation to members.</p>
<p>2023(DC)123</p>	<p><u>Item 12 Calderdale Council: Consultation - Supplementary Planning Document - Biodiversity Net Gain – For Information</u></p> <p>To receive written update</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr S Martin Seconded by Cllr J Williams Unanimously Approved</p>

	<p>RESOLVED: - That the update be received and that a presentation to the Development Committee be sought from the newly appointed Calderdale Biodiversity Officer.</p> <p>RESOLVED: - The Project Officer and Consultant be asked to consider this document when finalizing Todmorden Neighbourhood Plan.</p>
2023(DC)124	<p><u>Item 13 Feedback on Speed Checks in Todmorden – For Information</u> To receive a written update</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr S Martin Seconded by Cllr B Jancovich Unanimously Approved</p> <p>RESOLVED: - That the update be received.</p>
2023(DC)125	<p><u>Item 14 Any Items for Discussion for a Future Agenda – For Information</u> To notify the Clerk of any matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next or future meetings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yorkshire Water to present. To include the dumping of waste in rivers – 6 December 2023 • Recognition of Calderdale and contracted staff for the work that has been done on the A646 Corridor Improvements project • Consideration of a TTC Tourism Policy • Biodiversity Net Gain • Possible Onshore Windfarm at Wadsworth
2023(DC)126	<p><u>Item 14 Date of the Next Committee Meeting – For Information</u></p> <p>To note the date of the next committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday 6th December 2023 at 7.30pm.</p> <p>The meeting ended at 8.50pm.</p>