

Barrow Business Improvement District
Tuesday 12th March 2019
Minutes of
Board of Directors Meeting
Custom House
Barrow-in-Furness.



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

Apologies Stephen Leonard

2. Finance See attached report.

3. Board Nominations Rebecca went through the nominations that have been received to join the board.
Action -Colin and Kieron to arrange interviews and liaise with Rebecca for an interview room.
Rowen McClure – Sent in application for voluntary membership. Potentially a levy payer. **Action – Becks to look into further.**

4. Managers Actions Plan/Report See attached.
Action – Colin to contact Highways regarding the signs on Rawlinson Street being turned around the wrong way.
Colin asked the board if they were happy with the format and would they be happy to receive the Friday before the meeting. Board agreed yes.

5. Soapbox Slight increase in entries since the price reduction.
Soapbox have a contingency plan – bring in teams from the York event.

Can members of the board help get some companies to commit, free some of Colin's time. The board aim to bring in one entry each.

Working with Fudstock to try and secure hay bales.

6. Programme of Improvements

Still awaiting a quote back from Doug regarding Wi-Fi for the town.

Future Highstreet fund – Already received a few letters from local businesses including the Furness Building Society.

Two things that came up in the Open Meeting that Colin would like to add to the Programme:

- 1) Town Wi-Fi
- 2) Large Screen Tv

Finance Meeting to discuss and look at budgets –

Action – Becks to arrange a date.

Looks like Colin will be going in to work with the regeneration team one day a week – gives BID a direct link to planning/decision process.

7. Events

Road Closures for events – Now being informed that the County Council are invoking a full charge of £1500 for each closure. This hasn't been mentioned previously and has not been invoked for the previous two car show events. County Council provided the procedures on the 4th March, despite previous conversations and meetings.

14-week deadline is in 10 days – Colin focussing all energy into meeting criteria.

Soapbox budget – all in line so far and Colin is pulling in extra funding where he can.

Festival of Transport – Budget was on track, but added road closure cost will impact now.

Christmas update – as in the Managers Report.

Light procession in conjunction with the light festival at the Park. Trying to liaise for a Christmas market, opportunity to trial through the Summer ready for Christmas.

8. Business Improvement Grant

Exhibitions – Said no for now as the premise holder applied, not the business owner. Have explained and they are resubmitting.

Gemma Loise, CBT is a no as she has already had the work completed.

9. A.O.B

Directors Liability Insurance – **Action – Becks to email all directors with info for them to read and decide if they want to go ahead.**

Life Leisure race – Advise to apply for funding – **Action – Colin to contact.**

10. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 16th April 2019, 6pm at JL Winder & Co