



Minutes of Todmorden Business Association AGM
Held Wednesday 3rd February 2010, 6.30pm at seventyTWO

Attending Lynne Midwinter, Nicki Hewson Betts, Michael Uren, Hazel Bregazzi, Sarah Helliwell, Clare Townley, Alan Boocock, John Tattersall

Apologies Catherine Horton (The Bear), Margaret Grant (Brosnans), Rik Storah (Storah Architects), John Kendall (B2B)

- **Minutes of Last Meeting**

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

- **Chair's Report**

Lynne's presentation to those present is attached.

- **Membership Report and Officer's Update**

Membership is increasing in a slow but steady way. NHB is working on the premise that if keep on doing things and are visible in doing so will increase membership because people will want to be part of what is happening/take advantage of discounts available for functions etc. This approach seems to be working a bit.

NHB is happy to carry on doing all can. Was very pleased with Made In Tod!; how it was received by those who exhibited and general feedback from general public etc. This is the first of this sort of event has been involved in, and felt it went well.

The Map is the next big thing and has tried to get some movement on this, but has been hampered by change in personal circumstances. HB has someone available to help if necessary.

- **Treasurer's Report**

Have had apologies from John Kendall (the outgoing treasurer) so no real report was presented. Everything available has been handed to him to do end of year accounts. This means, however, that there is nothing to hand over to Sarah.

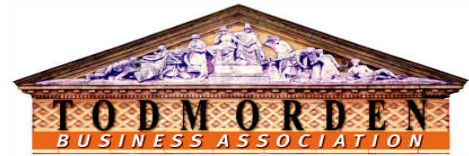
- **Election of Officers**

Chair Lynne Midwinter. Lynne is happy to stay on in her current role, although she does need some extra support and will need to brain dump some of the information that she carries around in her head and phone.

Treasurer Sarah Helliwell. Sarah is taking this role on in a personal capacity and not as a representative of Connolleys.

Secretary Nicki Hewson Betts. Nicki is happy to continue in this role, although for the next few months her availability for the position is going to be curtailed by personal circumstances.

These people were all proposed, seconded and voted in by those in attendance at the meeting.



- **Future Meetings**

It was thought that it would be a good idea to have meetings at different times and venues and that should diarise meetings so that members could make a note of what interests them and what they could definitely attend. Last year had various speakers attend meetings; this is something that have not managed to achieve this year. Suggestions were sought from those present as to what would bring them to a meeting. SH talked about a meeting that she had recently attended (an ACCA meeting) which was held by RBS about ensuring that small businesses have access to all the finance available to them; speed networking events were also mentioned; as were Business Link and what they can provide. It was agreed that we should try to secure a speaker of some kind for the next meeting.

It was also thought that it would be a good idea to put a link on the Business Association website to the Business Link website so that members can have easy access to information.

- **Any Other Business**

AB said that he had designers available at the Acorn Centre who could offer a rebrand for the Business Association if it was thought that this would be appropriate.

It was asked what the future plans for the Business Association were for the rest of the year. Of primary concern at the moment is the Map, after that we will probably link up with IET for their proposed Tod Food Festival which is probably going to be held in the Summer; there is also the Tod Stock event which will be a good way of promoting Todmorden. (NHB said would speak with organiser). After that there would be the Christmas events. There are still some issues about who would be organising what this year, and where funding would come from etc. It was agreed that we probably need to build some bridges with Tod Together so that can move forward on these issues, however, it was also thought that it would be a good idea to get some stuff in the diary for the Christmas period for us to start working on. AB offered to act as a conduit to Tod Together if we needed such a thing.

- **Date of Next Meeting**

This will be held on May 12th at seventyTWO