



**BEESTON  
BUSINESS FORUM**

**Minutes of Meeting**  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May, 6.15pm  
The Coffee Cup Cafe

**Attendees**

June Cobley	Scents of harmony	Iain Roberts	Argos
Sally Handley	Coffee Cup Cafe	Chris Timson	Touchlight Systems
Sheila Eden	Beeston Express	Cllr Pat Lally	Broxtowe Borough Council
Peter Robinson	Beeston Civic Society	Cllr Lynda Lally	Broxtowe Borough Council
Steve Turner	Broxtowe Borough Council		

**Apologies**

Malcolm Gent	About My Area
Barbara Selwood	Beeston Civic Society
Stephanie Wilkinson	Broxtowe Borough Council

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

CT welcomed the group to the meeting.

**2. BIDs update**

It was noted that Broxtowe Borough Council have approved funding of £20,000 to support the Forum in raising a total sum of approximately £69,500 to carry out further work leading up to a BID ballot taking place. This support from Broxtowe is conditional on further the remaining funding being secured from other sources. Discussions are therefore continuing with Notts County Council and East Midlands Development Agency to explore what support they can offer. It is likely that this would still leave a funding shortfall, with businesses being asked to raise what remains either through direct funding or contributions in kind.

**3. Beeston Carnival update**

LL informed the group that interest had been expressed from up to 40 people to have stalls at the event. There had also been a good response from local businesses in providing support for the carnival princess and LL had also taken up the offer from CT to design a website for the carnival. LL stressed that further support would still be welcome.

**4. Town Centre Banners**

ST reminded the group that an artist had been commissioned to work with the group to design new banners for the town centre. The artist was holding a special session on 15 May with businesses and all members of the group are encouraged to sign up to attend.

**5. High Road Improvements Consultation**

ST handed out copies of a press release, which had been sent out, and hand delivered to all businesses along the High Road, which would be affected by the works. Two consultation sessions are currently planned, one for the afternoon and evening of 21 May at the council offices and the second on Saturday 24 May between 12 and 3pm on the High Road itself. All comments from this consultation would be considered and the designs amended accordingly before being finalised.

**5. Any Other Business**

There was no other business to discuss