



ARDAL GWELLA BUSNES

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BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

2018 Annual General Meeting

Conwy Suite, Eirias Park

20 June 2018

5.30pm Registration / 6.00pm Start

1. Welcome

The Chair, Greg Narey, welcomed everyone and thanked them for taking the time to come out and vote.

He pointed out that there are PR people here who are taking photographs for the BID website. If anyone doesn't want to be photographed, please make us aware.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Jay Martin and David Thornley

Steve Griffiths was in attendance to register and start the meeting however he had to leave before the vote.

3. Minutes of the 2017 AGM

There were no minutes taken at the 2017 AGM. However, this meeting is being minuted.

4. Chairman's Report

- Progress has been made on a number of fronts during 2017/18.
- Four Directors are resigning from the Board:

Greg Narey	Colwyn Jewellers/Gregory's Jewellers	Colwyn Bay/Rhos on Sea
Sydney Gaskin	Gaskins Carpets & Beds	Mochdre
Tony Earley	St. James's Place	Mochdre
Gareth Jones	UK Leisure Living	Mochdre

- The Project Manager, Anna Openshaw, resigned in April, to pursue other projects. The Chairman extended his thanks to her for the work she did whilst with the BID.
- Her successor is Cheryl Williams, who has already put in a great deal of work for the BID.
- The Chairman reminded BID members that all directors are volunteers, and unpaid, except for the Council director. Cheryl is an employee, working on behalf of the BID members and levy payers.
- All projects are detailed on the BID website (www.colwynbid.co.uk)

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- Examples of projects are:
 - Local loyalty scheme for retailers
 - Public access defibrillators
 - Working with CREST, two caretakers have been made available to all members at no cost.
 - Cheryl is working with Arriva Buses to get discounted travel for all employees of BID members. There is a survey on the website.
 - Working with HART radio.
- Of the 4 BID areas, Rhos on Sea is the most active in developing local projects.

On a personal note, the Chair stated that he had joined the board to make Colwyn Bay a better place for retail businesses. However, as his views were at odds with the Bay Life Strategic Management board, he had taken the decision to resign. He wished the new Chair (Jay Martin) good luck and every success for the future.

5. **Presentation of Finances** (by James Hastings)

- As at 31 March 2018 the audit had not been completed. Therefore, headline figures only were given. Any future information can be found on the website. There is a proposal to push the AGM back in future years to enable the audit to be completed.
- To date, 95% of BID members have paid the levy (£246,000). The remainder are being actively pursued.
- £8,000 of last year's levy (2016/17) was collected in this year.
- During the year to March 2018 projects worth £95,000 have been undertaken, excluding the project management costs.
- Extra income has been received in terms of grants in the sum of £5,000
- Overheads are in line with last year. These have increased by £10,000 as a result of employing the full time Project Assistant and paying rental for the office.
- Overall the position for the year shows a £75,000 surplus. There is already commitment made for some of this.
- Including last year's surplus there is currently £200,000 of surplus to go into next year. The Chairman asked everyone to consider this and to let the Board have proposals as to how the money could be spent.

6. **Questions from the floor**

- ***Signs in Mochdre***
These should have been put up in the summer, but the Advertisement Control Consent application has been deferred. Cheryl confirmed that there is a consultant discussing



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alternative locations for some signs with Highways and Planning. A decision will hopefully be reached by the second week in July ahead of Planning Committee.

- ***£200,000 surplus***
Allocated to all 4 zones. Query as to whether or not there is any flexibility in allocating this money. The Chair stated that this could be considered by the new Board.
- ***Why can Rhos do well, but not Colwyn Bay?***
Rhos is a community of small independent businesses, whereas Colwyn Bay is a mixture. Individual businesses in Colwyn Bay have not shown any interest. The new mayor of Colwyn Bay shares the same concern.
- ***Can only find out news from the Website.***
The Chair confirmed that he had sent out letters by recorded delivery to every business. The new website is now up and running and is a great improvement on the previous one.
- ***Provision of list of members.***
Some members commented that they had never received this letter. Cheryl confirmed that she had created a new database, cleaning/updating that provided by the Council's NNDR section. The letters had gone to the Post office from the BID office, but 116 had been returned. Members were asked to ensure their details were correct on the Council's NNDR database and ensure that Cheryl has your email address. GDPR precludes the office sharing the list of members.
- ***Paying the levy.***
Comment was made that not all businesses paid the levy or business rates. Cheryl explained the levy scales.
- ***Communication.***
A forum is to be added to the website within the next couple of months which BID members can access. The BID also has Facebook and Twitter accounts.
- ***Targeting more people to come to Colwyn Bay.***
Discussion took place on this. It was suggested that (i) one way would be to liaise with other BID companies, (ii) use drone footage to publicise the area.



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7. Election of Directors

The following people were elected as Directors:

David Thornley	Thornley Leisure Parks	Colwyn Bay/Mochdre
Jennifer Whitlock	Le Sport Health & Fitness	Rhos on Sea
Will Blackwell	Sitequest	Mochdre
Steve Griffiths	Supertemps	Colwyn Bay

8. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

The new Chair is Jay Martin, who was unopposed.

The new Vice Chair is Steve Griffiths, who was unopposed.

9. Close of meeting

The meeting closed at 6.30 pm.