

## BID Board Meeting



Location: Barrow BID Office, Abbey Rd  
Time/Date – 6.00 pm, Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2025

**Attendees:** Paul Hodgson PH, Jenny Fazackerley JF, Neil Hodgson NH, Ashley Holroyd AH, Joanne Granger JG, Emily Baines EB, Jonny Williams JW and Sandra Collings SC.

**1. Apologies:** Simon Broadley SB, Melanie Corrie MC, Garry Date GD, Jackie Maguire JM, Allan Kerr AK, John Edwards JE and Kay Kane KK.

**2. Review of minutes from the last meeting** – the minutes were all agreed.

**3. New Director Applications** - Application received from Sharon Taite (Art4All) to represent the third sector. The Board agreed to take this application to the interview stage.

**4. Business Development Grant Update** - Grants approved for Signal Films for a wider redevelopment project covering multiple elements, as well as a grant for Waffle Time covering exterior signage and improvements to accessibility. It was noted that for the next meeting, to discuss adding in a means testing clause to better support smaller businesses with less resources.

**5. Team Update** - Stefan has resigned from the role of Communications Coordinator. It was agreed to not replace this role currently and to strengthen our current team, while we undertake a review of our requirements with the provision of casual staff as previously discussed. Adele Neale will be supporting the team in attracting sponsorship for events on a freelance basis.

**6. PFCC Grant** - Barrow BID in partnership with CandoFM have been successful in submitting a joint application to install a town centre soundsystem to play music to help deter ASB by playing classical music and to support community events in the town centre.

**7. Events/Sponsorship Update** - Further sponsorship secured for Dave Day and the Festival of Transport. Planning for these events is ongoing.

**8. SPF Project Update** - As part of the Shared Prosperity Fund, we have reproduced the Portland Walk Murals on windows of vacant shops on Dalton Rd, which is now complete. The area is currently also being deep cleaned (ongoing) and has had new planters installed. These were planted up as part of a community planting day which was very well attended by businesses, local schools and community organisations. There are also ongoing conversations taking place with the council over the use of a town centre allotment/community garden to grow plants at and make the beautification work we undertake more sustainable involving local community groups and charities.

**9. AOB** - The board agreed to a purchase of an additional trailer to transport pedestrian barriers which has been offered to us by Continental Landscapes.

**Date for next meeting: Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2025, 6.00 pm @ BID Office.**