



BID Board Meeting

Location: BID Office, Duke Street
Time/Date – 6.30 pm, Tuesday 13th August 2024

Attendees:, Paul Hodgson PH, Jenny Fazackerley JF, Allan Kerr AK, Kay Kane KK, Jonny Williams JW, Sandra Collings SC, Melanie Corrie MC, Jo Grainger JG and Ashley Holroyd AH

1. Apologies: Emily Baines EB, John Edwards, Neil Hodgson NH and Simon Broadley SB.

Two new potential Directors have had meetings with JF and other Directors. They are Gary from Rymans (representing national retailers) and Caleb from Vision Support (representing charities). JF reported back that they were both very good. Their appointments were unanimously agreed. There have been two further applications – Jackie from The Hive (representing daytime eating and drinking) and someone from BAE, probably from the social impact team.

JF advised the Board that they need to appoint a Director to be responsible for staff and staff issues. SB has put himself forward for this role and this was unanimously agreed.

Jason has submitted his resignation and leaves at the end of August.

It was agreed to move the start time of future Board meetings forward to 6.00 pm, starting in September.

2. Review of minutes from last meeting – all agreed.

3. Grant Applications – Night at the Proms have submitted an application. Everyone agreed to the application.

4. Event Updates

- **Barrow Buzz Awards Review** – JW reported – everyone thought that it was amazing. JF congratulated JW on a job well done. Businesses were very happy with the event. The catering was very good and the Town Hall was an excellent venue. JW has noted a few things that he thinks can be improved for future award evenings. It was agreed to hold the event again next year in February/March.
- **FOT review** – the day really went well. A few displays and caterers didn't turn up due to the weather forecast. There was a 22% increase in attendance and the feedback was very positive. The larger shows have been re-booked for next year. The stamp cards on the back of programmes didn't work as only about 30 were submitted, whereas there are normally around 300. It was agreed to use separate stamp cards next time. JF congratulated PH on a job well done.
- **Brilliant Barrow weekend/Soapbox** – Friday is the Victorian Promenade at the Dock Museum. Saturday is the Soapbox and 16 teams have entered. Everything is sorted for the day. Sunday is the Quayside Festival.

- **Outdoor Cinema Screening** – organised by Mai. The licence is in place. Taking place on Thursday 29th August. On the outside market where buildings have been demolished. Charity gunging taking place. The film Shrek will be shown at 5.00 pm. This will be a free event.
5. **Safety of Volunteers** – KK raised the issue of volunteers being kept safe as she had been concerned that at the FOT some volunteers had been escorting cars up Dalton Road whilst accompanied by pushchairs and toddlers. It was agreed that volunteers should be observed to make sure that they were kept safe. PH said that volunteers would not normally be used to escort vehicles, but unfortunately this year they were let down at last minute by the Rotary.
 6. **Business Breakfasts** – Lancaster BID hold quarterly breakfast meetings for levy payers and their employees. PH proposed that these meetings should be held in Barrow as an opportunity for people to get together in an informal setting. The Holiday Inn has offered to provide food, so the BID would just pay for the room. Probable timing would be 7.00 to 9.00 am. This was agreed. Discussion followed about how up to date the CRM is for contacting businesses. It is gradually updated, but it was agreed to look into this at a later date due to the pressure of upcoming events.
 7. **AOB** – SC asked why the rubbish bin behind her shop had been removed. This is apparently due to a dispersal order in place due to planned protests which meant access had to be clear.

Date for next meeting: Tuesday 10th September 6.00 pm, BID Office.