

## Elgin BID Working Group

31<sup>st</sup> January 22, 2.30pm , The St Giles Shopping Centre

In Attendance	Apologies	
Gemma Cruickshank (GC) Tina Mainland (TM) John Divers (JD) Lee Midlane (LM) Stephen Young (SY) Willie Duncan (WD)	Stephen Pugh CJ Bowie Stuart Huyton Theresa Cumming Katherine Mackintosh Greg Robertson Jamie Dey Graham Leadbitter Laura Scott Gordon Cruickshank Richard Cumming	Ian Urquhart Sarah Medcraf Mark Angus David Robertson Jacqui Taylor Jad Leach

Discussion: Previous Meeting Note	
Last meeting note circulated prior to meeting. Meeting note accepted.	
Conclusions	
Action Points	Person Responsible

Discussion: Events Update
<p>Scottish Theme Day- Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April</p> <p>Classic Car Show- Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June Car bookings will be going live on 31<sup>st</sup> January. Vehicles will be charged £5 for attending the event, all the money raised from bookings will be donated to the BID Charities.</p> <p>Prosecco &amp; Pamper Charity Evening- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July The event will be held in Elgin Town Hall. Hair and Beauty businesses will have the opportunity to have a table at the event to sell products, let people know about their services. Moray College Beauty Students have been invited along as in 2019 to do mini treatments. To raise further money on the night we will have bingo and a raffle.</p> <p>Food &amp; Drink Festival- Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August Will be outdoors across City Centre. Bookings are now open. There will be a full programme for the day, with chef and cocktail demonstrations and family entertainment.</p> <p>Cannonbawz Run Launch- Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August (AM)</p> <p>International Dog Day Parade- Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August (PM) SY asked if we are going to have more bookings this year, GC explained we are keeping at 50 bookings as 35 turned up in 2020 and should the full 50 turn up this year we'll be able to manage those numbers. Should we be able to manage the full 50 entries this year we will look to increase in 2023. SY suggested to charge £5 per family and donate the money to charity. WD commented that there is already good feedback from businesses who are looking forward to the event returning.</p> <p>AGM &amp; Awards Night- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October</p>

Halloween- Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October

Christmas Light Switch On- Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November

GC told the Group that in the last BID Board meeting SY proposed an idea to have wooden disks that people can pay to have a message written on and the disk would then be placed on the tree for people to come and see. Money raised from the disks would then be put towards the Christmas Light Fund.

### Conclusions

Events dates for 2022 are:

- Scottish Theme Day- Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April
- Classic Car & Bike Show- Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June
- Prosecco & Pamper Charity Evening- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July
- Food & Drink Festival- Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August
- Cannonbawz Run Launch- Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August (AM)
- International Dog Day Parade- Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August (PM)
- AGM & Awards Night- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October
- Halloween- Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October
- Christmas Light Switch On- Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November

### Action Points

Person  
Responsible

### Discussion: Projects Update

#### Bunting

GC will be sending the bunting proposal document around the BID Board for approval of locations for bunting and costings. Should the project be approved we will look to have the bunting in place in April.

#### Light Up Elgin

This group will be set up to help fundraise for new Christmas Lights which will need replaced around 2025. On the 23<sup>rd</sup> February 5.30pm-7.30pm, we will hold a drop in session in Elgin Library for those that are interested to come along and find out more.

#### Elgin In Bloom

Carley Beavan is interested in creating an Elgin in Bloom Group along with assistance from ourselves, Elgin Rotary and the Positive Action Group. Our meeting with the group on 29<sup>th</sup> January was very positive and the group are keen to get started. The benefits of the Elgin in Bloom group they will have plant experience and will be able to get a large group of volunteers. For plants in the City Centre we will put in funding, the costs won't be higher than previous years.

Our plans for the hanging baskets this year are to invest in a ladder so we can remove the dying plants that are in them currently and then leave the baskets up. Come the Spring we will arrange for SSE to come along to take the baskets down and the Elgin in Bloom group will replant them and SSE will put them back up.

This year we will bring back the offer for businesses to have a hanging basket or small planter for outside their business.

In May/June we will look to replant the planters and hanging baskets when the warmer weather arrives.

#### Street Sweeper

There is a new contractor who will take over running the Street Sweeper. They will take the sweeper out three days a week on a Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday. They are also available to do a Sunday rather than a Monday if needed and they have the availability.

The contractor will also create a map that will show where they plan to clean. SY suggested that the plan is sent to the BID members so they are aware of when their area will be getting cleaned and if they have any issues to contact the BID office.

Street Cleans

The street cleans will be starting up again in April (weather depending). These will happen on a fortnightly basis and allow us to get on top of litter and any weeds before the Summer.

**Conclusions**

Bunting

We are waiting approval on location/costings for the bunting project. Should approval be given bunting will be installed in April.

Light Up Elgin

We will be holding a meeting at Elgin Library on 23<sup>rd</sup> February for people who are interested in joining the Christmas Light Working Group to come along to and find out more.

Elgin In Bloom

An Elgin in Bloom group will be getting set up that BID will be part of. The planters and hanging baskets will be replanted in May/June.

Street Sweeper

New contractor has taken over operating the Street Sweeper. They will take the sweeper out on a Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday.

Street Cleans

The street cleans will be starting again in April on a fortnightly basis.

**Action Points**

**Person Responsible**

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**Discussion: Gull Update**

We are waiting on confirmation from the seagull contractor Specialist Vermin Control on whether there will be any change to the latest legislation, currently there doesn't look like any changes would affect the work we do in the City Centre.

We are also looking in to a further deterrent option that should help stop seagulls from nesting. WD suggested to have posters created that deter people from feeding the seagulls.

Seagull work will be starting in late March and we have asked BID members to let us know by mid-March if they have historical issues with seagulls that may require additional work.

**Conclusions**

Seagull work will be starting in late March. We are waiting for confirmation on whether any new changes to legislation will affect the work that is carried out in the City Centre. A new deterrent option is also being looked in to.

**Action Points**

**Person Responsible**

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<b>Discussion: AOCB</b>	
No AOCB discussed.	
<b>Conclusions</b>	
<b>Action Points</b>	<b>Person Responsible</b>

**Date of next meeting – 6<sup>th</sup> April, 5.30pm, Location TBC**

**Action Point Summary 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022**

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Gull Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Look in to creating seagull poster</li> </ul>	TM	