

## **MEETING OF GARFORTH TRADERS ASSOCIATION**

### **WEDNESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 5.30PM @ BARAKA COFFEE SHOP**

**Present :** Peter Mudge (Leeds City Council), Kevin Pease (Pease of Garforth), Nick & Linda Castle (Baraka / Cielo), Anne Corry (Dorothy Anne's), Steve (Adore), Alison Lane (Precious), Lee & Louise (The Greengrocer), Duncan Firth (D M Firth Butchers), Gill Brownridge (Scotts Hairdressing), Floors & Snores, Moorhouse Opticians, Emsleys Solicitors, Dawn (Technicolour)

#### **1. Rate Appeal**

- Quotations have been obtained from two separate companies for the Rate Appeal. It was agreed we would use the services of Storeys Edward Symmons and a representative from the company will be invited to attend the next meeting to discuss the process further.
- Email to be sent to all interested Traders / businesses asking them to ensure they attend the next meeting.

#### **2. Car Parking**

- The term on the new Town End car park has initially been proposed as 5 years however it was felt that a 10 year term would be preferable if this was something the land owner would consider. Email sent to Nick Borrás of Leeds City Council Highways asking him to discuss further with the land owner.
- The initial uptake on the annual car parking spaces in the Town End car park has been low but this is expected to increase once the new parking strategies are implemented in the two existing car parks. The cost of the annual car parking space for businesses / traders has been agreed at £300.00 per annum.

#### **3. CCTV / Crime Prevention**

- Discussions were held regarding the adequacy of CCTV on Main Street. A representative from CCTV to be invited to a future meeting.
- It was agreed that a strategy should be agreed and implemented to notify businesses if thieves / shop lifters are known to be operating in the area. Method of notification to be agreed.

#### **4. Late Night Opening**

- In order to encourage residents to "shop local", it was agreed that Garforth would benefit from a late night opening but, in order for this to be worthwhile, a good number of businesses / shops would need to be involved.
- It was agreed to trial late night opening on 3 consecutive Thursday's in December and for the event to have a Christmas theme, to encourage residents to support the event.
- Ideas such as roast chestnuts / hog roasts / mulled wine etc were discussed and it was agreed that, where possible, these "attractions" should be supplied by local businesses as oppose to inviting non Garforth traders along.
- Radio was agreed as the best form of advertising & representatives from local stations may be invited along to future meetings to present their proposals / costings.
- It was agreed that further discussions were required regarding other Christmas events.

#### **5. AOB**

- It was agreed it would be useful for a representative from the Garforth Traders Association to attend the Traders meeting for another local area.

#### **6. Next Meeting**

- The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 5.30pm.