

Todmorden Together Agenda 26/1/2023 5.30-6.30pm, School Library

Attended – Ken White, Stephen Pollard, Adam Fenton, Gemma Awde, Steph Booth, Louise Kirkup, Liz Thorpe, David Mayhew, Pam Warhurst, Emma Crowther, Stephen Curry, Amy Lancaster, Julia Grieve, Catherine Bann, Diana Tremayne, Melissa Wells, Amanda Brown, Gill Shirt.

Apologies – Jon Hairsine, Melvin Coleman

Minute taking – M Wells.

Item	Who	Duration
Collation of late items and review of previous minutes	Gill Shirt and attendees	5mins
Update from last meeting and progress Focus for this year	Gill Shirt	5mins
Summer Get Together	Melissa Wells	10mins
The Accessible Todmorden Forum	Julia Grieve	10mins
School transport issues	Cllr Ken White	10mins
Community Health & Wellbeing Team	Gemma Awde	10mins
150 th anniversary of Todmorden Town Hall (2025)	Catherine Bann	5mins
Late items	All present	5min
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Summary of actions from meeting	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillors pushing for youth service, also from GS and Todmorden Together. • Catherine chasing other agents. • All invited to THS get together let us know if you want a stall. • All to promote HM offer. • PW/AB to meet re: Book festival. 	
Item	Minutes
Collation of late items and review of previous minutes	No late items.
Update from last meeting and progress Focus for this year	<p>We want better facilities for young people of Todmorden. Tod College – basketball almost ready for use early evening. 3G pitch – no movement. Warm space 3-4pm Thurs 2/2 CAB in attendance, warm coat drive, spread the word – please come but let us know.</p> <p>The Bus – in Tod on Thurs evening. Last 8 weeks – activity bus – inundated. 25 and it only holds 8-10. Reducing to once per fortnight. Being asked to cover too many places. Still reluctant to give them a premises for youth club to be more regularly. If we shout loudly we’ll get more provision. DT has been asking for more with no result so far, we need more provision. Frustration around this.</p>

	<p>Push for this – need regular youth provision in Tod. Collective voice might get more for Tod.</p> <p>PW TTD – lots of projects. Each one needs to engage with young people. Youth panel – youth deal board – Directors of Town Deal want to meet with this board to fully integrate young people into the Town Deal.</p> <p>Youth bank – also pending.</p> <p>Beyond the deal – investment panel for further ned. Not covered by Town Deal. One focus will be on recreational facilities. Want to include THS students in other projects beyond what is currently planned. 3G pitch would be a part of this 1.5m – half funded by FA. Where can we put it? Gill on youth panel. Also want wider group of people and advisory group.</p> <p>Town Deal means there is now a focus on Tod - the time if right for more investment.</p>
Summer Get Together	<p>MW spoke about THS get together 23/6/23 4-6pm at THS.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same format as last year. • Plus, Saikyo soup making/streaming to Tokyo/Canada. • Y6 intake event. • Range of entertainments. • Please come!
The Accessible Todmorden Forum	<p>Quite difficult to access if you are struggling with a mobility issue. Plan to map town for accessible routes. As an example, Tod Park is tricky, Wheelchairs can't access the Remembrance service. Park rangers are going to map it and identify problem spots – also need more benches for those who need to rest. More widely, the whole town needs to identify its problem areas. Want help from Tod Together and/or THS students in mapping the whole town. Around Town Hall – no yellow lines.</p> <p>EC spoke about a project at Walsden School to monitor traffic speeds outside school.</p> <p>Contacts with Calderdale Accessibility – trying to make more places more accessible. Want our help in making a dementia friendly step-free map of Todmorden – to make it a much more inclusive town.</p> <p>DT spoke about a delayed project to make the train station more accessible. Should be being adapted now and more delays.</p> <p>PW spoke about needing accessibility works for Town Deal/active travel to happen in conjunction with each other.</p> <p>GS asked Accessibility Forum to get in touch with her. EC will also put the project onto the next TOPS meeting.</p>
School transport issues	<p>KW update on First Bus service from school – very erratic and unreliable. First Bus somewhat reluctant to admit their failings.</p>

