

Margate Town Partnership

Board Meeting: 4th November 2010

Time: 5.30 pm

Venue: Old Town Hall, Market Place, Margate

Present:

Chairman: Terence Painter
John Kirk
Rebecca Smith
Daniel Goldman
Adam Fennell
Richard Ash
Derek Harding
Cllr. Martin Wise
Mayor Mick Tomlinson

Events Co-ordinator: Katie Lipington

<i>Agenda Items</i>	<i>Actions</i>
The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.	
1.Apologies: No apologies	
2. Notes of last meeting(16th September) - Agreed	
3. Matters Arising from Minutes – None	
4. Reports: <i>Katie:</i> <u>The Kite Festival</u> The board went through the final budget for the Kite Festival. Katie summed up the event and went through the feedback from the wash-up meeting. A discussion ensued as to continuing the event next year. It was agreed that it was unlikely that public funding would be available for events and that private investment would need to be sought. The board agreed that they would like to continue the event next year and that to pitch for private investment that a sponsorship document would need to be created. Katie was going to work on this. A list of potential sponsors also needs to be created. It is imperative to source this investment as soon as possible. We discussed finding out what Turner Contemporary's plans are for 2011 and to try and tie in events to give them more gravitas.	Katie

<p><i>Rebecca:</i> <u>Town Crier</u> There has been some interest in the town crier and it is going well. Rebecca and Terry are attending the scouting event which Terry Pankhurst is involved with.</p> <p><u>Newsletter</u> Rebecca showed the board the draft newsletter which they all agreed. Rebecca as for pictures of all board members. The board members were asked to agree whether they were happy for Rebecca to approach Media House for the production of the newsletter which they agreed. Rebecca will email this out to everyone for final approval once this is done.</p> <p><u>Breakfast Meeting</u> Rebecca talked about the Business Breakfast Meeting which happened on Tuesday 2nd November. Thanks went to Sharon Sebastian and Louise Askew who organized the event and sent out the invitations. Louise mentioned at the event that there could be funding available for businesses that having attended one of the business workshops identified a business need. Lucy Tuson talked about Shop Local and said this pilot scheme is coming to an end. The decision is to be made by shopkeepers as to whether this scheme continues, finishes or changes format. Lucy has also secured free parking in Mill Lane car park for everyone for the 4 shopping weekends before Christmas. Derek stated the dates of the next meetings would be 25th Jan and 29th March. The board discussed the location and decided that although the Media Centre worked very well that they would look for alternative venues, possible on the seafront. It was agreed that it is crucial to get an interesting speaker to the next Business Breakfast meetings as a hook</p> <p><i>Terry:</i> Terry asked board members if they were available to attend the Mayor's Fundraising Dinner on Friday 19th November and have an MTP table. Those available to attend were Adam +1, Terry + 1, Katie +1, Rebecca and John are checking availability. Derek and Daniel are already attending.</p> <p><i>Daniel:</i> <u>Street Scene</u> There are some problem families that have moved in to the area. It would appear that several small flats have become multiple occupancy units which has impact on rubbish and noise levels. Local agents are letting properties out to these families and they are not the sort of people we wish to encourage in the area. However, business properties are filling up. Two Arlington businesses are taking up units in the Old Town and a florist is moving in to the Old MTP building.</p> <p><i>Derek:</i> <u>Countdown to Turner</u> The budget has been approved. The project is three fold; to help visitors,</p>	<p>All</p> <p>Rebecca</p> <p>Derek</p> <p>Rebecca John</p>
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improve communications and focus on environment and projects. The business meeting is an important event as a support to the local economy with business workshops and business support. As far as Environmental projects go there are a range of initiatives. It has been agreed to recruit a team to improve the area's appearance. There will be 10 young people who are out of education and employment employed with 2 supervisors to carry out this role. First on the hit list is the Market Street car park which will be cleared and cleaned of rubbish. Daniel said that signposting to the car parks is critical. Derek continued saying that new signposting is imminent and will incorporate the car parks. Daniel also mentioned uniform pricing across all car parks but Derek explained that the pricing would remain different as this differentiates short and long stay parking facilities. The compulsory purchase of Fort Road Hotel is going through and will soon be owned by TDC. The decision over what will happen with this building is still tbc, it could be demolished or have a fascia erected to cover it during development. The Arcadian is being refurbished by the new owners. MTP/Terry Painter is working with Derek to smarten up the seafront, the shopfronts and Godden's gap. There are some issues with getting the owners to agree to amending the shop hoardings so alternative options such as false frontage on KCC land are being explored. Work on the Dreamland cinema will commence in the New Year. Richard Ash brought up the proposed traffic management plans for the roundabout and expressed concern over making the right decision for the people of Margate here. Derek assured him that this was an emotive topic which has been discussed in the local press but that no decisions had been made. Traffic management plans will need to be in place for the new Tescos. Martin said this is KCC's remit and not TDC.

Adam:

The Stage:

A cash settlement for the damaged stage has been agreed by the loss adjustor at £18.5k net of costs (excess). The herras etc is a cost which MTP have to pay. The stage is now MTPs and can be repaired or sent for salvage. Richard Ash managed to get the stage moved with help from Mike Baines and the welder. Richard believes the stage can be re-welded/tarpaulined and used/sold again. Adam advised that although it could be insured for public liability it couldn't be insured for material damage again. The stage was from 2 grant sources SFCF and European Fund. The conditions of the grants are as follows;

SFCF – the stage must be used for community organizations for local hire at an affordable rate. European Fund – must support local festivals and events. Whatever decision is made MTP need to meet the conditions of the grants and any change must be put in writing to the fund holders.

Richard estimates it would cost £5k to repair and suggested repairing it and selling it and using the total funds to put towards a permanent structure. The permanent structure was discussed. Mick Tomlinson said that he had done some research on bandstands in the past and that companies do manufacture

<p>them at a cost of about £35k not including installation. Martin said this is a good concept which needs to be expanded. Derek Harding said it would be good to investigate a re-sale value and Adam agreed to speak to Pete at Upstaged. Richard also suggested advertising to companies in Europe.</p> <p>Mick: <u>Christmas Event:</u> Mick talked through the schedule of events for Margate's Christmas event on Friday 3rd December. There are no new lights as there is no money available. The Charter Trustees will be putting money towards putting up the Christmas lights. OTAG are borrowing some lights for the Old Town. A 25ft Christmas tree has been donated by Bradgate, some cheap lights will be purchased to decorate the tree. The parade starts at 5pm from the top of the High Street at Herbert Place. Please note that no deliveries will be allowed down the high street from 2pm on Friday 3rd December. Equally no movement of traffic will be allowed from Mill Lane car park until after 5pm. The lights will be switched on by the electricians at the parade moves down the high street. The parade will conclude in Market Place where there will be entertainment and a market. At 7pm invited guests will go up to the Mayors Parlour for drinks. Katie talked about the Christmas Cracker hunt which is following the same mechanic as the Kite Treasure Hunt. Hartsdown school will be producing the Christmas crackers for participating shops.</p>	Adam
<p>5. Any Other Business None stated.</p>	
<p>7. Date of Next Meeting: 25th November 2010 5.30pm Mayors Parlour Margate.</p>	