



Minutes of Todmorden Business Association  
Held Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2010, 6pm at Bdz

**Attending** Lynne Midwinter, Nicki Hewson Betts, Hazel Bregazzi, Sarah Helliwell, Brenda Whiting, Carl Warburton, Sandra Evans, Michael Uren, Mathanee (Hanuman Thai), Sally Darlington & Jane Wild (Ntama)

**Apologies** Helen Plaice, Deborah Fisher

- **Minutes of Last Meeting**

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

- **Matters Arising from Last Meeting**

SH needs to forward the membership subs letter to LM for checking

- **Treasurer's Report**

SH was delayed in arriving at the meeting, so no treasurer's report was presented. Internet banking has been attempted, but not successful.

- **Administrator's Report**

Public liability insurance now in place

NHB has been approached by Hilary Watson, a business development manager for small businesses for Yorkshire Bank to come to a meeting to present to us. It was agreed that this would be a good idea for January / February meeting. SH said she would like to contact her to sort this out. Contact details were given to SH

- **Christmas**

At this point, just need final details arranging.

1. Tree wrapping – MC will arrange for the wardens to do the top half of the trees on Wed 17<sup>th</sup>, from 4pm onwards. The rest of them will be finished by us on Fri 19<sup>th</sup> from 5.30pm. NHB will contact Sheffali and Helen Plaice to see if she can get a group of 6<sup>th</sup> formers to help. JW has offered to make soup.
2. Still need more marshalls. Rotary unable to help on 20<sup>th</sup> as they have an evening event to plan, and they are Santa and his helpers. They have one offer of help only for this day. Paul Creek and the other marshall can do this day – they are happy to do the Dale Street area all day themselves, but they will need a break for lunch. Still need to marshall the parade. It was suggested that the Town Councillors could be approached. If this becomes necessary, NHB and LM will call them to ask them. Will also need marshalls for Fri 10<sup>th</sup> December. Wardens are not available for this evening. The Rotary may be able to help for this. MC has the gardening hi-viz jackets.
3. The Craft Fair is almost fully booked – NHB has taken bookings for 15 tables currently. Needs to check on the size of the space as have had other people ask for stalls. Is trying to get into the Masonic Hall to check it out. This is pretty much done. Need to tweak the posters and distribute them.
4. TBA has paid the money for the hire of the Town Hall for Kids Fest, on the behalf of the Acorn Centre. For this to be paid back, the claim has to come from us and not the Acorn

Centre. NHB to do this. Have been asked to participate in Kids Fest – LM and HB are going to run the stall. Would like to do something vaguely business-orientated, but not too messy or expensive. MC has got some stamps made out of money that kids would be able to “make” money. The idea of Bank of Todmorden notes was discussed that kids could colour or stamp on. Mathanee said she would try to design and she would forward. MU has got a roll of seconds fabric that he is going to donate as table covering. SH is helping to sort an old lady's house – if there are any suitable sheets etc, she will bring them.

5. LM has managed to get pipers to pipe. NHB has managed to get drummers to drum

- **Christmas Party**

Tickets and poster have now been designed and are available. Tickets are 17.50 each and there are 60 available. NHB will start to sell these.

Will need banquet roll, crackers and table decorations. Mathanee will sort out the banquet roll and crackers. Paper plates and plastic cutlery are included in the price of the hog roast, so wont need anything else.

MU is going to contact the Fielden Centre to see if can get in earlier so can set it up. NHB not available to help with this.

- **Any Other Business**

1. Supermarkets. There is was a big meeting at the Shannon and Chesapeake last week. The TBA needs to be involved somehow. This is made more difficult – timewise – as there are currently two groups in Todmorden fighting supermarkets.
2. Feedback from the Tod Pride meeting. The Environment Agency has proposed work for Rochdale Road, which will be starting in February for a period of nine months. This will mean that there will be single file traffic along Rochdale Road for this time. They are planning to build up the wall to a height of 2 metres along the length of this road from Shade onwards. When this is completed they would like to do work on the culvert that runs under the outdoor and indoor market. They said that the only way of doing this was to close the market for a peiod of 3 months and do the work from above, as the condition of the culvert is too unstable and will put their men at danger. This had been rejected as a suggestion as it will effectively kill the market. They are looking for suggestions as to a way forward. LM had suggested at the Tod Pride meeting that, with the Bramsche Square redevelopment, it could be the perfect opportunity for the market to get a building that would be fit for purpose, by getting a new building sited in a sensible place in Bramsche Square before the Environment Agency started their work. This idea had not been accepted as agreeable by market traders present at the Tod Pride meeting. All suggestions will be gratefully received.
3. MC had been on a visit to the soap factory that has just moved into Robinwood Mill in Cornholme. Thingumajig Theatre have also recently moved into there. It was agreed that this will be a good place for NHB to approach to join the TBA and also to try to encourage to exhibit at Made In Tod.

**Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December, at 6pm at Creative Graphics, Ridge House, Ridge Way Todmorden.