

**Annual General Meeting Skipton BID Ltd**  
**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2022**  
**Skipton Town Hall, High Street, Skipton 4.00pm**

Present:

Andrew Mear (Chair)	Emma Dixon
James Parker	Jade Bonham
Rebecca Elsworth	David Smurthwaite
Joanne Briggs	Fred Maier
Sarah Howsen	Ivan Le Roux
Lindsey Johnson	Louise Close
Julian Hotchkiss	Sue Falkingham - Skipton Audiologist
Louise Ackerman	Alex Aspen – Craven College
Liz Bailey	Fiona Quinn – Cool Cards and Gifts

**1. Welcome**

Andrew Mears welcomed everybody to the twelfth AGM. Paid tribute to the passing of the late Queen Elizabeth II and took a moments silence to reflect.

**2. Apologies**

None received

**3. Minutes AGM held on the 21<sup>st</sup> September 2021**

Agreed the minutes were a true representation of the meeting held.

Proposed by Lindsey Johnson, seconded by Ivan Le Roux, signed by Andrew Mear

**4. An overview of they year**

AM gave a Welcome to guests and then gave a brief overview of the previous year and the proceedings of this year's AGM.

He thanked the ongoing support from directors while the BID Manager position was being recruited.

Sarah Howsen was thanked for her work since starting as BID Manager.

The BID is now working towards the re-ballot which will take place at the end of 2023/early 2024.

A strategy group has been formed to develop the business plan for the new term.

The BID needs to consider whether it starts lobbying on the bigger picture to challenge areas such as business rates, where they are the voice of business in political arenas.

## **5. BID Manager Update**

The BID manager gave a summary and an update of the work delivered by the BID during 2021/2022. It was highlighted it had been a difficult year with the pandemic which impacted on the delivery of projects.

**Visit Skipton** – The Robin Scavenger Trail and Movies under the Stars were highlighted as successful events which took place in a difficult year. Both were very successful and supported businesses in a difficult time.

**Business Support** – A number of activities were highlighted such as:

Podcasts in partnership with Rombald's Radio offering support and advice to businesses

#AtHomeinSkipton digital campaign to raise awareness of online services on offer to residents throughout lockdown.

CCTV – CCTV was introduced to Skipton town centre, businesses can request footage through the BID or the Police.

WiFi- Free town centre WiFi was introduced in the town centre.

NBCS – National Business Crime Solutions offer access to the DISC system for all levy payers. This is free and includes information on offenders and local intelligence.

### **Attractive and Clean**

Skipton in Bloom – The BID continues to support SiB to ensure the town is attractive and welcoming and throughout Covid this was important to lift the spirits of residents

Bunting – Working in partnership with the Heritage Action Zone bunting has been displayed across the town to make it more colourful and attractive.

Empty shop windows – Window art was used across the town to decorate vacant units to make the town look more appealing especially in key seasons such as Christmas.

Christmas Lights – The BID continue to work in partnership with Skipton Town Council to deliver the Christmas Lighting Scheme.

### **Going Forward**

A new BID team means we can re-focus and develop new ideas

Two new websites have been delivered

The BID will develop new independent events for the town centre focussing on areas with lower footfall

Continue to offer business support

Consultations to take place to plan the delivery on the next term

## 6. Adoption of the accounts

The Financial Accounts, as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022, were presented by the independent appointed accountants, The Shepherd Partnership (these are now published on the BID website). The accounts were formally approved, by unanimous vote, by the members.

## 7. Re-election of the Accountants

Proposed by Andrew Mear and Seconded by Lindsey Johnson

## 8. Election of Directors

Andrew Mear stood for election of Chair of Skipton BID

Proposed Liz Bailey                      Seconded David Smurthwaite

Ivan Le Roux was to be re-elected after being a Director for three years.

Proposed Liz Bailey                      Seconded David Smurthwaite

Lindsey Johnson stood for election of Vice Chair of Skipton BID

Proposed Liz Bailey                      Seconded Jade Bonham

The following Directors joined the BID during the year and are required to be elected at the AGM

Emma Dixon	Devonshire Arms
Jade Bonham	Kibble Café
Rebecca Elsworth	Elsworth Kitchen
Joanne Briggs	Yorkshire Building Society
Fred Maier	Kooky
Julian Hotchkiss	Benjamin Opticians
Louise Ackerman	Craven Court
Liz Bailey	Teddy Boutique

Proposed Lindsey Johnson              Seconded Ivan Le Roux

## 9. Any other company business

No other business, meeting closed 16.25pm