

Todmorden Together

Thursday 25th January 2024

5-6pm School Library

Attended:

- Gill Shirt (Headteacher, Todmorden High School)
- Ken White (Todmorden Town Councillor)
- Leoni Purdy (Restorative solutions)
- Becca Wagstaff (Restorative solutions)
- Catherine Bann (Neighbourhood coordinator, Calderdale Council)
- PC Fleming (WY Police)
- PCSO David Evans Todmorden (WY Police)
- Stephen Curry
- May Molteno – Local councillor
- Tony Greenwood – Todmorden Town Councillor
- Amna Nisah – Todmorden Town Board

Minute taking – Leanne Maude (Todmorden High School)

Summary of actions from meeting	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Amend last minutes to reflect Stephen Curry attended last meeting.• Check that Emma Carter is on the mailing list for the meeting to ensure she can be invited to future events.• Arrange another opportunity for Cllr Molteno to come and meet with a different cohort of students (older).• Create working group – joint venture of youth panel and Todmorden together. This working group can then work collectively work to set out aims and to apply for funding (Catherine Bann to organise first meeting).• Gill Shirt to support Becca Wagstaff in facilitating student panels for the immediate justice pilot in Todmorden.• Becca Wagstaff to make contact with the Youth Engagement Panel (Amna Nisah).	
Item	Minutes
Review of previous minutes: Specific update on item on Youth provision/nuisance behaviour update (Catherine Bann).	Attended youth forum meeting after last meeting. Gave update on ‘Young lives forum’. Good opportunity for Catherine and Tony Lawson to raise the issue of the lack of provision of youth provision in Todmorden. Catherine and Tony have a plan of action to raise money to pay for a project officer to raise money to create a youth drop-in centre. Need third sector support to be able to do this. Ideas are in their infancy. Looking for other youth organisations that might

	<p>Funding for an intergenerational project – want to close the gap to bring together groups of teenagers with those that feel intimidated by them to improve community relations. Looking to create a spring event for this project.</p>
<p>Update from Cllr Molteno</p>	<p>Been in post since May 2023. Issues around anti-social behaviour and not enough provision for young people in Todmorden is priority for council. Had a forum with 12 year 9 students about what they do outside school. Lots of these students talked about how weather dependent the provision was for them Indoor, they went to the gym or swimming. Some went to scouts, Burnley youth theatre, sport teams. They said they felt safe in these organised activities because they didn't need to manage their own social interactions. Talked about their own self-directed activities such as going to the park. They raised that they felt intimidated by older groups of teenagers but also reflected that they recognised they could be intimidating to others themselves (without intending to).</p> <p>Ideas they raised</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Having more corner parks – smaller spaces around the town for recreational activities. • They wanted a space to meet as young people. They suggested a 'Wetherspoons for young people'. Idea of a 'pop-up café'. • Teenage markets concept – national project to help students take stalls in markets, look to take it forward. <p>Interest around the markets project, Stephen Curry mentioned that something similar has been done in the past successfully. People who run the markets in Todmorden want to encourage young people to consider this as a career.</p> <p>GSH invited comments from PC/PCSO. They commented that it was much quieter at the moment. Likely due to the weather. They commented that the young people who cause issues, usually won't go to the youth group.</p> <p>Discussion around young people taking some responsibility for what it looks like to make this appealing to them.</p>

	<p>Discussion around funding and lack of it. Todmorden Town Deal funding is ringfenced for capital investment – youth provision not possible with this funding.</p> <p>Town Deal – Youth Engagement Panel. Suggestion that all those working towards provision for young people works with this as the ‘nucleus’. Action to create a working group to bring people together.</p>
<p>Becca Wagstaff – update on immediate justice</p>	<p>From Restorative Solutions (justice). Handle out of court course with Police. Involved in ‘Immediate justice’ pilot.</p> <p>New government backed pilot running in 7 areas in UK. West Yorkshire given funding for this. The pilot has been extended to the middle of the year.</p> <p>Involves probation, police and youth justice, and councils. They focus on the education aspect.</p> <p>Todmorden – referral came from Police, around the anti-social behaviour on the market. They are doing work to engage the youth and the community to bridge gaps. Understanding the realistic impacts of antisocial behaviour. Work has started in Todmorden – talked to shops near park and market stall holders. Biggest barrier is other services and councils – need buy in from these stakeholders so they can work together and work through any areas where they overlap.</p> <p>Community conference – formal event. Lots of engagement around what people want to see and what their experiences are. To involve all stakeholders. Future will be to speak with young people to talk about what they want going forward.</p>
<p>Next meeting: Thursday 9th May 2024 @ 5-6pm at Todmorden High school.</p>	