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Item 5 Development Committee  
27 March 2024

## MINUTES OF THE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Held in the Council Chamber, Todmorden Town Hall, Bridge Street, Todmorden, on  
Wednesday 28 February 2024 at 7.30 pm

**Councillors Present:** Cllrs S Martin (Chair), T Hanley (Mayor), A Hollis, B Jancovich, G Kent, M Molteno, S Press, P Taylor, K White, J Williams, M Carrigan (substituting for S Cheragi-Sohi) and A Greenwood (substituting for L Thorpe)

**Officers:** Mrs S Miles (Assistant Town Clerk)

**Members of the Public:** Mr G Butterworth, Ms J Ehrhart + 3

2023(DC)176	<p><b><u>Item 1 Apologies for Absence – For Decision</u></b></p> <p>To receive and approve apologies for absence and reasons given to the Clerk prior to the meeting.</p> <p><i>Apologies received from Cllrs S Cheragi-Sohi and L Thorpe.</i></p> <p><b><i>Proposed by Cllr S Martin                      Seconded by Cllr P Taylor</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Unanimously Approved</i></b></p> <p><b><i>RESOLVED:</i> That the apologies of Cllrs S Cheragi-Sohi (family reasons) and L Thorpe (prior engagement) be accepted.</b></p>
2023(DC)177	<p><b><u>Item 2 Declarations of Interest – For Decision</u></b></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>

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2023(DC)178	<p><b><u>Item 3 Public Participation – For Decision</u></b>          To adjourn the meeting to allow members of the public to make representation on the business of the agenda for the meeting.          Note: No resolutions can be under public participation.</p> <p>Mr G Butterworth reported that the new First Bus timetable was causing significant problems and increasing the timescales for people trying to get to work.</p> <p>Ms J A Ehrhart reported that the bus times in the new timetable are causing children travelling from Cornholme to arrive very late at Todmorden High School causing significant disruption at the start of the school day. It was also causing difficulties with the return home at the end of the school day and was preventing children participating in after school activities.</p> <p><b><i>Proposed by</i></b> Cllr S Press     <b><i>Seconded by</i></b> Cllr G Kent          Unanimously Approved</p> <p><b><i>RESOLVED:</i></b> - That item 7 of the agenda should be taken before item 6 to enable members of the public attending specifically for that item to get away quicker.</p>
2023(DC)179	<p><b><u>Item 4 Exclusion of Press and Public – Public Bodies (Admission to meetings Act 1960) – For Decision</u></b>          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><b><i>Proposed by</i></b> Cllr S Martin     <b><i>Seconded by</i></b> Cllr P Taylor          Unanimously Approved</p> <p><b><i>RESOLVED:</i></b> - That any public or press who may attend be allowed to stay for the whole of the meeting.</p>
2023(DC)180	<p><b><u>Item 5 Minutes – For Decision</u></b>          To approve the draft minutes of the Development Committee meeting held 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024.</p> <p><b><i>Proposed by</i></b> Cllr P Taylor     <b><i>Seconded by</i></b> Cllr S Martin          Unanimously Approved</p> <p><b><i>RESOLVED:-</i></b> That the draft minutes of the Development Committee meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024 be approved as a true record of proceedings.</p>
2023(DC)181	<p><b><u>Item 7. Changes to the Bus Timetable – For Decision</u></b>          To consider the recent changes and the impact. To decide what action, if any, is required</p> <p>Cllr K White reported that the new bus schedule had started on 18 February and that there were significant problems with children travelling from Cornholme arriving late which was an issue for them but also for the school. He explained that the changes showed a lack of local knowledge but that this was compounded by issues with the ticket machines (exacerbated when the internet</p>

