

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
GEARING UP FOR GROWTH GRANTS PANEL
HELD ON 23RD OCTOBER, 2018
AT NELSON TOWN HALL**

PRESENT –

Councillor J. Cooney – Chairman (In the Chair)

Panel Members

Councillor C. Wakeford

Julie Whittaker

Kevin Clark

Housing, Health and Economic Development Services Manager (PBC)

Enterprise Lancashire

Officers in attendance

Paul Collins

Hassan Ditta

Judith Stockton

Deborah McCarthy

Lynne Rowland

Business Support Team Leader (PBC)

Employer Engagement Officer (PBC)

Senior Regeneration Officer (PBC)

Assistant Economic Development Officer (PBC)

Committee Administrator (PBC)

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillor M. Goulthorp.)



21. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillors were reminded of the legal requirements concerning the declaration of interests. Other members of the Panel were also asked to declare any interest as appropriate.

The following person declared a non-pecuniary interest in the item indicated –

Kevin Clark	Brownfield Sites Grant Fund – Land at Kirkstall Drive, Barnoldswick	Minute No.24(a)(i)
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22. MINUTES

AGREED

That the Minutes of this Panel, at a meeting held on 1st August, 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

23. APPLICATIONS FOR START-UP GRANTS

The Panel was provided with a project summary and an overview of the business with regard to the following application for a start-up grant. In reaching their decision, the members of the Panel considered the business plan and received information on what the requested grant was to be spent on.

(a) Appraisal 1 – GM - Reedley

Enterprise Lancashire had provided the applicant with business support.

AGREED

That a start-up grant of £2,000 be awarded to GM.

REASON

The business will contribute to the Council's priorities of creating jobs and sustaining strong economic growth.

24. BROWNFIELD SITES GRANT FUND

(a) Applications for consideration

The Panel was provided with a brief project description and a summary of the assessment against agreed criteria with regard to the following applications –

(i) Land at Kirkstall Drive, Barnoldswick

(Kevin Clark declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item.)

AGREED

- (1) That consideration of this application be deferred to allow for further information.
- (2) That, should the necessary information be received in advance of the next meeting, authorisation be granted for Officers to seek a decision from members of the Panel via email.

REASON

- (1) ***To enable an informed decision.***
- (2) ***To avoid unnecessary delay.***

(ii) ACDC Car Park, Roughlee Street, Barrowford

AGREED

- (1) That consideration of this application be deferred to allow for further information.
- (2) That, should the necessary information be received in advance of the next meeting, authorisation be granted for Officers to seek a decision from members of the Panel via email.

REASON

- (1) ***To enable an informed decision.***
- (2) ***To avoid unnecessary delay.***

25. COLNE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

The Business Support Team Leader provided an update on progress with developing a Business Improvement District (BID) for Colne.

He advised that the Board of Directors had been approved. It was now registered as a Limited Company and one part time freelance position was to be created. A meeting was due to be held at the end of the month to discuss the operating agreement with Pendle Council.

AGREED

That the Business Support Team Leader be asked to provide the Panel with a six monthly update on the Colne BID.

REASON

For information.

26. PENDLE BUSINESS WEEK

The Employer Engagement Officer provided an overview of Pendle Business Week that had taken place week commencing 15th October, 2018. It was reported that 13 sessions had been delivered with a total of 258 businesses engaged. Positive feedback had been received.

In addition, on the 5th October a Pendle Prospects job fair had been held which had attracted over 600 people.

27. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman advised that 20 separate retail units had been created in the Victory Centre, Nelson and that tenancies would be available soon.

28. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

AGREED

- (1) That the next meeting of the Panel be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday 18th December, 2018.
- (2) That, in the meantime, Officers be granted authorisation to seek a decision from members of the Panel via email on applications that are subject to time constraints.

REASON

To avoid unnecessary delay.

CHAIRMAN _____