

Margate Town Partnership

Board Meeting: 24th June 2010

Time: 5.30 pm

Venue: Old Town Hall, Market Place, Margate

Present:

Chairman: Terence Painter
 John Kirk
 Rebecca Smith
 Cheryl Ezekiel
 Adam Fennell
 Richard Ash

Events Co-ordinator: Katie Lipington

<i>Agenda Items</i>	<i>Actions</i>
The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.	
1.Apologies: Nick Panteli, Daniel Goldman, Derek Harding, Wanda Rogers, Paul Gray	
2. Notes of last meeting(25th March) - Agreed	
3. Matters Arising from Minutes – None	
<p>The Chairman suggested that over the Summer holidays (for the months of July and August), that the Board has a break from Board Meetings. The Board agreed. Should a discussion be required/ an issue needs to be discussed it was agreed that ad hoc meetings will be called with initial communication via email/phone.</p> <p>Richard Ash's position on the Board is as a co-opted board member.</p> <p>The Chairman read a letter from Pym Brewer tendering her resignation from the Board due to work commitments. Pym has stated that she is happy to continue to work with John Kirk on the accounts and act as a consultant on a voluntary level to which the Board agreed. Pym will no longer be attending Board meetings.</p> <p>OTAG have had a change of Board. Anne-Marie Nixey and Wanda Rogers have both resigned and Anthony Wait has taken over as interim Chairman. Anne-Marie and Wanda have both made it clear that they are still keen to</p>	

help out where possible with regards to promoting the Old Town.	
MTP now has an office laptop and blackberry to enable Katie to work on the admin efficiently. MTP contact details to be circulated to all	Katie
<p>4. Reports:</p> <p>Cheryl: The Mayor has had feedback from some residents that they do NOT like the art work outside the Rice Bowl. Although the Rice Bowl is closed it could be opening up again soon. Purple is also an unlucky colour for the Chinese which could be the reason for their closure in the first place. A suggestion has been to replace the purple artwork with a 'Welcome to Margate Old Town' map with a list of shops in the area. All agreed this was a good idea but OTAG have no funding for the project. Terry would look to see whether it could be incorporated in to the budget for shop fronts.</p> <p>The Soul Weekend event running alongside the Carnival is progressing nicely, a 60's weekend is planned for 11th September with Eli and Adam. John commented that Eli had booked the stage already for that weekend for an entirely different event. Adam said he would chase this up and find out what Eli is up to.</p> <p>John: John raised concerns over the accounts. He had a meeting with Pym Brewer where they went through the accounts and there is concern that there has been an over spend on the shop fronts which need clarifying. There are invoices received which total over £7.5k which is £2.5k over budget. There is money in the accounts which needs to be allocated for the Jazz Festival and Floral Displays and we cannot rob Peter to pay Paul otherwise we will end up in the same situation as the last MTP. The Chairman was confident that some of the invoices from the sign companies were doubling up. He was going to liaise with Nick Panteli and come back to John on this.</p> <p>Terry also mentioned that Max from Lovetts will be contributing to his shop front. Terry is going to chase this.</p> <p>Terry confirmed that £300 has been paid to David Mossman, however, it has also come to light that David Mossman is also in possession of the piano which belongs to MTP. Terry read a letter regarding the piano. It was agreed that if this is to be found to be an MTP asset that we should either charge Dave Mossman rent, rent it to someone else or sell it, if it was not purchased through SFCF funding. Katie to track down the letter re the piano.</p> <p>John brought up that there are additional assets which we need to track down. There is an exterior lighting projector, a storage trailer, PA and lighting equipment (Adam thinks Eli has this) – Adam will find out, there is the piano, discussed. Richard Ash is happy to store the trailer for MTP. John thinks the gazebos were stored in the trailer.</p>	<p>Terry</p> <p>Adam</p> <p>John</p> <p>Terry</p> <p>Terry</p> <p>Katie</p>

