

BLAIRGOWRIE & RATTRAY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (BARBA) COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 20 MAY 2015

Held in The Royal Hotel, Blairgowrie at 6.30pm

<p>ATTENDANCE Anna Bowman (AB) Steve Johnson (SJ) Simon McCaig (SM) Hazel Harris (HH) Kate Walker (KW)</p>	<p>President Sec Treasurer Vice President</p>		
<p>APOLOGIES Stephen Page (SP) George Gall (GG)</p>	<p>Angus Forbes (AF) Sandy McCurdy (PKC)</p>	<p>Cllr Bob Ellis (BE)</p>	<p>Lesley McDonald (LM)</p>
<p>Item 1 – Welcome</p> <p>1.1 The May Meeting followed the May information exchange.</p>			
<p>Item 2 – Apologies:</p> <p>2.1 Apologies had been received as above.</p>			
<p>Item 3 – Minutes of the last Meeting.</p> <p>3.1 These were accepted – proposed by AB, seconded by KW.</p>			
<p>Item 4 – Matters Arising</p> <p>4.1 <u>BARBA Logo Competition</u> – ongoing awaiting combined logo from GG. SJ to liaise with school once logo complete GG, SJ</p> <p>4.2 <u>2015 Activity Calendar</u></p> <p>17 June - Business Breakfast 8am in CATERAN Cafe – may be presentation on Career Academies by Proctors SJ, GG</p> <p>15 July – Members Info Exchange at 5.45pm</p> <p>19 August - Intro to Trends in Marketing</p> <p>16 September – Members Info Exchange at 5.45pm SJ, SMPKC</p> <p>21 October – Pensions Update with Alan Learmonth Business Breakfast 8am in CATERAN Cafe SM, JG</p> <p>18 November – Christmas Buffet and Members Info Exchange at 5.45pm TBC</p> <p>4.3 <u>Constitution</u>: now that membership of BARBA is extended beyond town boundaries (with membership of Discover Blairgowrie) the constitution required amending to reflect this. There was discussion on Committee membership with the extended membership and it was agreed that, to ensure the focus of the Association remained within the town, 75% of the committee should be members with businesses within the town. SJ to update the draft Constitution. All, SJ</p> <p>4.4 <u>Membership Cards</u>: these will be reviewed with the new Discover Blairgowrie website and BARBA logo. SJ to pass Discover Blairgowrie logo to AB for costing for Discover Blairgowrie cards. SJ</p> <p>4.5 <u>You Are Here Signs</u> – AB had spoken with Tayside Contracts who advised they could do all the stickers for around £50. It was decided to offer the slots to BARBA members at £100 per year to see what the take up would be. One spot would be taken by Discover Blairgowrie. AB, SJ</p>			

<p>5. AOCB:</p> <p>5.1 <u>CCTV</u> – after the recent car scratching and window breaking, discussion was held regarding the installation of CCTV but it was felt this would give the wrong impression for the town.</p> <p>5.2 <u>World Host</u> – SJ would liaise with Sandy McCurdy to see where we are at.</p> <p>5.3 <u>Career Academies</u>. AB and SJ had met with Proctors to discuss Career Academies and BARBA – SJ to invite Proctors to the June Business Breakfast to do a short presentation on Career Academies. Proctors also to be invited to join BARBA.</p> <p>5.4 <u>STV Advert – review</u> – money in so far has covered all invoices to date and there will be a concerted effort to collect the remainder. A quick review on the night revealed there may be money left over and it was agreed that this, plus the approx £550 from You Are Here signs would be kept aside for the possibility of a winter focused STV Advert. Having spoken with Visit Scotland, we will look to apply to their Growth Fund to help with the winter STV Advert.</p> <p>5.5 <u>BARBA Bank Accounts</u> – SM advised he was switching the account over to internet banking to allow the President, Secretary and Treasurer to have individual access. This was agreed by all.</p>	<p>SJ</p> <p>SJ</p> <p>Info</p>
<p>Item 6 – Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next Business Association meeting will be a business breakfast on Wednesday 17th June at 8am in The CATERAN Cafe – Proctors will be invited to talk about Career Academies.</p>	<p>All</p>

Distribution (email unless specified):

B&RBA Committee Members:

Anna Bowman (President, Members Secretary)
Hazel Harris (Vice President)
Simon McCaig (Treasurer)
Steve Johnson (Secretary)
Kate Walker (Member)
Stephen Page (Member)
Angus Forbes (Member)
Lesley McDonald (Member)
George Gall (Member)

Local Councillors:

Mr B Ellis
Mrs E Grant
Mrs C Shiers
Businesses listed on the Discover
Blairgowrie website and those present for
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