

Orpington First Ltd AGM 2018

Thursday 14th June, 12pm

O-Zone, Orpington Campus, LSEC, Orpington

Minutes

1	Chairman's Welcome
	Martin Price welcomed attendees and listed apologies.
	Attendees
	<p>Martin Price, BID Chairman Sia Bodbin, BID Director Sharon Baldwin, Executive Director Chris Travers, BID Manager Andrew Cox Oz Ozgenturk Anna Taylor Lucy Jervis Louise Lancaster Norman Farrow Lorraine McQuillan Paul Young Marianito Vidamo</p>
	Apologies
	<p>Bill Perera Cllr. Huntingdon Thresher Vernon Hadida Alan Munn Aditya Malak Emma Miller Chandra Sharma Joram Nelson</p>



2	Directors' Report
	<p>Martin Price (MP) handed over to Sharon Baldwin (SB), Executive Director.</p> <p>SB introduced the meeting, outlining the national climate in which we currently operate, giving details from the most recent Local Data Company conference. It discussed the increasing financial challenges faced by businesses, the apparent government paralysis caused by the turbulent political environment, the fast pace of change occurring in technology and digital innovation and the significant changes in customer expectation and behaviour.</p> <p>Orpington is faring well against this backdrop of uncertainty with both occupancy levels and footfall trend above the national average.</p> <p>(SB) read the Directors' report on behalf of the Board of Directors of Orpington 1st detailing the BID's activity over the financial year April 2017 – March 2018.</p>
3	Election of new Board Directors
	<p>Martin Price confirmed the resignation of Neil Davies and David Warnes as directors of Orpington 1st as both have left employment in Orpington.</p> <p>He introduced the nominations of two new Directors.</p> <p>Andrew Cox, LSEC, nominated, with no objections. Andrew Cox elected as a director of Orpington 1st. Representing the Education sector.</p>



	<p>Oz Ozgenturk, Barclays Bank, nominated, with no objections. Oz Ozgenturk elected as a director of Orpington 1st. Representing the service sector.</p>
4	Presentation and approval of financial statements
	<p>SB ran through income and expenditure for year ended 31st March 2018. Financial statements approved with no queries.</p>
5	BID Board Q & A
	<p>Martin Price opened up the meeting for attendees' comment/questions.</p> <p>Norman Farrow (NF) commented that he had lived in Orpington for 70 years and was thrilled by the positive changes seen in the town over recent years. He took the opportunity to thank the BID team and board for their work.</p> <p>Norman (NF) asked whether there had been commercial interest in the Post Office building.</p> <p>SB stated there had been interest from an F&B company, but no lease had been signed to her knowledge. SB also commented that the nature of the building lends itself to F&B rather than retail.</p> <p>Chris Travers (CT) commented that the BID's planned work with LBB in creating a plan for Orpington town centre would include identifying key sites, such as the Post Office Building, so that opportunities for appropriate development and investment were not missed.</p> <p>SB emphasised the increasing importance of the experience and positive environment expected by customers in today's high streets.</p>

It is no longer enough just to provide goods or services, but it is the way in which they are delivered or accessed by customers that are as important.

Latest projects

Chris Travers (CT) gave an overview of the BID's Business Crime Reduction Partnership, Orpington Businesses Against Crime (OBAC), its website and app, and encouraged all levy payers to join.

CT apprised attendees of the revamped offers scheme which will be launched in July 2018. Use via smartphone's will be encouraged but the old Orpington Loyalty Card will be incorporated into the scheme.

Martin Price thanked attendees for the presence and closed the meeting.