

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

**A Meeting of the Newbury BID Operations Group was held on Monday 19th
October 2015**

Attendance:

Russell Downing, Graeme Leech, David Pickett, Mark Cole, Jeff Beck (JB), Andy Murrill, Hugh Peacock

1. Welcome

All were welcomed and introduced.

2. Apologies

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting were submitted on behalf of:
Lindsey Finch, Ross Drake, Nigel Morrison.

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 David Pickett and seconded by Andy Murrill.

5. BID update

Russell Downing updated the group on recent BID activity including Christmas – lights, Parade and reindeer hunt. The recently launched Newbury Artizan market which had been received well with a good selection of traders. Comment was made regarding the smooth set up and breakdown of the market. British BIDs accreditation further cementing the BIDs record as transparent and working in accordance to the industry guide lines.

RESOLVED: That the updates be noted.

6. Safety & security

6.1 Rangers Report

The group was updated with the recent activity of the rangers; specific feedback was given regarding police presence during the day. Other issues included street drinking and drug paraphernalia.

6.2 Thames Valley Police Report

None supplied

RESOLVED: That the update be noted

7. West Berkshire Council

Mark Cole updated the group on the recent work on the traffic signals on the robin hood roundabout and that work would be starting soon on the Faraday road junction with the A339. A discussion took place around the closure of Boundary road and the extension of 3 months. Russell Downing asked if there were options to use the Park Way bridge or the new bridge onto the racecourse complex. Mark Cole informed the group that Cllr. Garth Simpson was the portfolio holder and that all possible alternatives had been explored.

RESOLVED: That the update be noted

8 Newbury Town Council

Hugh Peacock updated the group regarding the potential second flag pole project for the town hall and enquired if the purple flag could be flown from it. Hugh also confirmed that Monthly meetings were in place with BID and NTC, with the addition of a quarterly meeting with the Town Council leader. Hugh Also informed the group that the market working party were looking at ways to get involved with the Christmas activity.

RESOLVED: That the update be noted

9. Accessibility, Parking Transport

No report

RESOLVED: That the update be noted

10. Clean & green

RD reminded the group regarding trade waste being left outside business premises during the day, this was counter productive to the work of the BID promoting the town.

RESOLVED: That the update be noted

A.O.B.

A discussion took place about how this group operated going forward, all felt it was important that the Town walk took place more often and that we needed better representation from the evening economy on the group.

RESOLVED:

- i. **Meetings would now start at 10:30 with a walk of the town followed by a de-brief and update at Broadway House**
- ii. **Russell Downing to seek representation from the evening economy.**

Next meeting: Monday 7th December 2015

- i. 10:30 meet at Broadway House for town walk
- ii. 11:30 Convene at Broadway House for update and de-brief