

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

**A Meeting of the Newbury BID Christmas & Events Group was held on Monday
2nd November 2015**

Attendance:

David Pickett, Russell Downing, Fiona Crook-Smith, Lewis Freeman, Becky Scantlebury, Caroline Edmunds, Martha Vickers, Anita Hatch, Emma Herriotts, Lionel Zeffertt, Patrick Hogan, Kirsty Wood , Matt Cannon, Rob Boobyer

1. Welcome

All were welcomed and introduced by the chair of the meeting, David Pickett.

2. Apologies

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting were submitted on behalf of:
Nigel Morrison, Scott Waters, Andy Murrill, Heather Evans, Grant Brisland

3. A.O.B:

None.

4. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record of the meeting, proposed by Fiona Crook-Smith, seconded by Emma Herriotts

5. Christmas

5.1 Christmas Village

RD updated the group with the status of the proposed Christmas village for 2016. Work was under way with stall holders and discussions to be had with NTC.

5.2 Late night shopping

RD Updated the group on the program of events for December including late night shopping on the 17th December which would incorporate the choir of 1,000 voices. It was generally agreed that on this evening businesses would stay open until 8pm. From 14th December many of the shops will be opening till 8pm through to the 23rd.

5.3 Newbury Grotto

BID & Parkway have teamed up to ensure the town have a grotto for the Christmas period, this would have normally been in the village. The grotto will charge £3 entry with all profits going to charity

5.4 Reindeer Hunt & BDBW

This year we will be running a competition to find four children to ride on Santa's sleigh during the light switch-on, this will comprise of fifteen reindeer characters being placed in businesses around the BID area. BDBW will also be running as in previous years.

RESOLVED: That the updates be noted. RD to follow up on later road closure

6. Review of key events

RD updated the group on the up coming events including light switch-on, Christmas parade and late night shopping.

RESOLVED: That the update be noted

7. Footfall

Latest footfall figures not available at the meeting – RD agreed to circulate with Newsletter

RESOLVED: That the update be noted

9 Road Closures

All in place, as before.

RESOLVED: That the update be noted

10. A.O.B

Rob Boobyer is looking for suggestions of how the town can integrate more with the racecourse, the next big meet will be the lockinge day in May

Caroline Edmunds informed the group that they are trying to engage with the charter market traders to make the market more festive during December. NTC are also looking into Newbury in Bloom to encourage work around civic pride.

Meeting closed at 12:20

Next meeting: Monday 12th January 2016