NEWCASTLE CITY BIA INC.

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

Date	Monday 25 May 2020
Location	Zoom
Time meeting opened	3.09pm
Person keeping minutes	Clare Wilkinson

ATTENDEES

Name	Abbreviation	Business represented	
Anthony Strachan	AS	3 Monkeys Cafe	
Joe Relic	JR	Coco Skin Laser Health	
Leigh Shears	LS	Hunter Workers	
Marty Adnum	MA	Out of the square media	
Mike Chapman	MC	Colliers International	
Cornelia Schulze	CS	Hunter and Coastal Lifestyle Magazine	
Also, in attendance			
Meg Purser	MP (PCC)	Purser Corporate Communication	
Clare Wilkinson	CW (PCC)	Purser Corporate Communication	
Apologies			
Damien O'Brien	DO	O'Brien Winter Partners Law	

Item	Details	Actions
Previous minutes accepted	Confirmed	PCC to provide to CN
Conflict of Interest	None declared	
Matters arising	None declared	
Governance	ABN finalised BIA Insurance in place Registered association GST – waiting on Tax Agent advice	PCC Apply for GST registration
Correspondence	 Letter sent to City of Newcastle on 25 May 2020 from the Chairs of Wallsend, Mayfield, Hamilton and Newcastle regarding rate inequity for commercial property owners Email introduction to Leigh Shears and Callan Lawrence from Hunter Community Alliance with a view to Leigh be a conduit for information between two organisations 	LS to connect and report at next meeting.
Job Keeper Scheme	Was suggested by LS but removed from agenda.	
Deliverables Plan (added to agenda in meeting)	Introduction: LS indigenous persons may not identify with the Newcastle area. Exercise mindfulness in this area.	PCC to review identity in Newcastle BIA documents.
Date: 5 May 2020	Project Renewal: CS and AS have developed a project that aims to attract more businesses into vacant buildings by This document is uncontrolled when printed	CS and AS to get one pager to PCC for inclusion in Deliverables Plan. PCC to Version 1.0

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	 providing a resource pack that would include: Useful contacts, information, links to suppliers. Ideally suited in a partnership with real estate agents and City of Newcastle. Social Media: AS has sources quotes for professional agency to create and manage networks. MP: Platforms imperative and necessary sooner rather than later - but needs to be informed by strategy that must identify the tools as: Critical communication tool with audiences including members, Council, other BIAs and customers To show that you are doing something Place for information now and not once you have developed full projects. E.g. – the BIA has more than 30 stories collected through New Usual that can be used as content as well as profiles of each board member and hints of projects on the drawing board (build the narrative) Build it slowly and collaboratively with others (BIAs, etc) Cost relative benefits to BIA AS: Can the Darby Street Traders utilise BIA funds to manage social media? No but BIA will work with the group and CN to assess if they can apply for SBR contestable funding. 	speak with CN re opportunity to collaborate. AS to provide costs for plan
Day to Day activities	Shared documents and information hub.	PCC to create shared document space.
Roles and responsibilities of executives/directors	 Not discussed but note that all roles on board are explained in Constitution. Additionally, as the board develops individuals are appointed or nominate to take on roles that can: Link the BIA to other networks, associations or businesses that can inform BIA processes and strategy Inform and connect with other organisations Note the following to date: JR – Business Loves Live Spots (Busking) KM – Hunter Sustainability network LS – Hunter Community Alliance CS and AS – Project Renewal AS – Social media DO – University of Newcastle 	PCC: add subcommittee or director reports to meeting agenda All: Subcommittee or director reports to be submitted prior to each board meeting to be included in board papers.
City of Newcastle	Lean in Newy:	CN: to provide update

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Overall perspective of group is that while it has potentials it is a bit hard to understand or engage with.	PCC: to seek update.
Recovery Taskforce: BIA keen to participate and inform the process as they believe its important to get the perspective of thousands of small and micro business and their economic impact. LS declared his role with Hunter Workers in subcommittee conversations.	

NEXT MEETING:

Date:	Tuesday 9 June 2020
Time:	3 pm
Location:	Zoom

MEETING CLOSE:

Time meeting closed:	5.08pm
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