



## BID Board Meeting

Location: Barrow BID Office, Unit 4, The Old Fire Station, Abbey Rd  
Time/Date - 6pm, Tue 23rd Feb 2026

**Attendees: Paul Hodgson PH, Jenny Fazackerley JF (Chair), Melanie Corrie MC , John Edwards JE, Sandra Collings SC, Jonny Williams JW, Sharon Tate ST, Kay Kane KK, Ashley Holroyd AH and Sarah Roberts SR.**

| Item Number | Agenda Point  |
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| 1           | <p><b>Apologies/New Director Application</b></p> <p>Apologies received from Neil Hodgson NH</p> <p>New Director Application:</p> <p>Melanie &amp; John have interviewed Craig and made a representation as to why he would be a good addition to the BID Board representing the Accommodation sector. The Board voted unanimously to appoint CH as a director.</p>  |
| 2           | <p><b>Review of Minutes from last meeting</b></p> <p>Sent 22/01/26 - all agreed</p>   |
| 3           | <p><b>Correspondence from John Eccles/Sweets Aplenty</b></p> <p>The board were provided with a copy of email correspondence between John Eccles/Sweets Aplenty and the BID Manager, with John asking for this to be forwarded to the Board.</p> <p>The Board discussed this matter and agreed that the responses previously given by both PH and JF were more than sufficient to answer all the points raised, with a response agreed on behalf of the Board to this end.</p> <p>John Eccles has also submitted a Subject Access Request for all personal information relating to him as an individual and his business which will be responded to. JF, MC and JE all expressed a concern over the significant amount of staff resources having to be diverted to respond to multiple of the same nature, which is diverting essential resources away from other projects that benefit the town centre.</p> |
| 4           | <p><b>Christmas Lighting</b></p> <p>The additional cross street lights approved at the previous board meeting have been ordered.</p> <p>The Board agreed to purchase 2 large archways as photo ops as new ground features. They have a small footprint so will be good to work around town centre redevelopment work.</p> <p>Both the present and giant stag incurred a small amount of damage this year and are currently being repaired by a local company.</p>   |

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| <p><b>5</b></p> | <p><b>Barrow Market Closure</b></p> <p>Following the council's decision to suddenly close Barrow Market, W&amp;F Council contacted Barrow BID to assist traders to decant the building immediately. We have been working hard to support traders but with the physical move, temporary trading and business restart/promotion. Several traders have said to pass on their thanks to the Board.</p> |
| <p><b>6</b></p> | <p><b>HOB/Recruitment Update</b></p> <p>PH gave the board an update on the HOB Early Deliverables project, as well as a recruitment update on the temporary roles being advertised to deliver the programme.</p>   |
| <p><b>7</b></p> | <p><b>IWD</b></p> <p>A written update of this activity in partnership with Women's Community Matters was provided to the board</p>   |
| <p><b>8</b></p> | <p><b>Third Term Business Plan</b></p> <p>An updated draft of the Board's third term business plan was distributed, with feedback to be provided to PH by the end of the month.</p>  |
| <p><b>9</b></p> | <p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>- AGM Date, Tue 14th April</p>  |

**Date for next meeting - 31st March (due to PH being on paternity for 2 weeks)**