

Newmarket Retailers Association



Minutes of the Retailers Meeting held on May 4th 2011 at 6:15pm At the Bedford Lodge Hotel, Bury Road, Newmarket

Attendance:

Andy Yallop, Hughes (Chairman)
Tolly Considine, Tolly's Flowers (Vice Chair)
Marion Green - Country Casuals (Secretary)
Ben Pyn - Corney & Barrow (Treasurer)
Julie Eden - Coffee&co
Richard Voss - Venus Hair&Beauty
John Thacker - The Sandwich Mill
Regina Raycheva - Sun Lane Craft Gallery (New Business)
Christine Lister-Golder - Moons-Toymaster
Luke Driver - Lloyds TSB
Audrey Lewis – Audrey's Beauty
Denis Ferguson - My Fotoshop
Ester Massot - Jose Hair Design
Bev Beak - The Dressing Room
David Hopper - Goldings
Ross McKittrick - The Guineas
Amy Setter - Peacocks
Joanne Rodgers - Town Centre Manager
Cllr. Warwick Hurst F.H.D.C

Apologies:

Simon Batey - TIC Cllr. Joy Uney Sgt. Mark Shipton SNT
Caroline Frost-Squiggles Noel Byrn - Bedford Lodge Marks & Spencer
Boots

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1. Introductions and apologies. The meeting was opened by Tolly Considine due to Andy being delayed and thanked everyone for attending. Simon Batey's absence was explained, he had just become a father to Samuel Thomas John and due congratulations were offered from everyone.	
2. The Minutes of the Retailers Meeting held on 13th April 2011 were received and approved.	
3. Matters Arising. None were offered	

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4. Newmarket Town Council Report

Andy Yallop reported that approximately 20 retailers had gone along to the full Town Council meeting and that everyone was very pleased at the outcome, particularly with the fact that certain Councillors had listened to us and then changed their minds after consulting with their constituents after our presentation at the Town Council Planning Meeting.

Andy stressed that the hard work was only just beginning and that we must consult with as many people as possible and take advice on presenting our case to the Forest Heath District Council Planning Meeting. (Date not confirmed).

Our objections are not against the existence of Tesco but on the degree of the expansion in relationship to Newmarket and the effect it will have on the development of business in the town centre.

5. Report from the Empty Shops Committee

Richard Voss reported that all new businesses were either in the process of negotiation for premises or at the stage of completion. More details would be available next week but we already have two of the contestants already up and running, which is brilliant.

6. Report from the Car Parking Committee

Julie Eden reported that they are just awaiting confirmation of the administration procedure by which the Top Floor of the Guineas Car Park will be turned over to N.R.A.

7. Report from the Town Council

Cllr. Warwick Hirst reported back that the Memorial Hall was nearly ready for use again.

The Council had taken back control of the maintenance of gardens and verges along with the hanging baskets on the basis a cost evaluation had been done and the Council could do it better and cheaper than contract the work out. Would everyone who wished to have a hanging basket please fill in the requests and enclose funds a.s.a.p.

The Carnival is early this year (11th June) due to the race course having to change the dates because of other commitments.

8. Christmas Committee

Amy Peacock who has acted as Chair for the past year will step down as she now works out of town and it is not practical for her to continue. (A new Chair to be confirmed). We thank Amy for all her efforts and she will remain on the Committee as time allows her to.

Marion Green reported that it had been agreed the Guineas Shopping Area and the High Street had different needs in regards to Christmas Celebrations and to cater for this the events planned would reflect this.

More investigation is under way with Kay Dawson from N.T.C. to see how we can work closer together to get the best possible events and give value for money to the town's residents. All ideas will be welcome; please contact Marion or Kay or Joanne Rodgers.

9. Other Business

Julie Eden raised the disappointment of others that we had not put bunting around the town particularly as the Royal Wedding fell on the first day of racing at Newmarket. Hopefully, we can all get together and celebrate the Queens Diamond Jubilee in 2012.

Cllr. Warwick Hirst accepted complaints about the cleanliness of the streets and suggested we ask Keith Marley to our next meeting to discuss this issue. He also reported that the interest of trees in the tubs on the High Street was still being discussed and will report as soon as a decision has been made.

Richard Voss suggested we look at producing some events outside the Christmas season and this will be investigated.

The business of the meeting concluded at 7.45pm.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 1st June 2011 at 6:15pm at the Bedford Lodge Hotel, Bury Road, Newmarket.

Signed : _____
Andy Yallop, Chairman

Date : _____