

Nelson Town Team
Tuesday 28th September 2017
Members Room, Nelson Town Hall

Attendees

Lara Oddie	Oddies Bakery	LO
Nicholas Emery	Emery Electronics	NE
Paul Collins	PBC	PC
Phil Short	Landlord – 2 Scotland Rd properties	PS
Shabir Siddique	Jean Junction	SS
Steve Watson	Nelson Town Council	SW
Tim Horsley	PBC	TH
Walker	I Love Nelson	W

Apologies received

None

Item	Discussion	Action
Introduction & Apologies	As above	
Minutes	<p>Minutes of the meeting held 28th February 2017 agreed as a correct record.</p> <p>Matters arising not on the agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Homelessness/beggars – the group mentioned the increase in people/groups asking for money in Nelson. This is closely monitored by the Police and Community safety Partnership. TH is working with the individuals to help. Hanging baskets are provided by Nelson Town Council, a lengths man is employed and he waters them throughout summer. Nelson Loyalty Scheme, Nelson Town Council have decided not to progress this scheme, after very limited interest from Nelson businesses. Walker reminded the group that “I love Nelson” is still running and has approx. 500 members/followers. 	TH
Chair/Vice Chair of Nelson Town Team.	<p>The Town Centre Forum is seeking a new Chair and Vice Chair. Volunteers will be sought and a new chair/vice be appointed at the next meeting.</p> <p>The group thanked Lara Oddie, for her commitment to Nelson Town Team, and her efforts during her time as vice chair. Lara is no longer able to attend meetings on a regular basis so felt the role should go to another person.</p> <p>Debbie (Wilko's) hasn't yet responded to say whether she wishes to continue as Chair of the Group.</p>	ALL
Update from Pendle Borough Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nelson occupancy levels – vacancy rate in Nelson is currently 22% although a slight increase since 2015 (18%) a number of currently vacant units are likely to be brought back into use shortly e.g. Pendle Rise, Victory Centre, former Tesco. Dementia Friendly Towns – Nelson is looking to become a Dementia Friendly Town, a number of businesses have already signed up (Oddies, Althams, Nelson Market, PBC, NTC), anybody else that is interested should contact: Paul Gauntlett, Chair, Pendle Dementia Action Alliance paulpendle25@gmail.com Pendle Business Week 2017 is taking place w/c 16th October with over 20 FREE workshops and seminars aimed at helping businesses grow and gain new skills. Town centre walkabout 11/08/17, Councillors attended a town centre walkabout which aims to identify area/issues that require improvement, for example broken street furniture, signs, parking violations and problem building. Full report goes 	ALL

	to Nelson Area Committee in November.	
Events:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feedback from summer events - Food Festival. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Event was well received, with high numbers of visitors to the town. Traders commented that although footfall was up this didn't impact on trade. ACE Centre craft fair not well advertised Businesses asked if any work was don't to identify where visitor came from Future events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Halloween 28th October – Halloween treat day with fun rides, pumpkin carving competitions, fancy dress, craft stalls. Businesses to be sent a poster. Lancashire Day/Switch On 25th November – 2BR promoting, X-Factor headline performer to be announced, plus Lancashire themed performances. Christmas Markets – 3 Saturdays following Lancashire Day 	PC/SDA SW - NTC
Nelson Town Council Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Events discussed Nelson Town Council funding a Christmas Grotto. Businesses asked whether Pendle Rise/Market had anything planned, and that discussions should take place to avoid duplication. CCTV – Cameras have all been upgraded to UltraHD. Good coverage in the town centre with new cameras added. Town Council are currently looking at areas not covered, as mentioned by businesses. Local Purchasing Scheme - The Town Council have a policy of where possible purchasing everything from Nelson businesses. Looking at improving the gateway signage from the Brierfield motorway junction. Increasing the number of hanging baskets, for example Carr Road. 	NTC/Markets/Pendle Rise
AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clayton Street – car park and yard regular used by drug users and antisocial behaviour. TH to investigate 	TH
Date of next meeting	It was suggested that the next meeting be held at Costa Coffee in the morning. Date to be decided.	