

Barrow BID AGM



Location: BID Office

Time/Date – 6.00 pm, Tuesday 12th May 2026

Attendees: Paul Hodgson PH, Jenny Fazackerley JF, Melanie Corrie MC, Sandra Collings SC, John Edwards JE, Neil Hodgson NH, Kay Kane KK, Craig Healey CH.

1. **Apologies: Sharon Tate ST, Ashley Holroyd AH, Jonny Williams JW and Sarah Roberts SR.**
2. **Review of minutes from last meeting – all agreed.**
3. **Grant Applications –** an application for an events grant has been received for Barrow Music Week. The application is for 4 venues who are also contributing matched funding. The BID has supported this event for the past 3 years and it has become a bigger event each year. The majority of the Directors voted to approve the application. JE suggested that the BID should ask for feedback from the event organisers after the event on how successful it had been.
4. **Barrow Buzz Awards 2027 –** the date has been set as 5th March 2027.
5. **Event Updates**
 - **Dino Day** - taking place this Saturday. Everything is in place.
 - **Dave Day –** 20th June 2026, this will be the final of this kind of annual event. The BID are doing the safety aspects such as the barriers on Abbey Road and arranging motorbike parking. The BID are going to produce a tourism information leaflet/map and will put up signage to direct people to the town centre and hospitality venues. Funding is being provided by Team Barrow and the 10K allotted by the Council. Hopefully other sponsors may also contribute. There has been a suggestion that Barrow holds an Armed Forces Day on the same weekend next year.
6. **Community Planting/Hanging Baskets –** the deadline for applying for a hanging basket is the end of the month. So far 45 businesses have applied. Community planting will take place on Wednesday 3rd June at the Town Hall.
7. **Third Term Ballot –** the new website and business plan are now live. Ballot papers will be posted out on 26th May and have to be returned by 26th June. PH asked the Directors to speak to businesses to encourage them to vote, he said that the first 3 days after receiving the ballot papers is the crucial time to

get ballot papers completed before the papers get lost. The Directors agreed to work in geographical areas to speak to levy payers. The BID team will also contribute. The BID has been consulting with businesses who will be within the new BID boundary and they have received mainly positive feedback. A levy payers' breakfast meeting will be arranged at the BID office to coincide with voting.

8. **AOB** – JF announced that she is leaving in the next few months due to closing her business. She asked if anyone would consider replacing her as the chairperson. MC put herself forward for the role and the Directors unanimously in favour of her appointment.

SC reported that the classical music that is normally played between 5 and 9.00 pm had been playing all day today. JW had apparently been carrying out some tests for Dino Day and this may have caused a glitch in the timing.

Antisocial behaviour has reduced in the evening since the introduction of the music.

Date for next meeting: Tuesday 9th June 2026, 6.00 pm @ BID Office.