

MINUTES FOR THE BIDS MEETING ON 8TH AUGUST 6.15P.M.

Attendance

Ian Lavrie – Townhead Carpets

Rona Miller – Art Forum

Eileen Bannerman – Besotted

Glenn McVay – Cafe Alba

Martin Colpi – Colpis

Wendy Ross – Ruby Red

Ruth Duncan – The Natural Therapy Centre

Hilary Howatt – The Natural Therapy Centre

Callum Christie – Frontier Holidays

Welcome and Apologies

Ian welcomed the group and apologies were noted.

Matters arising from the last minutes

Ian discussed that due to Pauline's absence at the meeting due to illness, that we should hold off with the distribution of the questionnaire leaflets. Ian and Pauline will make a list of all the businesses in the Bids area that will need to be contacted for the next meeting.

The Parking regulation which are due to commence in November have now been shelved until April. Ian had received an email from Gail Mcfarlane with regards to the issues that the steering group had their concerns about at the previous meeting. These issues have all been looked at by the council and we all thought that it was very positive.

Ian asked Callum to contact Virgin Active re further discussions with a Park and Ride.

Callum gave a brief update on the Community development trust and it was agreed that the two groups could work together to improve the area.

Ballot Date: The ballot date might be brought forward a month due to other events.

BIDs evening: It was agreed that the Steering Group would host a business meeting in Cyan on Tuesday 27th August at 6.15p.m. Invitations will be sent out a.s.a.p. to all businesses in the BIDs area. This evening would be an opportunity for businesses to hear from other towns who have been successful in gaining Bids status and to ask and questions. The steering groups will be meeting on the 20th August to discuss the matter fully.

