



THESE MINUTES ARE DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED BY THE BOARD AT ITS NEXT MEETING

A Meeting of the Abingdon BID Board Was held on Wednesday 14th June 2017

Follow up meeting from 'Meet the Board' held in the Kings Head and Bell on 6th June.

Attendance:

Paul Holt, Julie Downing, Russell Downing, Suzanne Huggett, Melanie Smans, Kevin Thomson.

Welcome

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

Apologies

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting were submitted on behalf of: Mel Inness Bryan Brown, Nick Cosford

Discussed how on the 6th June with the businesses in the room, they were not happy with the BID organisation at all, from the voting process, the set-up of the BID through to the first year and no obvious results that they could see, also wanted to see where the money had been spent.

The businesses had all discussed together and produced a set of questions (attached) which were answered clearly when given chance.

It was a very passionate and vocal meeting with a very negative feeling. The board tried to turn the negative comments into constructive criticism and invite the businesses onto the board so they could have a say in the way that the Town is shaped, it was stressed that the BID is their BID and to get involved – no business in the room was interested.

Discussed if we should hold an AGM. It was thought that if this was to happen, the same businesses would come and it would be the same confrontation which would not be of any benefit. We are under no legal obligation to hold an AGM.

The decision was made that the annual report will be delivered by the end of July to the businesses and there will be an invite for any business to come and talk to either Paul Holt, Bryan Brown, Julie Downing, Russell Downing or Andrew Watts about the report, or the future of the BID.



We have delivered based on the business plan and we will not except being bullied.

Discussed the suggestion that a checklist in the newsletters against the business plan would help make it clear of the BID's progress.

We will improve on communication through more regular emails and meetings.

Key projects for year two are:

Work on Vacant units

Cost saving through Meercat Associates

Wayfinding

Car Parking issues

Carry on Marketing the Town

A.O.B

Jill Carver from Added Ingredients and Tim Healy from Slade Legal are interested in becoming board members and will be invited to the next board meeting.

Next Board meeting: 26th July Slade Legal