	<p>connection was weak or non-existent), which results in passengers travelling free and First Bus not having accurate statistics of those travelling.</p> <p>Cllr the Rev G Kent reported that the revised bus timetable was also causing people to be late for services at the various churches in Todmorden which causes embarrassment, stress for the individuals and disruption in the church services.</p> <p><b>Proposed by Cllr K White    Seconded by Cllr A H Greenwood</b>  <b>Unanimously Approved</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:-</b> <i>That the clerk write to the new Managing Director of First West Yorkshire, Andrew Cullen and the Commercial Director, Kayleigh Ingham to raise the issue and to request urgent action around the bus timetable regarding children getting to school on time, plus the general issues of residents not being able to access work, medical appointments and social activities. This exacerbates social isolation in a known area of deprivation. This letter should be copied to the six Calderdale Councillors (Todmorden and Calder), Steve Wainwright – Calderdale Council, Craig Whittaker MP and Tracey Brabin.</i></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:-</b> <i>That the letter above be posted on the TTC website.</i></p>
2023(DC)182	<p><b><u>Item 6 Presentation from Kellie Foster of Yorkshire Water – For Information</u></b>  To provide information about Yorkshire Water activities in Todmorden</p> <p>Ms K Foster and Ms S Robinson went through their presentation under the following headings:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Yorkshire Water region</li> <li>2. How the Yorkshire Water Business Plan is created</li> <li>3. Yorkshire Water 10 Year Strategy and Vision</li> <li>4. The responsibility for flood water</li> <li>5. Event Duration Monitoring</li> <li>6. Combined sewer overflow (CSO) discharging</li> <li>7. The improvements Yorkshire Water plan to do to improve the overflows into the Calder</li> <li>8. The Priority Services Register and how to join</li> <li>9. The capacity of Eastwood Sewage Treatment works</li> <li>10. The location of the discharge point near the lagoon to the North of the Treatment Works</li> <li>11. The actions Yorkshire Water is doing to ensure the Calder reaches “Good” ecological status</li> <li>12. Nicola Shaw’s decision to refuse her bonus last year</li> <li>13. Information on whether there is asbestos and/or lead pipes at Blackshaw Head</li> <li>14. The information Yorkshire Water is able to include on bills to give advice to customers</li> </ol> <p>The question and answer session followed. Ms K Foster confirmed that Yorkshire Water can be contacted on a 24 hour basis, by phone, email or online. A question was raised about the size of YW profits (£723m last year) and why more of this is not invested in the network. Ms K Foster confirmed that the £180m</p>

	<p>amount, raised from investors, was additional to that already stated in the Yorkshire Water plans. The question was raised about what plans there were for the additional £180m investment. Ms Robinson stated that the investigation work to establish what will be required is underway but firm plans would not be available until March 2025. She stated that it was expected that the additional £180m would lead to a 20% reduction in overflows. She also stated that to increase the impact further within the timescale would not be possible because there were not enough firms available to do the work, the impact that the digging up of roads would have and the impact on carbon emissions.</p> <p>Ms K Foster said that there is a north/side divide and that the majority of CSOs are in Yorkshire and Lancashire and that financial assistance to reduce this issue was required from central Government.</p> <p>Ms K Foster said that she hoped that the number of water leaks on Stansfield Hall Rd (seven in two years) would automatically trigger the replacement of the drains there. She said that she would look into this. The issue of the water leak from the Hollins was raised. Although this is probably a spring water leak (the responsibility of Calderdale Council) Ms K Foster advised that she would raise the issue with the Partnerships Team so that they could liaise with Calderdale Council to resolve this issue.</p> <p>The issue about the amount of works (and roadworks) on Stansfield Hall was raised. Ms K Foster advised that if there is sufficient time, YW writes in advance to residents. If the timescale is very short, they contact Calderdale Council. She advised that there is a website with road closures as a result of YW work, providing national information.</p> <p><b>Proposed by</b> Cllr J Williams      <b>Seconded by</b> Cllr M Molteno Unanimously Approved</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> - <i>That the clerk write to Nicola Shaw (CEO of YW) to request that more be done to improve the water quality of the Calder River, which is classed as the second worst in England.</i></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> - <i>That the clerk write to Ms K Foster and Ms S Robinson to request the information available (so far) on the plans to spend the additional £180m - in the Calderdale area, especially around the River Calder and in Todmorden.</i></p>
2023(DC)183	<p><b><u>Item 8 To Submit Comments on the Planning Applications Received from Calderdale Council.</u></b></p> <p>Comments as detailed below were agreed by Members en bloc.</p> <p><b>Proposed by</b> Cllr S Martin      <b>Seconded by</b> Cllr P Taylor Unanimously Approved</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> - <i>That the consultees responses as detailed below be submitted to Calderdale Council en bloc.</i></p>

