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Minutes of Meeting
 Monday 5th October 2009
 Old Council Chamber, Town Hall, Beeston

Attendees			
Stephanie Wilkinson	Broxtowe Borough Council	Chris Timson	Touchlight Systems
Matt Robinson	Beeston BID Manager	Julie Cameron	Cameron House
Stuart Dilks	The Silver Tree	Alison Binks	Yarn
Sarah Doherty	Yarn	Sue Maddex	Beeston Market
Mark Holland	Metro	Ally Allen	Artworks
Lynda Lally	Broxtowe Borough Council	Pat Lally	Broxtowe Borough Council
Emily Eadson	New look	Brian Taylor	Broxtowe Borough Council
Hilary Cook	Flying Goose Cafe	Ros Thompson	Clean N Steam
Barbara Selwood	Beeston Civic Society	June Cobley	Scents of Harmony
Apologies			
Alison White	Baldwin Cox	Peter Robinson	Beeston Civic Society

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

CT opened the meeting and welcomed everybody. As there were quite a few new faces, a round the room introduction was done.

Actions from the last meeting to be discussed in the agenda items.

2. High Road Improvement works update

SW informed the group that works were still on time and set to finish at the end of October. After this time, workman will be onsite for a further couple of weeks to do small areas of "snagging". Furniture will begin to be put in this week.

A comment was made regarding the look of the paving. It looks dirty already so will it be able to weather well. SW to take this back to the meeting with the contractors and report back at the next meeting.

Action

Footfall has continued to increase over the last few weeks:

W/c 31 st August	95712
W/c 7 th September	85020
W/c 14 th September	112385
W/c 21 st September	115198 (Arts and Craft fair)

3 BIDs update

MR explained that the consultation phase has been completed. There has been an above average response to the surveys and about average turnout to the street meetings. The next step is to use all the ideas that have come out of this and create a

draft action plan that will be available for comment around the end of the year. Themes that have been identified as priorities include:

- Marketing and PR (both Beeston as a whole and Individuals)
- Key events throughout the year
- Creating awareness of all areas of Beeston
- Safety and Security (possibility of employing an additional PCSO for the town centre)

For the benefit of a few new faces around the table, a discussion was had about the BID including costings and what the money can be spent on.

4. Events update (Halloween and Christmas)

Halloween – SW informed the group that flyers and posters we now ready for the event that will be taking place on Friday 30th October, 11-2 on Broadgate Park and asked if members of the group would be able to help distribute them.

Christmas – A sub group meeting will be held on Tuesday 6th October to discuss what value the BBF can add to the Lights switch on event and any additional activities. The Best Dressed Window Competition will go ahead this year. A request was put in that a Christmas tree is put at the Chilwell Road end of town. SW said that she will ask the question but cannot promise anything.

Action

5. Business survey results

It was decided to leave this item until next month.

6. Any other business

Tram – It has been reported that since Nottinghamshire County Council have withdrawn funding towards the Tram, a compensation package for the businesses will no longer be available. Chilwell Road Businesses feel powerless and that they have not been kept in the loop with any developments.

A meeting has been arranged by Nick Palmer on Friday 9th October at Roundhill School. From 6-7pm, Chilwell Road businesses and interested parties will have the opportunity to discuss their issues and concerns and 7-9 will be an open meeting for residents. All businesses were encouraged to attend this meeting. CT and MR also agreed that they would try amend attend the meeting.

After a discussion, it was agreed that the BBF would do the following:

- Write a letter to Cllr Richard Jackson
- Arrange for representatives from NET to attend future meetings

Chilwell Road businesses are also going to speak to a local solicitor and a petition will be circulated as of tomorrow.

7. Date and venue for the next meeting

Monday 2nd November, 6.15pm, venue TBC

(Dates of future meetings will be discussed at next months meeting)