<p>John says the accounts are OK and we need to ensure that the £25k for events from TDC is received to enable us to press on with events.</p>	Adam
<p>John has had correspondence with The Kite Society about payment detail. He explained to them that the problem last year was that the payments made in cash by MTP were not receipted which cannot happen again this year.</p>	
<p>Kite Festival sponsorship was discussed at this point. We desperately need to get some sponsorship money in for the events. John Kirk will liaise with Vattenfall. Rebecca Smith said she has a contact there, Mandy Broughton and that she would contact her directly. Rebecca will also contact London Array and will dig out a contact Richard Spillett has at Flybe for Katie. Katie is speaking to LD Lines.</p>	Rebecca
<p><u>The Stage</u> John requested the authority to pay Adam for the insurance. This was agreed.</p>	Katie
<p>A tow bar lock or wheel clamp is required for the stage to fulfill insurance criteria. John will source a tow bar clamp – suggested places are Halfords/ the tow bar place in St.Peters. It was agreed for John to purchase this.</p>	
<p>It was agreed to use TLF for stage erection at the rate of £250. The stage erection is a very complicated operation and using TLF covers us from an insurance perspective. At the Pilgrims Hospice event at the Cricket Ground a gate was broken but we shouldn't have to cover this cost.</p>	
<p>John Warrow from Birchington Town Partnership has requested to use the stage. It is thought he would have discussed the price with Roger Latchford. A price for them was agreed at £750. It was also discussed and agreed that the cost of the stage to hire out be increased to £1200, that PA equipment with the stage would be at an additional cost of £250 but they would need to use our sound man (Adam's contact). The sound man charge to us would be a day rate of about £100 which gives us incremental revenue. John Kirk will ask John Warrow for a return favour for the favourable rate in the form of band contacts for the Kite Festival.</p>	John
<p><u>The Market</u> John is waiting for an invoice from the market. It is doing well but we need to encourage more stalls to set up there.</p>	
<p>Derek: (Adam read out in Derek's absence) Derek has booked the stage for 25th July but needs a form to fill out. John Kirk handed one to Adam. Derek has submitted the invoice for the Jazz festival to John but he hasn't received it so he needs to re-send it. Please try and come to the Jazz Festival</p>	Derek

<p>on 23rd July with Clare Martin</p> <p>The Chairman added that he, Derek, Heather Sawney, Louise Askew and Laura had a meeting regarding extending and continuing the shop front campaign. Heather Sawney would now like to focus on the station area.</p> <p>Adam: The licensed traders meeting took place which was attended by Nick Panteli, Daniel Goldman, Nigel Cruttenden, Adam Fennell, Derek Harding, Frank Thorley, Anne-Marie Nixey, Police Licensing Officer. It was a worthwhile meeting but not many people turned up from the licensee side. Issues discussed focused around behaviour of Bulls Head clientele. Rebecca suggested contacting the TDC man to fine people stood outside dropping fag butts. Unfortunately if the Bulls Head is asked to remove their tables and chairs this would have a negative effect on the Cupcake Café as they would too. This is the same for using plastics. This would mean no knives and forks would be allowed outside the cupcake café. Adam said the meeting was educational but pointless! Rebecca suggests meeting in the Bulls Head next time.</p> <p>Rebecca: <u>The Town Crier</u> - 1 application has been received but he sounds extremely good and it would be worth getting him in. Town Criers can become an asset as you can hire them out for about £250 a time. Rebecca will arrange a meeting with Mick Tomlinson and Terry Painter at the Town Hall. We will invite the applicant to a board meeting. We will still hold a Town Crier Idol for the press/local media.</p> <p>Rebecca asked whether anyone had heard the song which is derogatory to Thanet on You Tube. It had been removed due to some content/pictures used but could be back up now. It was discussed whether we should put together a counter song but this was dismissed as it was felt that this would only give more publicity to the nonsense.</p> <p>Rebecca distributed the draft newsletter. Katie said she would circulate this to all board members for comment/feedback. There isn't room to include the 'meet the board' section in this newsletter so this will go in to the next issue.</p> <p>Rebecca also suggested that we distribute the minutes of our meetings on a public website. The board agreed that we would summarise the minutes and that they would go on our website when it was up and running but that in the meantime Rebecca would check with Derek that he was happy to display them on the This Is Margate website. Katie would summarise the minutes to send to him upon his agreement</p> <p>Katie: Katie gave an update on the Kite event and suggested using the stage. The board thought this would be worth exploring. Katie showed the board</p>	<p>All</p> <p>Rebecca</p> <p>Katie</p> <p>Rebecca</p> <p>Katie</p>
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the sponsorship document which she had produced for the Kite Festival. Rebecca suggested contacting Vattenfall, Flybe and said she would forward any relevant contacts to Katie to chase up	Katie/ Rebecca
5. Board Structure: Terry announced that he had asked Rebecca to be the Vice Chairman for Margate Town Partnership and that Rebecca had agreed. The board congratulated her	
6. Any Other Business Rebecca said that Cezanne Zechy (Channel chamber) would be keen to work more in Thanet and may be worth approaching to speak at a business breakfast. Along with David Foley of the Thanet Chamber.	
7. Date of Next Meeting: Tbc Mayors Parlour Margate.	