

Barrow Business Improvement District
Tuesday 5th February 2019
Minutes of
Board of Directors Meeting
Custom House
Barrow-in-Furness.



1. Attendees Simon Craig, Phil Heath, Kieron Hart,
Rebecca Jones, Sandra Collings, Sam Hughes, Colin Garnett.

Apologies Nathan Morrow, Stephen Leonard

2. Finance See attached report.

3. BID Managers Actions Not done this month, as wanted to focus on the plan for Barrow. A lot will carry over from January.

4. Vision/Plan for Barrow Town Centre Colin has been called into many meetings off the back of the M&S announcement, to see how they can now work with BID to support the Town Centre.

5. AOB Programme of improvement for Barrow Town Centre – Barrow Borough Council has gone through it and are happy to use it towards the master plan and to work with the BID and remove some barriers that may have been in place. Police and Lesley Graham have agreed with everything in the plan. The partners are starting to come on board, which allows us to build the strategy. Plan for tonight is to go through the plan with the board, if all happy then Colin will write it up to deliver at the open meeting next week. Colin then took the board through the plan – see attached.

Colin has reviewed all planned projects and how they fall under the 4 B's. Also include projects that BID are

also lobbying for, even if they aren't funding them i.e. lights in the ginnel, BBC fixed but people don't know it's because of BID that it happened.

Top end of Dalton Road ripe for development, especially with the new health centre, Holiday Inn and the Marina Village.

Street end signs – look at the smaller ones for opportunities – Crellin Street, Dalkeith Street. Action – Colin to follow up.

Colin has met with Steve Salisbury to discuss bin replacement in the town centre.

Scott St want to put flags up in their Christmas tree holders. Colin asked the board could Scott St apply as a street for funding through the Business Front improvement scheme. The board voted yes. **Action – Colin to go back to Scott St and update them on decision.**

6. Open Meeting

Simon opens the meeting – 10-15 Minutes

Colin shows the vision – 15-20 Minutes

Question and Answer session.

Survey on every seat – hand in at the end.

Action – Simon to add about becoming a board member into his speech.

How to handle the M&S question?

- Opportunities for other businesses

Debenhams, Wilko's and New Look closing will be asked.

Action – Simon asked that all board members send him through questions that they think will be raised, so that he can be prepped to answer them.

7. Board of Directors

Keiron no longer works for a business in the Town Centre, he is willing to still be involved. **Action – talk to Stephen as to what the articles say about this.**

By September we will lose Simon, so we need to recruit new members and find a new Chair.

At the open meeting be direct – who's passionate about the Town Centre?

Who is willing to join the board and help?

8. Soapbox Update

Colin will send via email. Update will include budget.

- 9. Festival of Transport** Again, update will be emailed.
Photo Booth. **Action – Sandra to send Colin information.**
- 10. Comedy Weekend** Sam gave an update on plans that were going into place for September.
- 11. Santa Dash** Approached by St Mary's to do a Santa Dash in the town and ending at the light switch on. BID will be working with the Hospice and Rotary to plan this.
- 12. Cleaning Car Park Signs** Sandra has spoken with a window cleaner, who said that he would clean all the car park signs for 70p a sign. Would have to discuss with the council in regards to cleaning contractor picking it up. **Action – Colin to discuss at next meeting that we need a deep clean of areas.**
- 13. Date of next meeting** Open Meeting Tuesday 12th Feb 6-7:30pm at Forum.
Board meeting Tuesday 12th March 6pm at Winders