



Stockport Town Centre Business Improvement District (BID) Limited Minutes of the Annual General Meeting (AGM)

6:00pm – 7:00pm, Monday 29th April 2019

First Floor Marketing Suite, 1 St Peter's Square, Stockport, SK1 1NZ

Attendance

BID Board: Mike Lamont - Chair of the BID Board of Directors, Caroline Patten, Stuart Broadbelt, Tony Jones

BID Board Guests: Alan Gent, Andrew Ayres, Karen Barker, Helen White

BID Support: Paul Taylor – BID Manager, Lisa Noel – BID Office Manager

BID Members : Simon Wells - Remedy Bar, Kevin Nurse - Actseum Ltd, Kristian Evans - Tramp, Luke Morgan - Bakers Vaults, Craig Johnson - Angel Inn

BID Non- Members: Ted Doan - The Plaza, Nigel Anderton - The Plaza

Apologies

Jean Walker, Malcom Hurst, Veronica Robinson, Jamie Pitt

Welcome by Chair – fire & safety, meeting procedures

Mike Lamont, Chair of Stockport BID Board of Directors opened the meeting by welcoming the attendees and thanking them for coming. An overview of the agenda was given and the voting process explained. Proxy forms had been previously submitted. Ballot forms were issued on arrival to members' attending the AGM.

2018/19 Over View & 2019/20 Plans

A detailed Overview of the BID was presented by the Chair - Mike Lamont. This included the history of the BID, where, why, how it began and an overview of activities and projects of 2018/19 and plans for 2019/20. A copy of the Slide Show presentation is available;

[AGM slides \(1\).pdf](#)

Report of the Accounts for the Year Ending 31st March 2018 & 31st March 2019

Caroline Patten - BID Finance Director presented an overview of the Audited Accounts, Year 1, Year 2 and 2019/20 Year 3 proposed budget, this can be viewed in the AGM PowerPoint Slide Show Presentation. All audited accounts can be downloaded from the Totally Stockport website. Future Quarterly Management Accounts will be published on the Totally Stockport website. Mike Lamont thanked Caroline for her contribution in preparing and presenting the accounts.

Election of new Directors for whom nominations have been received

The Following board members stood down, as per the BID governance, and applied for re-election. Biographies available;

Anthony Jones

Stuart Broadbelt

<https://www.totallystockport.co.uk/about/meet-the-bid-board/>

The following candidates applied for election to the BID Board. Biographies available;

Alan Gent

Karen Barker

Andrew Ayres

<https://www.totallystockport.co.uk/about/get-involved/>

The Chair collected and counted the votes. Anthony Jones, Stuart Broadbelt, Alan Gent, Karen Barker won the majority of votes and therefore will form part of the new Board. Mike Lamont thanked all candidates for their applications.

Questions

Mike Lamont invited questions and comments from the attendees.

Nigel Anderton - The Plaza; questioned the reported BID Audited Accounts and why the Accounts on Companies House showed a Corporation tax liability for the Surplus in Year 1. Mike Lamont advised that the BID had been advised at inception that no tax would be payable but HMRC had presented a case that was defended and reversed by the Auditors. Clarke Nicklin had been instructed to reverse what had been filed at Companies House and this will now be rectified upon presentation of Year2 accounts. , no charges or liability will be incurred.

Nigel Anderton - The Plaza; asked how many seats are available on the Board of Directors - Mike Lamont advised a minimum of 6, maximum 10.

Nigel Anderton - The Plaza; asked how many levy payers and how many members does the BID have - Mike Lamont advised 550 levy payers and 26 members.

Nigel Anderton - the Plaza; discussed the success of the BID, the question will be in 5 years, is Stockport better of now? For example a fall in crime rates or reduction in town centre units, these are measurables. Mike Lamont answered - it brings it back to the 4 key areas within the business plan, the challenge is that we deliver the 5 year business plan. Working alongside the council. We need to make sure that every penny we spend is a true reflection of the business plan.

Kevin Nurse - Actseum Ltd; commented that he would like to see more communication regarding the benefits of what the BID is doing for a business, both directly and indirectly. Mike Lamont advised that levy payer engagement was a key priority for BID support staff and the board directors.

Close

Mike Lamont thanked all for attending the meeting, for getting involved and encouraged everyone to be engaged, the BID wants to hear from all members and levy payers.
