



Minutes of Todmorden Business Association
Held Wednesday 16th June 2010, 6pm at seventyTWO

Attending Lynne Midwinter, Nicki Hewson Betts, Michael Uren, Clare Townley, Carl Warburton, Sandra Evans

Apologies Sarah Helliwell (Connolleys), Hazel Bregazzi (Scally Mag), Brenda (Bdz), Allan Boocock (Acorn), Margaret Grant (Brosnans)

- **Minutes of Last Meeting**

Were agreed as being an accurate representation of the meeting, by those who had attended.

- **Matters Arising from Last Minutes**

Photo Competition – MU not had a chance to do anything. He needs Dave Montgomery's email to get more information. NHB said would forward it to him. CW will help MU to sort this out for next meeting.

- **Treasurer's Report**

Apologies were presented from Sarah so there was nothing in detail. Has had a meeting with NHB and LM and from this have agreed some plans of how things are going to be done in the future. SH knows what she is going to do, but needs time to be able to do them now.

There had been some plans for Connolleys to do a budget breakfast, but has indicated that can't do this now. It was agreed that a budget breakfast would be a good thing. LM going to check with SH to see if she can do another date. If not, it was thought that might be able to approach Brosnans who are also members.

- **Membership Update**

There is no update from NHB as has been too busy with own business to do anything.

- **Map**

This is all done and looks great. Payments have started coming in as well. 25,000 have been printed – half are at P&T, the other half are at Industrial Supplies. LM has already distributed them to TIC, Libraray, Riggs, Halifax Road area, Cryers and Kamran Newsagent. Acorn are set up to do a wider distribution, but need people to do other areas. MU will do Burnley Road, Burnley, Accrington and Lancs and Yorks Flooring. CW and SE will do Rochdale Road, Water Street and Golf Club. NHB will do Leisure Centre and put them in seventyTWO. It was agreed that everyone should take some and put them wherever they go.

- **Christmas**

80s Disco at the Fielden Centre is now booked. MU booked the Fielden Centre; LM booked Mark



at Jack's House for the bar; NHB has booked Paddy for the disco. It was agreed that we should talk about the awards closer to the time.

LM has organised a meeting for Wed 6th July in the Court Room of the Town Hall at 6pm to discuss Todmorden's Christmas. Flyers have been done and need distributing. NHB will email it to the distribution list. LM will do a press release. There are councillors coming so that there could be a discussion about money as well.

- **Todmorden/Local Heroes Food Fest**

Sento have done a lovely logo which will be used.

Series of food-based activities which will be taking place from July until October. The council are very much behind this and have supported it financially.

There is going to be publicity in Tod News, the IET website, and flyers. There will also be lamppost banners which will be logo-ed with Todmorden Town Council, IET TBA and Local Heroes on them. Lots of TBA members and Tod businesses will be taking part.

- **Made In Tod!**

Needs some discussion, if there is going to be one. Originally it was done on a Friday/Saturday so that people can have a day off; but, the last two times it has been held, Friday has felt very quiet. There was a consensus that Saturday/Sunday would work better, and probably be more successful. The dates would depend upon when Mothers' Day is – as this would affect Riggs. LM said she would contact Tracy Ambler-Vinco to book Todmorden Town Hall, but would check with Tim at Riggs first. Proposed dates are 12/13 March 2011 or 19/20 March.

MU felt that TBA should have a marquee for Todmorden Businesses to use at Agricultural Show. It was thought that should talk with Rob Goldthorpe once this show was over to discuss this. The TBA would pay for the marquee in the first place and then be responsible for filling it with member businesses. This should be logo-ed with the TBA logo.

- **EDGE**

LM had organised a guest speaker – Vicky Ledwige- who is a pastor at a local church. Over the last 3 months a lot of the local youth agencies have got together to form EDGE. This has been precipitated by a massive growth in the Church Youth Group that Vicky runs, and the fact that everything that there is for youth in Todmorden finishes at 9pm. The sort of people that Vicky and her husband see at that Church group fall between the cracks – they are not in education and are too young to receive benefits, and are not in employment. They are thinking about trying to instigate a mentoring/apprentice type scheme where local companies agree to take on someone, give them some work skills etc on a once-a-week type basis with a view to helping them get into full time employment and help them in their future life. Vicky wanted to know if this was an idea that as business owners we thought would be achievable. There was a lot of discussion about this and it was agreed that it would be; but that there would have to be some sort of “contract” between the two parties. Vicky said that they have a similar type of agreement with them with regards to the youth club and if anyone breaks the rules there are consequences. She also wanted those present



promote an upcoming event – they have organised an event in the foyer area of The Hippodrome on 16th July and wanted us to display posters.

LM has pledged the support of the TBA to assist with the future of EDGE in whatever way possible.

- **New Logo**

LM presented some potential new logos that had been done by SENTO. None of them seemed particularly suitable. It was thought that this might have been because the brief was too woolly. It was thought that we need to be clearer about what we want, before we go back to SENTO to ask them to come up with other ideas. It was also suggested that we think about a change of name for the association if this would make it easier to come up with a logo.

- **Any Other Business**

Possible new supermarkets in Todmorden.

Although there are lots of rumours about possible new supermarkets in Todmorden, nothing is definite. LM has had meetings/discussions with local councillors and Calderdale councillors about this matter. Netto own at least one site in Todmorden, but this company has now been bought out by ASDA and it was thought that the site would be too small for them to bother about developing; there has been lots of gossip about the site next to the Health Centre – Sainsburys has definitely been sniffing around it in the past, but doesn't seem to be now. Ian Gray at Calderdale has stated that they are very anti another supermarket in Todmorden and wouldn't approve it. It has been agreed that Jean the cheese's petition should keep going until it is known what to do with it.

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NHB informed the meeting that her business has been sold and that this will have implications from point of view of a meeting venue, but also for her continuing in the position of administrator. As nothing is definite, can discuss this further at the next meeting.

- **Date of Next Meeting**

14th July 2010 at 6pm at seventyTWO