



Barrow BID AGM

Location: BID Office

Time/Date – 6.00 pm, Tuesday 16th June 2026

Attendees: Paul Hodgson PH, Jenny Fazackerley JF, Melanie Corrie MC, Sandra Collings SC, Neil Hodgson NH, Kay Kane KK, Sharon Tate ST, Ashley Holroyd AH, Jonny Williams JW and Sarah Roberts SR.

1. **Apologies: John Edwards JE and Craig Healey CH.** An application for appointment as a new Director has been received from Jay at Waffle Time. If appointed he could represent the evening food/takeaway sector. The Directors agreed to progress to the interview stage after the ballot result.
2. **Review of minutes from last meeting** – all agreed.
3. **Third Term Business Plan – Update and Ballot List Review** – so far 129 votes have been received and the Council have just confirmed their votes in favour following their Cabinet meeting. If any levy payers require new ballot papers they have till 19th June to apply. The Directors were asked to peruse the spreadsheet of businesses to whom ballot papers have been sent and to follow up this week with any businesses with whom they may know a contact, if the business has not yet voted. All ballot papers have to be returned by 5pm on Thursday next week and the BID will find out the result on Friday 26th June. If successful the new term will start on 1st September.
4. **Events Update**
 - **Dave Day** – this weekend. The BID work is providing safety and welcoming the bikes into Barrow. The barriers are going out tomorrow. The bikes will be arriving about 3.30pm on Saturday. Signs will be going up directing visitors to the town centre and 7000 leaflets have been produced to guide visitors to local food and drink venues. Funding provided by Westmorland and Furness Council and Team Barrow should cover most of the BID event costs.
 - **Festival of Transport** – entries coming in well. Jenni is working on getting additional sponsorship.
 - **Soapbox** – all going well, with a record number of teams entered.
5. **AOB**
 - A grant application has been received from the Yoga studio opening up in the former Store 21/St Mary's Hospice shop. The application was for exterior signage and staff training. The application met the BID's criteria.

To meet deadlines PH had to give approval for the award of the grant due to the postponement of the BID meeting last week.

- Electric vehicle – the BID had been offered the chance to purchase 2 new (used) electric vehicles from the main dealer, but due to delays these will probably now not be available till mid to late 2027. A vehicle has become available through a private seller at an acceptable price and the Directors agreed to go ahead with purchasing this vehicle to use in addition to the current 2 electric vehicles which are being used to max capacity and sometimes off the road awaiting parts for repair. Any purchase will not be made until after the BID has been re- elected. The Directors agreed to continue pursuing the additional 2 vehicles from the dealer to upgrade the existing fleet and grow capacity. PH said that the vehicles are very cost effective and they now have more staff available who can drive them. Several Directors commented that they had received positive feedback from businesses, with the vehicles giving us a visible presence in the community.
- Smashed doors and windows – the Police are looking into attending the BID breakfast meeting on the 7th August to talk to levy payers. They are interested in setting up a shopwatch or similar scheme. The Police are keen to work in partnership with the BID.

Date for next meeting: Tuesday 14th July 2026, 6.00 pm @ BID Office.