



4. Collective purchasing to reduce business overheads.

Potential/likely BID Boundary - following on from correspondence during the survey process it appeared that the most likely boundary would be Option B – Wider Town centre. The potential annual levy for this area would range from £59,989 to £169,945. This range would depend on the levy level (1% - 3%) and any exclusions, for example businesses with a rateable value of less than £3,000.

The next stage of the Colne BID development was to build on the business survey and create a proposal outlining exactly what a Colne BID would do, if successful at ballot.

The Steering Group continues to meet on a regular basis and was seeking additional businesses to sit on the group and progress the Colne BID. Peter Jagger volunteered to join the Colne BID Steering Group.

**3. EVENTS UPDATE AND FEEDBACK**

Businesses commented about the need for full road closures during recent events. Comments were received about having stalls etc in the road if a closure was in place. It was reported this wasn't possible as emergency services require sufficient space at all times.

Colne Grand Prix – businesses again raised concerns about the timings of the road closures prior to the event and requested that any additional stalls attending on the evening didn't duplicate the permanent offer in Colne.

Blues Festival – businesses again raised the issues of car park closures for the funfair, and that a full closure wasn't required on the Friday, which was one of the busier shopping days. Further discussions followed about the 2017 event, including quality of the acts, ticket sales and numbers. Colne Town Councillors confirmed that a decision about holding the event in 2018 was to be taken at the next full council meeting.

**4. FUTURE- EVENTS/PROMOTIONS**

Halloween – 28<sup>th</sup> October. Shop window competition, family fun day including market stalls.

Christmas Light Switch On – 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2017.

**5. DEVELOPMENT UPDATES**

Former Colne Health Centre – Planning permission was to be resubmitted for the redevelopment of the site. The new development would include commercial units on the ground floor and residential on the upper two floors.

Land at Vivary Way (Former Urban Altitude) – Pendle Council had submitted planning permission for the change of use of land to car parking for adjacent businesses and space for a wheel park.

The group also discussed the potential changes at Colne leisure centre, which would see the sports hall redeveloped and a soft play centre/café included.

**6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Police Officer in attendance. Banning orders and procedures were being updated. Co-Op manager reported that the Police had been successful in catching a number of prolific shoplifters.

A general discussion followed about anticrime programmes such as radio scheme between businesses. It was also suggested that a closed forum for businesses could be started to allow businesses to privately discuss any issues.

**7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

To be agreed.

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_