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CITY COUNCIL

## Morley Town Centre Management Board

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2009  
 MBI Office  
 Morley Town Hall

Cllr Robert Finnigan (Chair)	Leeds City Council
Cllr Terry Grayshon	Leeds City Council
Steve Jones (SJ)	Morley Town Council
Robert Tempest	Morley Chamber of Trade
Peter Mudge (PM)	Town Centre Manager

### 1.0 Welcome & Introductions

- 1.1
- Councillor Finnigan welcomed everyone to the meeting

### 2.0 Apologies

- Keith Robinson, Bob Thaxter, Tom O'Donovan

### 3.0 Minutes of the last meeting

- The minutes were agreed as a true record.

### 4.0 Matters Arising

- 4.0 Vacant unit figures are coming from Dewsbury & Batley but not available from Heckmonwike. The national data gathering mechanism "Milestone" is due to go live in December. Peter to confirm if this will be available to meet Morleys health check needs concerning event attendance and public perceptions.
- 4.0 The next Morley partnership meeting will be on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October. Steve Jones said a decision must be made as to how often the meetings were held, (Two, three or four times a year.) Peter said that the Town awards would constitute one of these. Steve said he intended to ensure the meeting stuck to the agenda. Topics for the October meeting will include Cars on Queen St and Morley Bottoms Development.  
 Graham Teale had rung Peter and emailed Cllr G to note that the Partnership meeting he had seen advertised earlier this year had not gone ahead. Peter said he had already told Graham the new date would be confirmed at this meeting and he would confirm it with him that afternoon.
- 6.0 Cllr Grayshon asked to be sent copies of the Terms of Reference and Draft Marketing Plan which had been agreed at the previous meeting.
- 7.1 The Yorkshire Day street market and events went reasonably well amidst intermitent downpours. MTCMB

supported next year's event having allocated areas for different Yorkshire produce.

- 7.3 Peter has met with Boots to seek funding towards the Town Awards. The meeting was positive and a decision is awaited
- 8.1 Peter circulated a picture and email received concerning people drinking and acting inappropriately outside the Queen Hotel. MTCMB agreed he should seek a meeting with Insp Morgan with the aim of getting tables and chairs outside the pub.

## **5.0 Correspondence**

- Minutes of the August meeting with the White Rose Centre were circulated.

## **6.0 Finance**

SJ confirmed the £5,000 funding has been approved by Morley Town Council towards the ongoing Town Centre Management work.

PM confirmed that with the exception of the Sky funds allocated at the last meeting for Yorkshire Day and the pre-agreed allocation for stall hire, there was no new expenditure.

## **7.0 Morley Live presentation**

Danny Lacey. was welcomed to the meeting. He outlined his creation of the internet tv service Morley Live following a discussion with Peter at the start of the year.

DL said the site is being well received and regularly visited (5,000 hits in the first week). He said it was focused on fun and promotion of events and there would be no negative stories.

RT said it was important to have a good website with links between traders.

Cllr F suggested DL could work with schools to develop a "Come Dine with Me" series.

It was proposed and agreed that board members would look at the site and make a decision at the next TCMB meeting as to whether it was appropriate to let the "endorsed by Town Centre Management " tag remain.

## **8.0 Work Programme**

### **8.1**

- Interest is being shown in evening music. TCM has spoken with three restaurants and who are interested in developing this opportunity. Peter is being given names and contact details to pass onto the café owners. The event would be solely funded by the participating restaurants or pubs.
- Book sellers are being sought for the Literature Festival street market. The Chamber Events team is contacting last year's participants and Peter has approached Oxfam about a large input.
- Whilst Titan has repaved missing stones in the Precinct they have been unable to find the same stones and so have liaised with Highways over a suitable replacement.
- Regeneration funds will enable the town centre seats to be

repainted and varnished.

- A new organiser has been found for privately arranged Craft Fairs. Throughout the winter, spring and autumn they will be held monthly in the town hall. In Summer they will be outside in Scatcherd Park and linked to the Queensway shops.
- There is a Chamber of Trade meeting tonight and this will be the First one held since the membership groups were launched. RT will chair the meeting.
- The next Morley Weekend at The White Rose will be on 3 and 4 October.

**9.0 Any Other Business**

- 9.1
- Cllr F outlined the proposal for Yorkshire Forward to develop Town End. It was agreed YF's view of support for local towns may be changing and this offered a real opportunity for Town End which certainly needs improvements. Cllr G said he hoped the dilapidated Albion pub and Mill etc will also be considered.

**10.0 Date & time of next meeting**

**10.1** Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 2.00pm. MBI Office Morley Town Hall **All**