

BID BARNSTAPLE

NOTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 12TH OCTOBER 2011 AT THE IMPERIAL HOTEL

Present: Dane Stanley James Li
Dawn Hall Councillor Adam Bradford
Gerry Fry Steve Peckham
Jan Dayman Brian Holme
Sue Rawle Graham Principe
Jilly Watson

Apologies: Craig Bulley Peter Banbury
Martin Masters Alan Giddings

The Chairman welcomed all those present to the first Annual General Meeting of Bid Barnstaple.

Finance Report

Jilly Watson presented the financial report. It was noted that these unaudited accounts were for Bid Barnstaple from the date of the company's incorporation, 12th April 2010, to 31st March 2011.

Outgoing Chairman's Report

Dane Stanley outlined the challenges encountered and the projects that Bid Barnstaple has been working on during its first year, including the re-branding of Barnstaple, and thanked the various sub-committees for their hard work during the past year. The Chairman highlighted some other projects that have been undertaken over the past year:

- Production of a colour coded map
- Website under construction
- Touch screen information site
- New fingerposts for the town
- Enhanced Christmas lights
- Survey to traders in the town

The Chairman highlighted some of the events that Bid Barnstaple has supported over the past year including the North Devon Real Ale Festival, Barnstaple Carnival and the first Barnstaple Grand Prix.

The Chairman also highlighted some of the projects that would be undertaken over the next few months including:

- Barnstaple loyal independent shoppers scheme
- Revisiting Barnstaple In Bloom initiative
- Compiling a database of coach companies
- River themed event in 2012
- Encouraging civic pride

Finally, the Chairman thanked the Board, Sue Rawle and Craig Bulley for all their hard work on behalf of Bid Barnstaple over the past year.

Nominations For The Board

Brian Holme took the Chair. He reported that in accordance with the Articles of the Company all 8 existing levy paying Directors, and the 1 Non-levy paying Director are required to stand down. The Council representative Director remains. Eight of the above have offered themselves for re-election; the ninth Board member had stood down.

The following Bid Barnstaple members were nominated, seconded and unanimously re-elected to the Board:

Dane Stanley	Dawn Hall
Peter Banbury	Gerry Fry
James Li	Steve Peckham
Jan Dayman	Martin Masters [Non-levy paying]

Two nominations were put forward for the final place on the Board [for the Levy paying], Alan Giddings and Graham Principe.

Graham Principe spoke at the meeting and set out his reasons for nominating himself for the Board. Alan Giddings was not able to attend the meeting.

Following discussion, it was agreed that both candidates should be invited to submit their nominations in writing and that the Board consider these nominations at their next meeting.

Election Of Chairman

Dane Stanley was nominated as Chairman of Bid Barnstaple. The nomination was seconded and unanimously agreed.

Incoming Chairman's Welcome Speech

Dane Stanley thanked the Board for their vote of confidence in him. He highlighted the issues that he would like to see over the next year, including –

- Improving communications with the members of Bid Barnstaple

- **Working more closely with Town Centre Management**
- **Meeting more often with North Devon Council and Barnstaple Town Council**

He reported that the town faced increasing competition and looked forward to working with the Board and other Bid Barnstaple members to make Barnstaple into a 'destination shopping' area.

The meeting closed at 6.30 p.m.