



**BEESTON  
BUSINESS FORUM**

**Minutes of Meeting**

Monday 8th October, 6.15pm

Coffee Cup Cafe, 94 High Road, Beeston

**Attendees**

Erica Mucenieks	Onyx Goldsmiths	Pam Phillips	Broadgate Laundry services
Jo Whitham	Pastiche	Janet Clifford	Broadgate Laundry services
Paul Stewart	Argos	Chris Timson	Touchlight systems
Kath Brown	Charlie Foggs	Barbara Selwood	Beeston Civic Society
Sally Handley	Coffee Cup Cafe	David Gibson	Beeston Snooker Hall
Rob and Sue Bagguley	High Road Post Office	Sheila Eden	Beeston Express
Louise West	Homemade Bakery	Sue Maddex	Beeston Market
Lucy Issacs	Cutting it	Sgt Kerry Mclernon	Notts Police
Sue Knight	Cycle repairs	James White	Notts Police
Elizabeth Campbell	Broxtowe Borough Council	Stephanie Wilkinson	Broxtowe Borough Council

**Apologies**

Pat and Lynda Lally	Cllrs Beeston Central	Steve Zlotowitz	Petmart
Cast hairdressing Charlie Fogg	Charlie Foggs	Peter Robinson	Beeston Civic society

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

CT welcomed the group to the meeting.

Actions from last meeting:

- Each group will continue to meet individually and feed back at the next meeting
- Concerns have been noted and Chris Timson will represent these views at the stakeholder event and feedback to the group at the next meeting.

Both of these points were both agenda items and will come up later in the meeting.

**2. Stakeholder event feedback**

Following the concerns raised at the last meeting regarding proposals at the Broadgate end of town CT and SW attended the stakeholder event that was held at the Town Hall on 11<sup>th</sup> September. Representatives from various groups within the town were invited to attend to give opinions on the proposals. Everybody was split into groups of around 6 or 7 which generally consisted of a councillor, a council officer and then representatives from the outside bodies.

All groups had pretty much the same response. They didn't feel the plans for Broadgate were realistic but thought plans for the square were achievable. The consultation period is now over and SW will keep the group up to date with any developments that occur.

**3. Update on Action groups**

Hanging baskets – No further meetings have happened since the last meeting although EC informed the group that thinning of the trees along the High Road would take place in the autumn. EC also clarified that the money for the hanging basket scheme would not come out of Council money but out of a pot of money the Council have been given by GNP (Greater Nottingham Partnership)

Shopping guide – CT has looked at advertising and costs and is looking to write to people to see if there is an interest. It is looking as though costs for advertising would range from £100- £500. EC commented that in Erewash they started at a cost of £25 for your name to be highlighted.

EC to find out more Costings and forward them to CT

#### **Action 1**

Christmas – Had another meeting that afternoon. Acts confirmed for the day are “fake that” tribute band as well as children’s entertainment. There will also be a Winter Celebration at the new Pearson centre from 2-4 where children can create lanterns that can then be used for the evening celebrations.

It was asked if anything could be done in Broadgate Park? The question was raised at the meeting with the Arts and Events team but it has been tried and tested and just doesn’t bring in footfall. They are concentrating on making the Square celebration bigger and better and then will move it out. SW commented that it might be worth the group starting planning for the event in the middle of next year and work with the events team to come up with a solution.

Banners – Economic Development have agreed to give money to produce banners at the bottom of the Christmas tree to hide the security fencing. We have 2 that are 7.5m by 1m and the forum will be able to decide what goes on them.

Suggestions included mentioning Broadgate/Market/High Street

The Action groups will feed back to the group at the next meeting

#### **Action 2**

#### **4. James White Crime Reduction manager and Sgt Kerry Mchernon form Notts Police**

JW introduced himself and started by saying that if anybody has any issues he would be more than happy to discuss them. Police are hosting 2 Crime Road shows in Beeston and Stapleford. This will be a chance to engage with the public as well as business and give advise on theft in the run up to Christmas. The group were asked for cooperation in terms of distributing leaflets/displaying posters for the event.

KM introduced herself as recently appointed Sgt for the area. She is in charge of all officers in the Beeston area and would like to get to know people in the area. IF anybody in the area has particular issues, Beat Officer Ben Rosser and PCSO David Wardle are dedicated to the town centre and should be able to assist.

#### **5. Halloween event-Broadgate Park**

SW informed the group that as there is a lack of events on Broadgate Park, on behalf of the Beeston Business Forum she has arranged a Halloween event. This will be a Children’s themed event and will have entertainers, face painters, fancy dress competition and will run from 10am-3pm. Home Bakery and the Post Office are to donate prizes for the event. A letter will be hand delivered to all Broadgate businesses informing them of the event.

#### **6. Any other business**

The Beeston Civic Society is holding a tree-planting week from 12<sup>th</sup> November on Broadgate Park.

#### **Actions**

- 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

**Date of next meeting – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November 6.15pm, Coffee Cup Cafe**