

Stamford Vision Business Group

Minutes of meeting held on 1st March 2007

held at Duncan & Toplis, 14 All Saints' Street

Present:

Tom Hindmarch
Gavin Hynes
Jeremy Dawson
Michael O'Malley
Andrew Harwood
Wendy Sheehan
Nick Vass
Daniel Simons

Apologies: Mike Roberts

1. Welcome

Tom Hindmarch (TH) welcomed all to meeting.

Apologies were read out.

Daniel Simons (DS) relayed Mike Roberts message to remind the group that the Mercury Business Awards are on Thursday March 8th, from 7pm. The winners are now picked and will be revealed on the night.

2. Young Enterprise

Wendy Sheehan (WS) introduced herself as the development manager of Young Enterprise (YE) for Lincolnshire and Rutland.

YE deliver 1 day programmes into schools for different age groups. All programmes are "Learning By Doing". Business advisors provide support to YE businesses, businesses like to be involved with YE programmes to help develop staff.

WS illustrated some of the games that YE use in schools to teach children entrepreneurship.

WS would like the group to spread the word about YE and to engage with entrepreneurs/businesses in regards to whether they would like to be involved with YE.

WS left the meeting following her presentation.

3. BIDs Academy Update

Nick Vass (NV), Stevie Jackson (SJ), Steven Twell on behalf of TH, and DS attended the introduction day.

NV informed the group about the day, key points raised included:

- Lots of work would be involved in meeting conditions of the workshops
- A BID would be able to seek match funding on top of revenue risen from levy
- Stamford is not obligated to go through with a BID

DS informed the group that he had spoken to the store manager of Boots and he was enthusiastic towards being involved in the BIDs Academy. DS suggested that TH or SJ should approach the store manager of Boots in regards to attending the future workshops.

TH to meet SJ to discuss BID.

4. Benchmarking Update

DS informed the group that town centre reports were now available for each of the Welland market towns.

DS to distribute Stamford town centre report in electronic format to members of group.

5. Any Other Business

It was raised that positive PR would be required in regards to the Gateway Project, TH to talk to SJ about this.

It was also mentioned that Wharf Road car park was due to close in April until September to decontaminate the site.

The next meeting is to be held on Thursday 5th April at Duncan & Toplis, Stamford