



1. BID Board Meeting

Location: BID Office, Dalton Road
Time/Date – 6.30 pm, Tuesday 8th February 2022

Attendees: Paul Hodgson PH, Sandra Collings SC, Jonny Williams JW, Kay Bower KB, Colin Garnett CG (via Zoom), Jenny Fazackerley JF, Allan Kerr AK and Les McLeese LM.

1. Apologies – Rowan McClure

PH advised the Board that Cara Harvey had resigned from being a Director.

2. Last minutes – agreed apart from one small amendment requested by CG regarding Soapbox events.

3. 2022 Events -

- **Queen’s Jubilee** – JW and CG updated the Board with ongoing plans.
- **FOT – 16th July 2022** - PH held first meeting last Tuesday. Plans to close Scott Street and Cavendish Street due to the size of last year’s event. Motorbike stunt show booked for Town Square (main arena). Second arena will be at the junction of Scott Street and Dalton Road with a BMX stunt show and children’s entertainment. Hope to have a fun fair at the bottom of Dalton Road and Fell Street car park. Website has been updated and work is ongoing on promoting the event. CG is getting beer mats designed. Trying to expand bus tours to include Barrow Park, which could include the ride on railway and model boats. Also plans to run 2 or 3 excursions – Roa Island, Furness Abbey and possibly a mystery tour. CG has been meeting Scott Street traders and they would like to have a 1950’s theme for Scott Street, to include shopkeepers dressing up and old vehicles on display. Due to the volume of vehicles attending it would be difficult to channel 1950’s vehicles in to Scott Street and CG was directed to feed this back to the traders and advise them to try to bring their businesses out of their shops on to the street. The Scott Street traders have also been discussing possibilities for the back street running between Scott Street and Cavendish Street.
- **Dino Day – 21st May 2022** – activities and events to take place between 10.00 and 3.00. 4 venues – Town Square, Forum, the statue by McDonalds and Scott Street/Dalton Road junction. Outside market area can’t be used due to redevelopment work. All necessary letters and forms have been submitted and CG has everything in hand.

4. Garden Street Project – funded through the Welcome Back Funding and a BID contribution as previously agreed. PH discussed the tender obtained by BBC and once accepted by BBC the project will go ahead with Barrow BID taking a lead. The BID’s contribution was unanimously agreed. Barrow BID will also be funding trees for the project. BBC don’t have the funding to add seagull flaps to the new rubbish bins in town, but it was unanimously agreed that the BID would pay the additional

cost with the possibility of BID branding/stickers being displayed on the flaps to advertise the BID's involvement.

5. **Grant Scheme** – CG and JW have been working on this. A few amendments were suggested i.e. not to publish a maximum grant figure, reserve right to inspect work to check that it is value for money, final decision is with the BID Board, feedback to be given on applications, time frame for applications – at least a week before Board meeting, normally 2nd Tuesday of the month, but subject to change and a time limit on providing further information, if requested, of 3 months. It was agreed to e-mail any suggestions for amendments to CG so that he can review the document. Cumbria Tourism are holding a Retail Day on 24th March 2022 and hopefully the Grant Scheme can be launched on that date.
6. **Scott Street Update** – this was discussed under FOT at item 2.
7. **Visit Barrow Update** – CG is working with Cumbria Tourism on video and social media posts. They are expanding the accommodation section of the website and it will be going live soon.
8. **Gateway Project Update** – CG has been talking to local artists. Currently no timescale for progress. CG needs Cumbria Highways to provide timings.
9. **AOB** –
 - CG reported that the Professor Pumpnickel event had sold out.
 - JW – next Monday is 'Have a brew with Cando' day and other local partners are getting involved.
 - Pop up shop – new tenant has moved in. CG was directed to constantly promote the pop up shop with the aim to have occupants in for 2 months at a time and hopefully have the diary full for the whole year. As the new occupant has just started it was agreed to promote the new tenant for her first 2 weeks then after that advertising should focus on the concept of the pop up shop.
10. **Date for next meeting: Tuesday 8th March, 6.30 pm @ BID Office.**