

# Full Council – 18<sup>th</sup> January 2023

## Item 9

Dear Naomi and Susan

Friends of Todmorden Town Hall are inviting the Town Council to be a partner in an exciting project to mark the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of the Town Hall.

This will take place in April 2025, but we are starting the organising process early as we want to have enough time to bring ambitious plans to fruition. We do not yet have any fixed ideas about what we want to create for the celebration, so this is a fantastic opportunity to help us shape a project that will engage the whole town.

We are forming a 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Steering Group which we are hoping will have representatives from a wide cross section of Todmorden based organisations and interested individuals. It would be great if the Town Council would like to nominate an enthusiastic person to sit on this group, which will likely meet once every 6-8 weeks in the first instance. To give you an indication of what would be involved, 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!). Initially we will be brainstorming ideas about what the celebration could include, creating a vision for what we would like, and then applying for funding to make it happen.

We are keen to have creative people, people who are good at funding applications and budgeting, people who are good at networking, people who have some knowledge of Todmorden History, but also people who are just enthusiastic about the possibilities of creating a really special event.

We would be grateful if you could discuss this amongst your organisation and let us know if you are able to join in. The Steering Group is initially open to anyone, so we would be really grateful if you could send this invite around your networks and feature on your website and social media.

The first meeting will be held on Monday February 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at Todmorden Town Hall (this meeting is in the evening to enable community participation. Future meetings can then be arranged to suit the Steering Group members.)

Best wishes,  
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On behalf of Friends of Todmorden Town Hall

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