



EVENING ECONOMY GROUP MEETING – MONDAY 25th JANUARY 2016

BONNY BOAT 3PM

MINUTES

Present: Kathryn Shillito (**HullBID**), Mark Andrews (**HullBID**), Catherine Goble (**HullBID**), Kerrie Woollas (**Ye Olde White Harte**), Mike Woollas (**Ye Olde White Harte**), Linda Levantiz (**Bonny Boat**), Claire Bennett (**Punch Hotel**), Leila Bolton (**Punch Hotel**), Dawn Morgan (**Hull CC Public Health**), Susan Brooks (**Hull Cheese/Rumours/Lizard Lounge/Silvers/Riddlers/Garbo's**), David Best (**JD Wetherspoon**), Emma Badham (**JD Wetherspoon**), Carol Ward (**Bottoms Up**), Paul Berrey (**Ebenezer Morley**), Jon Wright (**Eurovia**), John Compton (**Eurovia**), Claire Simpson (**Fuel**), Chris Dinidaly (**Fuel**), Carl Conway-Davis (**Lizard Lounge/Rumours**), Rob Jackson (**Burlington/Star of the West**), Melissa Green (**Garbos**), Dav Foster (**Welly**), Mark Hall (**Welly/Fruit**), Ann Donkin (**Empress**), Andrew Donkin (**Empress**), Paul Wright (**Manchester Arms**), Paul Weeks (**Green Bricks**), Garry Dixon (**Hull City Council**), Jon Moss (**C4Di**), David Cooke (**Mercure Hull Royal Hotel**), Kirsty Tock (**Humberside Police**)

1. PREVIOUS MINUTES/MATTERS ARISING

Kathryn welcomed everyone to the meeting and although the minutes from previous meeting had been circulated, they were not discussed at this meeting, due to the amount on the agenda. Any queries to contact Kathryn direct.

2. DIGITAL HOSPITALITY EVENT AT C4DI

Jon Moss from C4Di (new gold building opposite the Deep) spoke briefly about an event he is hosting at 8am on 4 February, for businesses involved in the hospitality, food and beverage sectors. The event aims to look at how technology will impact business, and how to make the most of the internet. It is a free event, and anyone can attend... simply click on the link. <http://jonm.me/newnormal4thfeb>

3. UPDATE ON PUBLIC REALM WORK IN CITY CENTRE AND ITS EFFECT ON TRADE

Jon Wright and John Compton from Eurovia spoke about their role as business liaison officers for the public realm work. They explained that getting the information out to businesses is challenging and asked that businesses let them know immediately of any problems so they can try and remedy them. Work is on track however penalty clauses are in place if deadlines are missed. Jon and John can be contacted on **0800 0142369**.

- Paragon Square to Humber Street – Just started excavations in Paragon Street and it should be completed by November 2016.
- Jameson Street – Having to do it in sections, with needing to lay concrete and paving slabs, whilst maintaining access to all the buildings. Should be completed by November 2016.
- King Edward Street – Work will commence here shortly, and should be completed by December 2016.
- Queen Victoria Square – Logistically difficult, and will be disruptive with narrow walkways, but should be completed by December 2016.
- Beverley Gate – Will be retained and tidied up. Following public consultation it has been recognised as an historical monument. Will run into March 2017, due to these new plans.

- Whitefriargate – Overnight shifts have been completed recently, to minimise the impact on the businesses.
- Silver Street to Parliament Street – As of 1st July 2016, the area on Whitefriargate will be excavated and deliveries will need to be re-routed.
- Trinity Square – Needed to dig deeper than first intended, and remains have been discovered which have resulted in a full archaeological dig, which has all had to be documented, and caused issues. The tree will be coming out imminently. The Andrew Marvell statue has been removed and is being cleaned, but will be put back in Trinity Square on a smaller plinth. Water features which can be turned on and off are included in the scheme. This should all be completed by December 2016.
- Trinity House Lane – More night shifts may take place down here, to ensure it is completed by 1st July 2016.
- Humber Dock Street – A drainage culvert has been uncovered and a new drainage system has had to be devised. This should be completed by September 2016. The bridge across the A63 should be opened by 23rd March 2017 (not Eurovia’s contract), which will give a route through.

Paul Weeks (Green Bricks) said his business is suffering due to the works on Humber Street, and that he may have to close and lay off staff imminently. Kathryn Shillito said she would pull together a meeting with Hull City Council and other stakeholders to discuss a marketing campaign to promote the city is still open for business.

Kathryn Shillito followed by saying that the valuation office will look at rate reductions on a case-by-case basis and there has to be exceptional circumstances e.g. drastically reduced footfall etc. However, the V.O. also state that the public realm works and City of Culture year will have a positive effect on the city centre and this will be factored in when revaluations take place in 2017.

4. INSPECTOR KIRSTY TOCK

Inspector Kirsty Tock from Humberside Police spoke about the plans for policing in the city centre. In April 2015, there was a major restructure due to budget cuts, which reduced the number of policemen on the streets. The evening economy policing changed and this has caused problems in co-ordinating it, and issues around 101 calls not being answered.

From 22nd February 2016, there will be more daytime policing in the city centre, with numbers increasing from 4 to 15, due to an assessment into demand. She explained that beggars and homeless people are two different issues and they shouldn’t be muddled up. There is currently one ring-fenced PCSO dedicated to dealing with begging (with daily support from BID Officers) and a list of everyone begging and what support they need has been drawn up. The police are working to address these issues, but those who don’t agree to be helped are liable to enforcement action.

Since 4th January 2016, there has been:

- 12 section 35 dispersal notices (banning from the city centre for 48 hours)
- 8 arrests for breach of section 35
- 1 civil injunction
- 2 alcohol seizures
- 53 hours of foot patrol
- 12 visits to McDonalds to deal with anti-social behaviour

The government has frozen police budgets, and Humberside Police is on a recruitment drive. But, it takes nine months training before the police officer can venture out unaccompanied. Inspector Tock will continue to meet regularly with HullBID and Hull City Council to discuss ways of improving the policing offering. She recognised the demand profile has been wrong, but the force needs 12 weeks’ notice before anything can be changed.

Rob Jackson asked if there could be a process which would let them know how many staff to expect at busy times of year (eg payday weekends, events etc), for reassurance. Inspector Tock said she would speak to Gary Parker and Ian Goode to try to find out, and HullBID will disseminate the information.

Note from Inspector Kirsty Tock to HullBID received Tuesday 26th January.

From yesterday's Hull BID Evening Economy meeting and the request for the staffing numbers for this weekend to police the Night Time Economy.

There will be 1 x Inspector, 1 x Sergeant and 10 x PC's covering the Night time Economy (NTE) policing for Hull and Beverley. These staff are taken from both the operational officers and the community officers. There will also be additional specials - we can't give an exact figures as I explained in the meeting they don't always turn up. However, there can be anywhere between 4 and 8 Specials accompanying the regular officers each night.

The numbers are devised from examining demand covering the previous years. Experience of the staff who manage this process is that the calls for service/demand on the NTE policing are lower in January and February because of spending habits at Christmas.

In addition I supply 3 PCSO's each night for the purpose of tackling the earlier meet and great/Anti-social Behaviour type work. However, as you are already aware these staff are often drawn away to deal with caseloads and investigations, etc.

I hope this helps with some of the concerns. I appreciate it is not an ideal position and we hope to be in a better place when the changes come into effect in February 2016.

Date of next meeting: TBC.

Thank you to Bonny Boat for hosting the meeting. It is, as always, much appreciated.