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Minutes of Meeting
Monday 6th July 2009
Old Council Chamber, Town Hall, Beeston

Attendees			
Stephanie Wilkinson	Broxtowe Borough Council	Steve Turner	Broxtowe Borough Council
Tony Ward	Broxtowe Borough Council	Matt Robinson	Beeston BID Manager
Julie Cameron	Cameron House	Caroline Jackson	Pink and Lily
Erica Muconieks	Onyx	Mark Holland	Metro
Pam Phillips	Broadgate Laundry	Christine Gough	Grapevine Magazine
Sheila Eden	Beeston Express	Sue Maddex	Beeston Market
Louise West	Homemade bakery	Barbara Selwood	Beeston Civic Society
Dan Walker	CP Walker	Pat Lally	Broxtowe Borough Council
June Cobley	Scents of Harmony	Andrew Spencer	Cast Hairdressing
Cathy Townshend	Cast Hairdressing	Peter Robinson	Beeston Civic Society
Apologies			
Chris Timson	Touchlight Systems	Lynda Lally	Broxtowe Borough council

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

SW introduced the meeting and gave apologies from CT as he was unable to attend. As there were new faces, a round the room introduction was done.

Actions from the last meeting:

- Revised terms of reference to be put on the BBF website – This has been done
- SW to speak to Chilwell Road businesses about the advertising opportunities – This has been done and talks have taken place with Sheila. It was decided best to leave this item until the next meeting.

2. Presentation: Issues and Options consultation

Tony Ward from Broxtowe Borough Councils planning policy department gave a presentation to the group regarding the issues and options consultation that is taking place that is planning for growth over the next 20 years. 60,600 homes are to be built in the greater Nottingham area and 6,800 of these will be in Broxtowe. Sites have been suggested and a consultation will take place during July to see what the residents of Broxtowe would like to see. TW arranged for SW to send out all the information to BBF members. The deadline for comment is July 31st. All information can be found on www.broxtowe.gov.uk

3&4. Footfall count and High Road Improvements update

SW explained that works had begun on the High Road and that this has seen a reduction in footfall over the last month. It did drop significantly when it first began but has seen a steady increase over the last few weeks. When going round and talking to the affected businesses, it is clear that takings have gone down and that communication could have

been better. Many businesses at the meeting expressed concerns over the works and wanted to know if there was a possibility that business rates could be reduced. SW explained that this isn't controlled by the Council but that herself and MR would be investigating this and letting all the businesses that are affected know. **Action**

SW handed out a frequently asked questions factsheet that explained about the scheme. This is to be enlarged and displayed on the High Road as well as being distributed to all the affected businesses.

A discussion was also held around Car Parking charges with the majority of the businesses felt that this would have a detrimental effect on the town, especially at the Broadgate end. It was thought that the consultation document was unfair. ST explained that the decision was going to Cabinet this month. If it is agreed then a second consultation will take place regarding the charges.

At the end of this discussion, SW handed out envelopes that Belle and Jerome had given out to encourage businesses to go to the café. This included money off vouchers and free cups of coffee. This is a great example of being proactive in the economic downturn.

5. BIDs update

MR explained that all branding had been done for the BID, the task group has been formed and all businesses will have received the initial leaflet explaining more about the BID. On the whole he has received positive feedback. He will be delivering a survey to all businesses over the next month asking businesses what they would like to see happen in Beeston. Several businesses had questions about the BID and a discussion was held. In general the group agreed that the BID is a great opportunity for Beeston to come together and do something positive for the town. MR will continue to attend the meetings and feedback each month.

6. Any other business

Tesco – PL commented that Tesco has now been approved.

Carnival – Beeston Carnival will be taking place on Saturday 11th July.

7. Date and venue for the next meeting

There will be no meeting in August.

The next meeting will take place on Monday 7th September.

Venue to be confirmed