

Minutes of the Advancing Aberystwyth ar y Blaen June 7th 2018, 5.45pm at The Cambria



Attendees

Mark Joseph (Chair) (MJ)
David Evans, Aberystwyth Business Club (DE)
Eddy Webb, InSynch (EW)
Sian Fisher (SF)
Brendan Sommers, Town Council
David Lees, Rheidol Café (DL)
Merina James, Tan shop (MEJ)
Lee Price, The Royal Pier (LP)
Rhodri Morgan, University (RM)
Christopher Bentley, Marks and Spencer (CB)
Gareth Lloyd, Ceredigion County Council (GL)

Matthew Newbold, Development Manager, Advancing Aberystwyth ar y Blaen (MN) Lisa Dowse, Events & Projects Co-ordinator, Advancing Aberystwyth ar y Blaen (LD) John Cunningham, Accountant (JC)

Apologies

Gweneira Raw-Rees, Aberystwyth Town Council (GRR)

Item	Detail	Action
1.0	Welcome and Introductions	
	RM from Aberystwyth University and BS the new representative	
	Aberystwyth Town Council were introduced to the board	
	Apologies for absence	
	Apologies given as above.	
2.0	Minutes of the last meeting	
	The minutes were accepted as correct	
3.0	Finance	
	(JC) updates the board on guidance of accounts and the Laws changing from January 2016. (JC) explains that the best option for Advancing Aberystwyth ar y Blaen would be to enter Micro Accounts. (DE) mentions that levy payers will want to see what is happening with the monies and (JC) suggests to provide a glossy document which will show the breakdown of the projects and will represent Advancing Aberystwyth work for the period.	Board are to decide on which version of accounts
	(JC) told the board briefly that once the accounts have been done the board will approve them, then organise an AGM, AGM present accounts to members adopting, they are then filed to companies house and then reappoint directors.	



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	Date of AGM will need 14 days notice to tell members, and accounts must be filed by the 24 th of August. Finance committee to approve the accounts. (MJ) proposed using Micro accounts, (EW) Seconds, unanimous vote yes (JC) proposes to changes the constitution wording and the board to look and vote on it at the next meeting.	
	(EW) proposes amending the maximum of 15 directors, (MJ) seconds it all in favour.	
4.0	Minutes of the last meeting Amend SF in previous minutes Changes of representation due to cabinet reshuffle, Gareth Lloyd will be replaced by Rhodri Evans. He will officially be on the board from the 21 st of June. (GL) will still attend the next meeting to hand over.	MN TO INVITE
	Town Council have had their AGM, (BS) is taking over from (DL), but (DL) would like to sit on the board as a business owner. (MJ) proposes, (DE) seconds it, approved.	INIODIA EVAIS
5.0	Actions from last meeting	
	5.1. Cycle Fest website Cyclefest website has been updated.	
	5.2 Arad Goch event (MN) updated the group on the Arad Goch Event	
	5.3 Council meeting re: Mill Street (MN) updated the board about meeting to sign the contract for the Mill Street Fund and that (MJ) had signed the contract. The Mill Street money can now be drawn down via application as and when needed.	
	5.4 Cycle Velodrome to meet board (MJ) requested that they would come and do a presentation to the board at the next meeting with Q & A at the end.	
	5.5 Whatsapp Group Need to add a couple of the board to the whatsapp group for Advancing Aberystwyth.	
	5.6 Deckchairs Deck chairs have been placed within the sandpit and are being well received, updated the board.	



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6.0	Ffaberystwyth Brand Name	
	A levy payer has asked if they can purchase the #ffaberystwyth Discussions between the board Respond to say we would like to keep it for our own inhouse marketing and projects.	
7.0	External project proposals	
	 7.1 Ras Yr laith Discussions about the event and how it would benefit Aberystwyth, (MJ) propose to support the event (DE) seconds all in favour. 7.2. Aber Steam Punk Festival 	MN to inform Ras Yr Iaith
	Discussions about Steam punk festival being the first in Aberystwyth and how it would extend the season. (MB) suggest they present to the board and do Q&A.	MN to invite Steampunk organisers to next board meeting
8.0	Project Updates	
	(MN and LD) gave updates of the projects a full detailed list was emailed to the board	
	(DE) brought up the Tourism Bus project and felt this project should take priority, the board responded that a budget had been set aside for this but were awaiting further information and accurate costings before it could be signed off. (DE) is to chase this up in the next coming days and come back to the board with a more detailed proposal	DE to provide further details about Tourism Bus project
	Next Meeting The Cambria, Thursday July 5 th at 5.45pm	