Item no	Application Number	Address	Purpose	TTC Feedback
8a	24/00069/FUL	Stansfield Hall Nursery The Grove Todmorden Calderdale	Construction of a two-bedroom home, on the land southeast of the existing former nursery garden to Stansfield Hall. (revised proposal from 18/01303/FUL)	Supported
8b	FUL/2024/0061	Portsmouth Mill Burnley Road Todmorden	Planning permission for works associated with an extant planning permission with the adjacent local planning authority (Calderdale Borough Council) for the conversion of mill to form 10 apartments and 12 new build dwellings.	Supported
8c	24/00114/FUL	Greenhills 51 Ramsden Wood Road Walsden Todmorden Calderdale OL14 7UD	Demolition of garage and construction of new dwelling.	Supported
8d	24/00155/HSE	Great House Clough Barn Great House Road Todmorden Calderdale OL14 8RL	Garage conversion, construction of porch and canopy over kitchen external door.	Supported
8e	24/00140/VAR	Land South Of 335 Bacup Road Gorpley Road Todmorden Calderdale	Variation of Condition 1 (Approved Plans) of application reference 21/00841/FUL. Variation to consist of replacement plans for design changes.	No Comment

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2023(DC)184	<p><b><u>Item 9 Correspondence Concerning Previous Planning Applications - For Information</u></b></p> <p>To receive a written update</p> <p>Nothing to update.</p>
2023(DC)185	<p><b><u>Item 10 CMBC Decisions for Planning Applications Where Todmorden Town Council has been Consulted</u></b></p> <p>To receive written update</p> <p><b><i>Proposed by Cllr S Martin                      Seconded by Cllr G Kent                      Unanimously Approved</i></b></p> <p><b><i>RESOLVED: - To receive the report</i></b></p>
2023(DC)186	<p><b><u>Item 11 Outstanding Issues Register, Including Paths and Obstructions – For Information</u></b></p> <p>To receive written updates about blocked paths and obstructions as well as the Outstanding Issues Register</p> <p>a.      Blocked paths and obstructions b.      Outstanding Issues Register</p> <p><b><i>Proposed by Cllr S Martin                      Seconded by Cllr P Taylor</i></b> <b><i>Unanimously Approved</i></b></p> <p><b><i>RESOLVED: - To receive the report</i></b></p>
2023(DC)187	<p><b><u>Item 12 Removal of Graffiti From Hallroyd Rd Bridge – For Information</u></b></p> <p>To provide a written update</p> <p><b><i>Proposed by Cllr S Martin                      Seconded by Cllr M Molteno</i></b> <b><i>Unanimously Approved</i></b></p> <p><b><i>RESOLVED: - That the clerk write to Network Rail to enquire whether it would be possible for TTC to organise a community scheme to decorate the railway Bridge.</i></b></p>
2023(DC)188	<p><b><u>Item 13 Update on Progress with the Accessibility Improvements for Todmorden Railway Station – For Information</u></b></p> <p>To provide a written update</p> <p><b><i>Proposed by Cllr K White                      Seconded by Cllr T Hanley</i></b> <b><i>Unanimously Approved</i></b></p> <p><b><i>RESOLVED: -That the clerk write to Network Rail expressing concern about the safety of pedestrians on the road from the station where traffic control is in place.</i></b></p>

2023(DC)189	<p><b><u>Item 14 Items for a Future Agenda – For Information</u></b></p> <p>To notify the Clerk of any matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognition of Calderdale and contracted staff for the work that has been done on the A646 Corridor Improvements project</li> <li>• Consideration of a TTC Tourism Policy</li> <li>• Biodiversity Net Gain</li> <li>• Request a presentation from a Calderdale Council Planning Enforcement Officer</li> <li>• The condition of the fence at Lidl which secures the attenuation tanks.</li> </ul>
2023(DC)190	<p><b><u>Item 15 Date of the Next Committee Meeting – For Information</u></b></p> <p>To note the date of the next committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7.30pm.</p>
The meeting ended at 9pm.	