



LEEDS
CITY COUNCIL

Morley Town Centre Management Board

Wednesday 30th 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
Keith Robinson	Morley Chamber of Trade
Bob Thaxter	Morley Chamber of Trade
Tom O'Donovan	Area Management
Peter Mudge (PM)	Town Centre Manager

1.0 Welcome & Introductions

- 1.1
- Councillor Finnigan welcomed everyone to the meeting

2.0 Apologies

- Robert Tempest

3.0 Minutes of the last meeting

- The minutes were agreed as a true record.

4.0 Matters Arising

- The next Morley partnership meeting will be on Monday 5th October. Topics for the October meeting will include the forthcoming launch of redevelopment of the Dewsbury Rd Corridor and progress on the Morley Bottoms Development.
- Cllr Finnigan noted the number of empty shops in Morley compared well with neighbouring towns with their average being 17% vacancy while Morley's is roughly 8%
 KR said the feel amongst town businesses remains buoyant despite the national gloom.
- Cllr Finnigan said the Street market had been a successful day and the town had also benefited by positive comments on BBC Breakfast.
- Peter said Boots had promised to provide an answer on the possibility of funding the town awards event next year
- Peter said he and KR had met with Insp Morgan concerning the Queens Pub. Insp Morgan confirmed street tables seemed a solution and it was also agreed PM will meet with the Slip landlord to discuss people loitering outside the pub.
- Agreed Peter should arrange meeting with interested parties - including TCMB members, Police and Highways to investigate reducing illegal vehicle usage on Queen Street.

5.0 Correspondence

- None received.

6.0 Finance

Members received the latest budget and approved funds for a mobile phone with camera and email pick up, and maximum support of £650 support for street entertainers for the Literature Festival street market, £235 towards costs for the White Rose display and £885 towards the Christmas street lighting.

7.0 Queensway Car Park –enforcement proposals

Leeds CC Car Parks Manager Mark Jefford gave a presentation on his plans to begin enforcement on the Queensway Car Park 3 hour zone. Area Committee will be notified of the plan at their October meeting. MTCMB appreciated that the ability to undertake enforcement should increase the number of available spaces before Christmas.

The Board supported Cllr Grayshon's proposal that greater usage should be investigated at the Peel St Nursery Carpark and Morley Bottoms Car Park. MJ said he would investigate this with TCM and would get signs put beside meters in Queensway Car Park notifying users that they could stay over three hours on evenings and Sundays.

8.0 Work Programme

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- Developing the evening economy is taking place with café events and the planned launch of a town centre folk club. Also suggested launching a comedy club with duo acts.
- Meeting held with Insp Morgan – key areas of discussion were The Queen Hotel, visiting The Slip, the opportunity for more regular catch ups and calling a meeting between Police, Highways, Chamber and Cllr Finnigan to discuss reducing illegal traffic use of Queen Street. .
- Fundraising group has held its first meeting with Neil Heywood as chair and Beverley and Peter looking to identify new sources of funding.
- Peter met with David Halliwell (Millshaw Properties) who showed support for ongoing work in Morley town centre and wished to include the South Queen Street proposal as ongoing projects working alongside any South Leeds masterplan.
- White Rose weekend went well with some 40 traders taking part over the two days.
- Street market – received promises from 36 stalls and some 10 other displays. Oxfam have confirmed their Hay on Wye display and that they will convert their shop front into a bookshop for the week. Hopefully this will remain afterwards.
- Three shops shut, two new ones open and applications in for another four.
- Peter seeking government empty shop funding to open a local artists shop in Morley Bottoms.
- Ernie Wise statue aiming for installation on 27 November – but still uncertain if work can be completed in time.

- T&DC have said they need to speak with Area Management over a better way to progress the application for funding towards restoring the seating. Cllr Finnigan said this needs progressing asap.

9.0 Any Other Business

- 9.1
- None

10.0 Date & time of next meeting

10.1 Tuesday 3rd November at 12.30pm. MBI Office Morley Town Hall

All