

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

**A Meeting of the Newbury BID Operations Group was held on Wednesday 10th
February 2016**

Attendance:

Russell Downing, Graeme Leech, David Pickett, Jeff Beck, Hugh Peacock, Lindsey Finch, Nigel Morrison, Samantha Bates

1. Welcome

All were welcomed and introduced.

2. Apologies

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting were submitted on behalf of: Philip Gray, Daniel Warne, Scott Watters

3. A.O.B

Working Party for grime busting/cleaning

4. Minutes of last meeting

Lindsey Finch had made contact with her contact regarding community payback

David Pickett proposed that the Minutes of the meeting of the Operations Group held on 7th December 2015 be approved as a true and correct record; Lindsey Finch seconded the minutes.

The minutes were approved as a true and correct record and signed by the Russell Downing on behalf of the Chairman.

5. BID Update

Russell Downing updated the group on the action points from the Town Walk carried out on the 6th December 2015. Russell Downing presented a report on some of the work that is being undertaken by the BID, this covered CCTV, Vagrancy and the work with the Pedestrian experience working group. A group discussion took place regarding the tents and locations of the homeless community, this has led to a number of clean-up operations following the tents being moved on.

RESOLVED: That the report be accepted by the group.

6. Safety & Security

6.1 Ranger's report

Samantha Bates updated the group on some of the key activity currently being undertaken, including A- Boards, general business rubbish issues and commented on how the weather played a key part on the number of homeless sleeping in the Town Centre, this has a knock on affect as the weather improves and can lead to petty crime.

6.2 TVP Report

Lindsey Finch updated the group on the recent trends and activity. The reporting structure for the police has changed again, Lindsey will present the latest statistics at the next meeting

RESOLVED: That the report be accepted by the group.

7. West Berkshire Council

No Report

RESOLVED: That the report be accepted by the group.

8. Newbury Town Council

Hugh Peacocke updated the group on work undertaken by the council, including CCTV, VIC, and expressed they were pleased to be working more closely with Newbury BID. NTC are taking part in Q.E. 90 to celebrate the Queens 90th birthday, by encouraging the community to engage in 'Clean for the Queen and by the lighting of a beacon to join in with the same activity across the UK. Hugh Peacocke also updated the group on the Civic awards and Newbury in Bloom initiatives.

RESOLVED: That the report be accepted by the group.

9. Accessibility, Parking & Transport

No Report

In addition, Newbury BID to seek an update regarding the work on boundary road bridge.

Lindsey Finch raised the issue of parking spaces in the Town once the Sandleford development comes on line. A question was asked regarding section 106 moneys and if this could be used to create more car parking spaces.

RESOLVED: That the report be accepted by the group.

10. Clean & Green

Further to David Pickett's suggestion: *David Pickett suggested that a group of businesses could come together to action some of this work that would have an impact but is not seen as a priority under the current contracts in place. Russell Downing to follow up on this for action in the spring – this would be supported by the Newbury Weekly News as a positive story of businesses coming together to take action.* A further discussion took place regarding creating a working group to identify the issues and present suggestions for resolving them.

RESOLVED: That the update be noted and a working group consisting of the following members be set up: Russell Downing, David Pickett, Scott Watters, Graeme Leech and Andy Murrill.