



BID Board Meeting

Location: BID Office
Time/Date – 6.00 pm, Tuesday 10th June 2025

Attendees: Paul Hodgson PH, Melanie Corrie MC, Neil Hodgson NH, Ashley Holroyd AH John Edwards JE, Kay Kane KK, Sandra Collings SC, Lisa Archer LA (proxy for Simon Broadley SB) and Sharon Tate ST.

- 1. Apologies: Jenny Fazackerley JF, Jonny Williams JW and Garry Date GD.**
- 2. Review of minutes from the last meeting** – the minutes were all agreed.
- 3. Community Planting/Hanging Baskets** – Over 70 businesses have registered for the hanging baskets/tubs (similar number to last year). These are now ready for distribution. The BID have been successful in winning the contract for the town centre plant watering. Extra equipment is to be purchased for this, as previously agreed by the Board. All planters in Portland Walk and Dalton Road are now completed. Displaced planters will be re-used in the proposed community garden on the old playground behind McDonalds. The plaques acknowledging the people who planted the planters are still to be installed. There has been a lot of good feedback and the Directors said that there was a good atmosphere on the day.
- 4. Dave Day** – The BID have been given responsibility assisting the Council, for the crowd management of Abbey Road, Duke Street and town centre for the events. It is hoped to set up the barriers on Wednesday evening to raise awareness of the upcoming event. Other areas to be managed include the Health & Wellbeing Festival in the park, the food & drink festival, motorcycle exhibit and motorbike stunt show, live music and outdoor entertainment at the Dock Museum. Heightened anti-terrorism regulations have added to the planning and workload.
- 5. Fire Recovery Work** – The BID are continuing to work with both businesses and are helping them with their insurance claims. Both business owners are looking for alternative premises. The BID has helped with the costs of recovery and boarding up. The Council are looking at helping with a grant through the BID to help both businesses re-start.
- 6. AOB** – none.

Date for next meeting: Tuesday 8th July 2025, 6.00 pm @ BID Office.