

Attendees

Mark Joseph (Chair) (MJ)
David Evans, Independent (DE),
Mari Turner, Aberystwyth Town Council (MT),
Rosemary Rhys, Menter Aberystwyth (RR),
Rhodri Evans, Ceredigion County Council (RE);
Matthew Newbold, Development Manager, Advancing Aberystwyth ar y Blaen (MN)
Charlotte Miller, Advancing Aberystwyth ar y Blaen (LD)

Apologies

Merina James, (MEJ), Charles Evans, M&S (CE), Lisa Dowse (LD), Eddie Webb, (EW), Rhodri Morgan (RM); Berith Lochery (BL), Jeff Jones (JJ)

Item	Detail	Action
1.0	Welcome and Introductions MJ welcomed to all to the meeting	
2.0	Apologies for absence Apologies given as above.	
3.0	Minutes of the last meeting Minutes were proposed as being correct.	
4.0	Actions from last meeting 4.1 LD Investigation and Legal advice An investigation had been carried out following a malicious rumour being spread about LD. As expected, the accusations proved to be totally false and untrue. An urgent meeting with our solicitors will now take place to get further legal advice on the matter and how we can stop the continuous false information coming from the No Campaign representative e.g. the claim that the University receive an 80% discount on the levy, which again is totally untrue as they pay the levy in full.	
5.0	Project Updates 5.1 Siop Aber – Caru Aber Gift Voucher The project is still on hold due to lockdown.	

**Minutes of the Advancing Aberystwyth ar y Blaen
January 7th 2021, 5.45pm Via Zoom**

	<p>5.2 Virtual Events LD and CM have had an initial meeting with Rhiannon from Business Club. Planning for the event has started and will be finalised in the next few days.</p>	
6.0	<p>Annual Accounts – Approval of accounts Year ending March 31 2020 Every member had been given a copy of the accounts before the meeting. MJ approves they are correct and everyone accepted.</p>	
7.0	<p>Renewal Ballot update MN updated the group regarding the renewal ballot:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Because of national lockdown, we are still waiting for the official go ahead regarding the proposed ballot date of March 31st. Until that is confirmed by CIVICA (working on behalf of the council), we are unable to release the timetable to members / levy payers in case there are any changes needed. • There is also a concern regarding the addresses of levy payers during lockdown. In order to ensure a fair ballot, we will aim to ask businesses to provide us with an alternative address to send the ballot paper (e.g. home address). We can only do this once we get permission from CIVICA. • The business plan is complete, however, due to lockdown we will not be able to distribute hard copies to businesses. As a result, they will be sent digitally. We will not send them out until CIVICA officially confirm the ballot date, however, we are aiming to send them out via a newsletter initially on February 1st 	
8.0	<p>AOB None recorded</p>	
9.0	<p>Date of next meeting Thursday February 4th, 5.45pm (Zoom)</p>	