



Ulverston BID Meeting 17th Nov 2020 ~ Via Video Conference

Attending:

Jan Hancock	Town House
Gavin Knott	Appleseeds
Jacqui McCloy	Tritech
Michelle Scrogam	Pure
Janette Jenkinson	SLDC
Tony Martinez	Cumbria Teaching Agency
Beth Kennedy	UCE
Janet Hefferman	SJB Scholl
Dennis Round	Siemens

Apologies:-

Sarah Mammatt	The Northern Line
Judith Pickthall	Town Council
Justin Wales	Project Manager
Suzanne Edgley	The Best of
Wendy Barry	Avanti Capitola

Items for discussion:-

Item	Meeting Note	Action
1	<p>Previous minutes approval</p> <p>The minutes of Oct 2020 were approved.</p>	
2	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>Zoom meeting held by Jan with Chris Wilson consulting on behalf of SLDC regarding possible uses for land on North Lonsdale Road (SLDC refuse depot) – our recommendation was to avoid housing and industrial units but to go for leisure facilities. It was also agreed to circulate an email to businesses who have premises on North Lonsdale Road for their input.</p> <p>Received an invite from Carol Last to join the Ulverston Healthy Town meeting scheduled for 9.30 on Friday 20th November. Attended by Jan Hefferman on our behalf as normal.</p> <p>Received congratulations on the success of revote from: British BIDs, Simon Fell, Kim Farr and various local councillors.</p>	Jan Hefferman.

	<p>Letter received from Gill Benjamin of Ulverston Town Band asking for support in fighting a rent increase imposed by SLDC. For the past 20 years they have paid £750 per annum for the premises at Canal Head. The proposed rent is now for a 20 year lease at £4000pa or a 5 year lease at £5,500pa.</p> <p>The BID meeting agreed that the increase is an insult given the effort and money spent by the group maintaining the current premises and in addition a direct threat to the future of the band in Ulverston. BID agreed to write in support of the band in strong terms. Jan Hancock to draft & circulate for input.</p> <p>Invite received from Giles Archibald (SLDC) to discuss Local Government Reorganisation proposals for Unitary Authority centred on The Bay. This is a second format of the options (with potentially more to come) and UTC are aware but not supporting any proposal for the moment. Questions and comments made to Charles by Jan and details are available to Board members on request.</p> <p>Letter received from Sharon Chattaway querying the levy demand recently received with particular reference to the shutdown periods over the last few months. Jan will draft a reply and circulate for comment which will highlight the continuing work done behind the scenes and whilst being sympathetic to payment requests will point out the legal issues for payment. A generic letter with a consistent message may well be required for further trader queries. Noted we may have some discretion when it comes to the chasing down of payments on individual levy payers.</p> <p>Letter also received from The Bible shop – re the levy. The shop closed 31 Oct and will be taken off the list for payments. SLDC are dealing with this.</p>	<p>Jan Hancock</p> <p>Jan Hancock</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>Updates.</p> <p>The proposals for a video project from Katie Abrams are on hold until next year and whilst in support we will review accordingly. Noted that the development of a traders directory on the web site Ulverston.com appears to duplicate effort we have supported on Choose and Loyal Free. In addition the future use and renewal of contract with LF will require more detailed discussion and analysis prior to extension.</p> <p>The proposals for Christmas events are progressing from the UCE and via the Dickensian committee independently with regular joint discussions. The plans will be dependent upon rules around Covid in Dec. Both plans will be low key respecting the current distancing rules etc.</p> <p>The date for the Market of Food organised and funded by Dickensian committee has moved to 12/13 Dec as a plan. Max 30 to 35 stalls invited and to be confirmed.</p>	
<p>4</p>	<p>Financial Report</p> <p>We have no indication of the funds being collected from the current billing to March 21. SLDC have not indicated a total of billing issued. Bank currently stands @ approx. £76k with the first part of the fee for Buxton St car park paid. The current committed & planned expenditure totals</p>	

	<p>approx. £61k. Main items are Car Park initiative, Loyal Free extension to March & Wi-Fi.</p> <p>There is a £6k grant from EU still due with the claim submitted by SLDC (in accounts).</p> <p>The BID assistance for any planned weekend markets in town is not included and needs to be added. Jacqui to add.</p> <p>In total the BID has approx. £10k surplus beyond current commitments to the end of March 21, excluding any levies paid between now and then.</p>	Jacqui
5	<p>Grant Applications</p> <p>X112 bus route.</p> <p>The chair of X112 is to be invited to talk to the BID on this application. The current request includes an element of capital which is beyond the BID's remit and Jan Hefferman will draft a letter explaining the BID rules prior to our meeting. Query raised on this application, which has been rejected previously - what's changed. This organisation has now a charity status and a section 22 community ownership of the bus routes has been accepted. This may change the application criteria.</p> <p>Application on hold.</p> <p>Support for vulnerable children</p> <p>Request for £3500 from BID to purchase up to 40 chrome-books for vulnerable children in the various schools listed. An update to the application confirms request for funds from UTC & CGP has been successful. The numbers of units has been the subject of a detailed analysis of circumstances and is considered accurate. Millerwaite will be helping with the procurement process to add as many units as possible in the overall application.</p> <p>The application was accepted - £3500 approved.. Jan Hancock to confirm to charity.</p> <p>Ulverston in Bloom</p> <p>Application for £6100 submitted</p> <p>The application was accepted overall, however the current available funds within the BID are not sufficient to fully support this grant. The income from now to March being unknown. The application covers the period from now to Oct 21 with all winter planting ordered from current funds. Jan and Jacqui to agree on funding for this application as we access the levy payments due. Jan to confirm to Ulverston in Bloom.</p> <p>Colour scheme for the hanging baskets agreed at Cream & Maroon.</p>	<p>Jan Hancock</p> <p>Jan Hancock</p> <p>Jan Hancock Jacqui.</p>