

## Minutes of OBF meeting held at Orpington Campus 9<sup>th</sup> October 2012

### **List of Attendees**

Printing.com	Gary	Morris	1
The Gift Outlet	Phil	Westley	1
D S Moss Jewellers	Danny & Lisa	Moss	2
MacDonalds (Orpington)	Stuart	Reynolds	1
	Ashley	Cheeseman	1
Churches Together in Orpington	Ray	Bell	1
Bromley College	Shaun	Gunning	1
	Donna	Still	1
	Frank	Levett	1
	Paul	Hampson	
Thomas Dunton	John	Williams	
Bromley College	Sam	Parrett	
Thomas Dunton	Vernon	Hadida	
	Ben	Madden	1
The Fabric Place	Robert	Phillips	
Angelo's	Bradley	Jeffrey	
Time for Flowers	Sue & Martin	Ball	2
	John	Parker	
Bakery	Jackie	Reid	1
Kenton homes	Sia	Bodbin	1
Mencap	Bob	<i>Luckhurst</i>	1
Orpington Methodist	David	Gilman	1
Bromley Health & Safety	Paul	Lehane	1
<i>Company Name</i>	<i>Name 1</i>	<i>Name 2</i>	<i>No. of attendees</i>
Police Safer Neighbourhood	Russell		2
Councillors		William	1
Town Centre Manager	Cheryl		1
Groom Barbers	Louis, Maria	George	3
Tangent Office Resources	Chandra	James	1
Gestys	Guiseppe	John	2
<b>TOTAL ATTENDEES</b>			<b>35</b>

### **Apologies received**

Apologies were received from Brian Poland

## 1. Welcome

Gary Morris opened the meeting.  
Shaun Gunning welcomed all to the Orpington Campus of Bromley college.

## 2. Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were read; Gary advised that they can now be downloaded from the Website, currently in .doc (word) format.

## 3. Safer Neighbourhood Report

### 4. Paul Lehane

Paul gave a presentation on the work of Bromley Council's Health & Safety Department.  
With 300 accidents reported last year from 5000 Bromley businesses, Paul was keen to stress that rather than be viewed as a policing agency, he would far prefer for them to be accepted as a partner to ensure that a business complies with CIEH issues.

### 5. Bid Update

A meeting had been held with Tesco to discuss the bid.  
Applications for Board members are being invited with some already considering. Anyone interested should send an expression of interest to Chandra; Frank will place a link on the OBF website.  
A 100% yes vote was received to bi-monthly meetings.  
Letters will go out to all businesses with a consultation date of 1<sup>st</sup> April if approved.  
Q. How are the costs being calculated?  
A. It was advised that the bill to a business would be statutory and based on a % of rateable value, not rates.  
Q. Is this the right time for a bid and its costs when the economy is in recession?  
A. The bid is driven by recession by cutting costs to business and finding ways to increase footfall and activities leading to increased sales.  
Q. Concern was raised that the OBF had not communicated to all.  
A. Board members had made constant attempts to talk to all. Everything is on the site and links to BID site.

## Action Points

Cllr WHT to  
Check if  
Conways  
return to  
complete  
roadworks  
can wait  
until after  
Christmas so  
as not to  
impact on  
the crucial  
trading  
period.

## **6. Town Centre Manager's Report**

Christmas Lights event will be on the 21<sup>st</sup> Nov.

Planning application has gone through for a 7 screen cinema in the site of the old job centre. The King George VI plaque will be saved but the last remaining Walnut Tree cannot be saved, however the developers will plant 2 new semi-mature Walnut trees.

A new display shop for Wickes will open in the site of the Blockbuster store.

Units next to the Poundland store are being knocked through to make larger units, the new letting agents have shown interest in them.

### **6. A.O.B.**

Councillor Huntingdon-Thresher advised that fixed littering fines are now in effect throughout Bromley Borough. Photographic evidence will be used and no warnings will be given.

David from the Methodist Church told us that the Orpington Xmas Tree Festival will again be held, marking its 2<sup>nd</sup> year. Leaflets are available for those wishing to enter. Sue from Time for Flowers offered to donate 5% to the proceeds of the festival from the sale of a tree from them.

Chandra informed the meeting of a free business surgery run by South London business. Leaflets available regarding Orpington football club.

Danny Moss raised the question of when Conways were coming back to complete roadworks that were suspended during the Olympic moratorium. Councillor Huntingdon-Thresher replied that Conways will be back soon and have expressed surprise at how fast their temporary repairs to the road have deteriorated.

In response to this it was asked if Conways return can wait until after Christmas so as not to impact on the crucial trading period. This was taken as an action point for WHT.

The Meeting concluded at 7.45 and the next meeting was declared for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in December.