

Kendal BID Board Meeting

Tuesday 7th January 2025

Item 1 – Apologies and Attendance

Apologies: Jan Tennant, Helen Ladhams,

In Attendance: Nick Taylor, Lee Hughes, Denise Thompson, Kim Davies, Rory Fleming, Nigel Byrom & Peter Brendling. Guest Eva Stoyanova from Bowness Bay Brewing Company.

Item 2 – Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the Kendal BID Board meeting on 7th December 2024 were approved by the present board members with changes to attendees and apologies.

Item 3 – Managers Report

Peter, informed the Board he had been focusing on organizing and planning for the coming year. This included drawing up a budget for the 2025/26 year. Particular attention was paid to the Music Festival and how it could be taken forward. Waste management, a Sunday craft market have also been looked at this month. A BID managers' meeting has been organized for the 3rd February with attendance from Lancaster, Barrow, Ulverston and Penrith BIDs. The BID manger will be attending a meeting regarding a Car Free Kendal event taking place in September. A discussion had been had with a councilor regarding poster advertising.

Our landlord is requesting that the Bid pays for 50% of the internet costs. There had been two enquiries about becoming a BID Director. Peter attended David Knipes funeral on behalf of the BID.

Nick suggested there needed to be rationalization of the towns bins to improve the appearance of the town. Nigel suggested the bins should be painted Kendal green. Denise suggested that Gyn the Market Manager be invited to our meeting. It was suggested that BID looks for alternative office space and then have our own internet contract. It was suggested that Peter contact W&F about the vacant shop in the New Shambles.

Item 4 - Finance and Expenditure Report

OPENING BALANCE:

£47,026.03

EXPENDITURE:

£7,210.86

LEVY AND OTHER INCOMES RECEIVED:

£29,048.68

CLOSING BALANCE:

£68,863.85

There was discussion about Discover and whether businesses actually benefit from the App. The Board questioned whether it was worth carrying on with Discover. It was asked, how long was the notice period to end using the App. Lee pointed out that Discover did not appear on the first two pages on a google search.

Item 5 – Levy Income report

The Board looked at the outstanding levy debts and were keen that these were pursued particularly the larger debt's which includes Booths Supermarket. It is seen as important that our contract with the council is finalised. Nigel requested a copy of the list to look at businesses that are no-longer operating. The Board is still keen for the meeting with Elaine from W&F to take place.

Item 6 – Board Paperwork

Peter asked if the board members had a chance to review the Board member paperwork sent out last month. The Board felt they needed more time to review it.

Item 7 – Town Banner

There was no further progress on the Town Banner as Helen was not at the meeting to report back.

Item 8 – Urgent business

There was a training grant application from Hansome Bar for personal licence training, this was approved

Proposed by Denise and Second by Nigel.

There was also a Shop front grant application, which was deferred till April, when they are open for consideration.

Nigel asked the Board to consider inviting Graeme from the Lawnmower shop to our next Board Meeting. This is because of the work Graeme had put into trying to get the historic fountain moved.

The Board voted in favour of inviting him. Nigel will contact Graeme.

Lee was asked to draft a letter to Jan Nickleson to agree to a final settlement for the payment she believes she is due

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