



Barrow BID AGM

Location: BID Office

Time/Date – 6.00 pm, Tuesday 11th August 2026

Attendees: Paul Hodgson PH, Melanie Corrie MC, Sandra Collings SC, Neil Hodgson NH, Sharon Tate ST, Kay Kane KK, Jonny Williams JW and Drew Grave DG.

1. Apologies/Introductions: Ashley Holroyd AH and Sarah Roberts SR.

John Edwards has tendered his resignation as a Director due to other commitments. The Board recognised his significant contribution to the BID's work and PH was asked to send him the Board's thanks. Jay from Waffle Time is to be interviewed as a potential new Director by MC and SC on 18th August. DG from the Holiday Inn was introduced and welcomed to the Board.

2. Review of minutes from last meeting – all agreed.

3. Finance. H & S & Team Update – PH has produced a report and MC asked for any questions relating to this. The 2 grants from the 2 Councils were queried – the Barrow Town Council Grant was for the placing of planters on the station platforms and the W & F grant was for Dave Day. Everyone was happy with the level of reporting. Jack has resigned as Street Ranger.

4. Event Updates/Reviews – FOT was very successful. Attendance footfall was 36000, a record number. Feedback was very good and retailers were happy with the business that the event brought in. There was a record number of vehicle entries, over 300. MC was pleased with the feedback report she received after the event, due to being a sponsor. Soapbox Event on Saturday and 19 teams are taking part, a record number. Sunday is the Dockside Festival. Everything is on schedule and budget for both events, although staff shortages are causing problems.

5. Business Development Grant Scheme – PH sent out to the Directors the proposed revised scheme as previously discussed. Everyone agreed to this.

6. Charitable Benefits – PH sent the Directors the planned changes as discussed at the last meeting. The Directors were all happy with the plan.

7. Barrow Station – as previously discussed planters have now been placed on platform 1.

8. **Town Centre Speaker System** – the BID would like access to the speaker system as sometimes classical music is playing at random times. JW is going to sort this out. It was agreed that the playing of classical music has reduced antisocial behaviour in the area by McDonalds.
9. **AOB** – DG asked whose idea it had been to play classical music to deter antisocial behaviour and JW said that the idea had come from McDonalds.

Date for next meeting: Tuesday 8th September 2026. 6.00pm @ BID Office