



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

A Meeting of the Abingdon BID Board Was held on Wednesday 3rd May 2017

Attendance:

Paul Holt, Mel Inness, Julie Downing, Russell Downing, Andrew Watts, Suzanne Huggett, Nick Cosford, Melanie Smans, Kevin Thomson.

1. Welcome

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting were submitted on behalf of: Mark Thornton, Rob Broadbent, Sandy Lovatt, Stuart Bates, Bryan Brown.

3. A.O.B:

Kevin suggested on the newsletter to compare business plan with achievements.

4. Minutes

There being no matters arising, Paul Holt proposed the minutes as an accurate record of the meeting. This was seconded by Kevin Thomson.

5. Correspondence

Email on letter received from Boots, Dr Sands Dental and Merityre querying the levy.

5 The old Gaol, Abingdon, was recently reclassified in the LLPG from Restaurant/Cafeteria to Shop/Showroom.

6. BID Managers Report

A 'Meet the Board' meeting will be held on the 6th June to encourage BID levy paying businesses to come along and be part of the BID.

Meercat have started working with the businesses to help save money on costs, this will carry on throughout the year.

Quarterly workshops will be held throughout the year to help with digital marketing.

Discussions have started between the Vale, Indigo, Police and the BID to see if the Charter carpark opening hours could be extended. Also need to look at when the refurbishment will take place to avoid impact on trade as much as possible.

The first impressions off the A34 are not ideal due to overgrown grass.

Propose to the Mays brother's to see if they would be willing to extend the grass cutting.



Wayfinding will be looked at, but too expensive to carry out a full survey and implementation. Will look at different ways and progress in stages.
Talked through key achievements, as attached.

Suggested events to look at:
English Wine week – 2018
Small Business Saturday
Coffee/Barista Competition
Hairdressing competition/ exhibition.

RESOLVED: That the report be accepted by the Board

7. Finance –
Nothing to report.

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Next meeting: Slade Legal 14th June 2017