



**Todmorden Town Deal Board**

**Minutes of the meeting held 24<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

**Todmorden Community College**

**Attendees**

Pam Warhurst (Chair)  
Gareth Marshall (Vice-chair)  
Councillor Silvia Dacre  
Councillor Helen Brundell  
Kerry Wheelwright  
Tony Lawson  
Esther Ferry Kennington

**Others in attendance**

Councillor Sarah Courtney  
Kate McNicholas  
Domenico Mariconda  
Zakariya Ali  
Amy Shephard

**1. Welcome to the meeting**

The chair opened the meeting.

**a. Apologies**

Apologies were received by: Keith Brealey, Rob Shipway, Cllr Denis Skelton, Josh Fenton-Glynn MP, Cllr Susan Press, Frankie Mullen and Catherine Bann.

**b. Confirmation of quorum**

The meeting was declared quorate.

**c. Declaration of interest**

Tony Lawson declared an interest in Weirs. No other declarations of interest were received.

**2. Minutes of the previous meeting held 12<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

The minutes of the meeting held 12<sup>th</sup> June were approved as a true record.

**a. Matters arising**

There were no matters arising not covered by the agenda.

**3. Programme Update**

The programme is currently on target to deliver all TIP outputs. With Q1 monitoring underway, a more detailed report will be provided in the September meeting.

For the Enterprise Centre, additional resources were required to ensure the sustainability elements of the project were retained. The cost benefit ratio has been recalculated and positively reflects the added value of incorporating these elements of the project.

Work on the Town Hall continues. Although some unforeseen issues have arisen, they are not impacting the timeline or delivery, and the project is forecast to come in slightly below budget.

Public Places survey works are complete, and the project is moving toward procurement. The project is expected to commence October with early work focusing on parking on Rose Street to minimise impact of works.

Demolition at the Hippodrome is complete.

At Centre Vale Park, new lighting is in place and work on the war memorial is close to completion. **Action:** RS to update on MUGA. *Post meeting update: regarding the Play Area, funding has been confirmed.*

Active Todmorden is moving forward with phase 1 of the towpath (Todmorden to Hollings Road) starting in October, in collaboration with the Canals and River Trust.

At Todmorden College, the hospitality suite is complete. The Board praised the new entrance and the recent paintwork.

**4. Events**

Planning for a year-long celebration is underway with EFK and PW, involving extensive engagement with project partners. A sub-group is being formed to support these efforts, led by the Chair and supported by EFK and local partners including the Tourist Information Centre. The aim is to use and develop events to celebrate the

achievements of Town Deal investment and to build momentum for ongoing events in the town to build the visitor economy.

**Action:** EFK to share proposals when complete.

## **5. Weirs Update**

The Board received an update on progress, and welcomed that employees were receiving support from the Council's Employment Hub team and that there had been positive news in retaining part of the site with some employment retained in Todmorden. **Action:** DM to confirm when the latest news can be communicated more widely.

The Town Deal Board noted the importance of the site and its future development to the town.

PW has been working with the Community Foundation for Calderdale (CFFC) in terms of the potential for Weirs to contribute to a legacy for the town.

## **6. Workshop**

Amy Shephard from Shephard and Moyes held a workshop facilitating a board discussion around the theme of thriving towns and Todmorden. Feedback from the workshop will be brought to the next meeting.

## **7. Any other business**

No other business was discussed.

## **8. Date of the next meeting**

25<sup>th</sup> September 2025, Todmorden Community College.

Please note this meeting will be preceded by a tour of Town Deal projects for Board members.