	<p>GS updated that buses are still very erratic, query of why there is not a designated school bus service for all the children who attend THS from Bacup. Some complaints about seat availability as it is a public bus not a school service.</p> <p>EC yellow bus refuses to pick up Walsden kids despite going past. Having to let Walsden children out 20mins early every day because of inadequacies in bus timetabling. Problems caused by schools letting out early - 90hrs lost learning time across a year.</p> <p>KW – cost is given as reason for no school service.</p> <p>CB advised bringing issues to Calderdale Local Transport Board – quarterly meeting. Catherine to provide dates.</p>
Community Health & Wellbeing Team	<p>GA Healthy Minds – one service now ended, but Healthy Minds still exist. Works in pilot project focused on 5 streets and taking a door to door approach. Trying to signpost people to services and support. Want to find solutions.</p> <p>HM offer in Tod:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drop in – Roomfield Church 1-3pm (social probs/benefits etc). • Safespace – 16+ daytime/phone line (ring/text/email/Facebook) • Drop in Halifax (art/self-management and chronic pain/mindfulness for all zoom – all these twice monthly) • Welfare rights – support with access to benefits. • 10–19-year-old – central Halifax workshops. Really needs to be brought to Todmorden too! • Support for young people from different ethnic groups – breaking down stigma around this. • CCFU – wellbeing service for those in public services/schools etc massage /yoga short term for now. <p>PW to contact AB re: Book Festival.</p>
150 th anniversary of Todmorden Town Hall (2025)	<p>CB presented on April 2025 150th anniversary of Town Hall. Feb 6th is first meeting 7pm.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Different ideas aired for what the celebration might look like. • All invited. • Whatever happens will involve the schools.
Late items	No late items.
Date of next meeting: Thursday 18/5/23 5.30pm-6.30pm	

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Item	Minutes
Introductions	Reps from Tod Town Deal, Football Club, Detached sessions in Tod, Police, Land Trust, Healthy Minds Calderdale.

Collation of late items	3G pitch
Election of chair	Gill to carry on. All agreed. Explained purpose of group. We all need actions by the end of the meeting.
Review of previous minutes (3/3/22)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tod Town Deal/Riverside • PL funding needed for 3G pitch • County lines update from the police – impact in Tod. • Great THS get together was a triumph.
Update on Tod Town Deal (A Lawson)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website – good, please look. • Business cases – escalating costs are challenging, as is matured funding. Current focus. • Inability of some projects is challenging – some have been combined. • Business cases – submitted, response expected this year. • Independent report – is project and outcome aligned? • Positive so far. • S Curry – we used previous consultations to guide initial investment plan. Independent academic has verified aims are aligned with previous consultation findings common theme and trend. • M Carrigan – project manager for work in park e.g. skate park/Christmas lights etc. Other projects are pending e.g. pavilion/conservatory. • Gill asked re: grassroots sport – MUGA still planned. Short of pitches – need more – lots of players – could easily fill another 4-5 teams. 100+ at football at weekend. Sessions having to be curtailed due to lack of playing space. • Riverside – open day – meeting with clubs to explore options (for new pitches) (Harleywood/second). • 3G pitch would allow expansion. • Need grass study and money for feasibility study. • Initial meeting before summer holiday – no discernible action so far. • GSH asked if there was a plan for more pitches on park. Not via Town Deal, but possibly through other channels. ACTION: M Carrigan to ask Colin to get in touch and give update. • L Kirkup – wants student voice and ownership of developments/links to career opportunities. • Youth engagement – they want: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Football ○ More available youth ‘spaces’ multi-use • Gill mentioned the need to engage young people in positive action and away from, for example, Patmos Gardens.
Update from police (PC D Burrows)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D Burrows – PCSO problem solver- focused on Patmos Gardens – ASB? Challenge directly and some letters. Regular patrols. Memorial for Jalib caused some more issues. Weekend after he died largely positive event. Some good parental support. • Patrols at area in front of schools. • A few drugs arrests <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lumbutts farm (cannabis) ○ Burnley Road (cannabis farm) • PWITS – cannabis • Vapes – school/parents/kids are telling us where they get them. No prosecution of retailers yet. Difficult to prove.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • G Shirt discussed the problems that would be faced if THS started to host events/clubs. • S Curry – what is the gap that needs to be filled. What do young people want? How do we fund it? • G Shirt mentioned that a good school drives investment but sometimes we don't seem to get positive, public recognition, despite being consistently good. A minority gives a negative perspective. • S Curry – communication is key – not just responsibility of school.
Aims of the group this year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M Carrigan mentioned expansion of scouts/guides at church in Lumbutts. • Also, possibility of putting bid in via Reaps Moss – Tod council website – external grants – two opportunities. • L Kirkup – there is an ambition to change the market area/adjoining car park. We need an indoor facility, so they do more than 'hang around'. • M Wells – we need to inspire our young people to want to do more than 'hang around' – they are gainfully engaged in ambitious activities. • G Shirt asked if we can't resolve to set up a youth club in Tod? Also more football opportunities. Many discussed real possibility of proper funding. • A Brown mentioned 'Tie collective' 16-20 yo.
Late items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3G pitch – artificial so can be used all the time. Raise profile of school easily. Could operate alongside a youth club to work in tandem. • Y7 students – the comets and the stars, links with women's game increased profile since Lionesses success. • FA- want 3G pitches used 8am-10pm. Massive investment but could really change town's profile. • M Carrigan – Todmorden emergency support. Fund for reading facilities – can support with football subscriptions mawhite48@gmail.com. £2-3k per month available.
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