



**BEESTON
BUSINESS FORUM**

Minutes of Meeting
Monday 12th November, 6.15pm
Coffee Cup Cafe, 94 High Road, Beeston

Attendees

Stephanie Wilkinson	Regeneration Officer	Elizabeth Campbell	Principal Economic Development Officer
Katherine Brown	Charlie Foggs	Malcolm Gent	About my area NG9
PCSO7425 Mike Drury	Notts Police	Sally Handley	Coffee Cup Cafe
Chris Timson	Touchlight systems	Pam Phillips	Broadgate Laundry service
Janet Clifford	Broadgate Laundry service	Barbara Selwood	Beeston Civic Society
Sue Maddex	Beeston Market	Sheila Eden	Beeston Express
Lynda Lally	Cllr Beeston Central		

Apologies

Samantha Mann	Pay role to you	Pat Lally	Cllr Beeston Central
Charlie Fogg	Charlie Foggs	Erica	Onyx Goldsmith
Peter Robinson	Beeston Civic Society	Jo Whitham	Pastiche
Simon Hunt	Flower and Plant Centre	Rob and Sue	Post Office
Malcolm Davidson	Singer Sewing Shop		

1. Welcome, apologies and actions from the last meeting.

CT welcomed the group to the meeting especially Malcolm Gent and PCSO Mike Drury
Actions from last meeting:

- EC to find out more costings for the maps and forward them to CT
 - The Action groups will feed back to the group at the next meeting
- Point one had been done but no further progress had been made by CT as he has been tied up with other things. Action 2 will be mentioned later.
SW commented that there was a mistake on the previous minutes regarding the tree planting on Broadgate Park. BS informed the group that the tree planting would actually take place on Wednesday 21st November at 10.30am and everyone is welcome to attend.

2. Feedback on Spooky Saturday/Continental Market

Spooky Saturday -SW commented that it was a great success and wanted to thank everybody for their support. It was so busy they ran out of Goody bags and upset some children! General feeling from the group was that the event was good but could possible do with more publicity next year. LL commented that we need a notice board at Broadgate and the others cleaned up so we can advertise events like these better.
Continental Market – Comments made were that it was too expensive and some of the stallholders were not English. However the Paella, nuts and sausages were very nice. SM commented that the market would like more involvement in the promotion.

3. Christmas Action group

2 Competitions – Best Dressed Window competition and 12 days of Christmas Comp.
All shops will be getting a visit from a representative of the action group to explain how the competition is going to work. The group have also organised a finale event on Broadgate Park on Saturday 8th December from 1pm. There will be carols from John Clifford School Choir, Pleasley Colliery welfare band, music from a Christmas piper and the winners of the competition announced. Pat Lally has kindly donated money for this

event. Special thanks to Touchlight systems and Beeston Express for their time and sponsorship.

Banners – Are currently being printed. They will say “A Merry Beeston Christmas” with the website address at the bottom.

4. Beeston Action Plan

SW handed out copies of the action plan and asked for comments to be returned to her by the end of November as it is hoped that the finished document will be available at the beginning of 2008.

5. Any other business

Beacon Status for Notts. County Council – Monday 26th November at 2pm, judges will be coming to Broadgate Park and looking to see which scheme in the area is the best out of the Building Better Communities. It would be nice if representatives from the forum could be there to talk to the judges about how the project has improved the area.

BIDS –CT and SW have been on workshops for BIDS (Business Improvement Districts) A concept that requires businesses to pay a levy but will have visible benefits. This could be a good way to take the forum forward and give it legal status. A business plan would be created and the business community get to decide how to spend it e.g. floral displays and notice boards. CT commented that he thought that this could be a good for Beeston. SW and CT to keep the group up to date with progress

Action 1

Attenborough Event – After all the surveys that have taken place over the 4 towns in Broxtowe, stakeholders from those towns and from around the East Midlands are being invited to an evening on how to create and sustain a partnership. This will take place on Thursday 10th January.

Police Community Day – MD informed the group that this would take place on Saturday 15th December. This will be a mobile contact team. There will be free security marking, free crime advice and a free prize draw.

About my area – Malcolm Gent introduced himself and his website. There are currently 300 postcodes in the country covered by the website. NG9 launched on October 1st 2007. The site is updated everyday and anybody is welcome to put information on it to do with any events that may be happening. Similarly, there is a business directory on there if people would like to be listed on to it. The website address:
<http://www.aboutmyarea.co.uk/Nottinghamshire/Nottingham/NG9>

Date of next meeting – Monday 7th January 2008, venue to be confirmed