



BLACKPOOL BUSINESS LEADERSHIP GROUP

NOTES FROM MEETING HELD ON MARCH 29, 2019, AT THE VILLAGE HOTEL, BLACKPOOL

Name	Organisation	Name	Organisation
ATTENDEES			
Martin Long (chair)	Napthen's	Geoff Moore	Canberra Hotel
Deborah Terras	The Washington Group	Kila Redfean	Blue Skies
Debbs Lancelott	Houndshill	Jane Littlewood	Rabbit Design
Andy Charles	Business In The Community	Lizzie Beckford, Coral Horn	Pink Link
Tim Fielding, Ben Hatton, Robert Heys	Blackpool Football Club	Nicole Billington/Rob Green/Steve Smith	Airport Enterprise Zone
Lee Ferguson	Stonegate Pub Co	Pearl Mina	PR Consultant
Elaine Smith	Blackpool Civic Trust	Maggie Cornall	Blackpool Coastal Housing
Kieran McGuinness, Melanie Whitehead	Electric Sunshine Project	Andy Percival	Blackpool In Bloom
Rachel Riches	The Village	Alistair Baines, Lawrence McBurney	Cassidy & Ashton
Tom Mercer, Paul Drury	Handelsbanken	Andy Dobson	Atlas Sailing
Shaun Bennett	Links Signs & Graphics	Toby Simpson	Coffeebrook
Ian White	Stay Blackpool	David Stevenson	Cuadrilla
Nigel Sanders	Pure Air Group	Jane Cole	Blackpool Transport
Darren Lambert	Aurora Business Services	Chris Calvert	Rushton's Accountants
Paul Inman	Fresh Hotel Furnishings	Neil Johnson	Caterware
Duncan Wilding	PHX Training	David Cam	Under-Sheriff, County Palatine
Kevin Donnelly	XP Web Services	Nicola Stott	Viva
Ruth Eastwood	Grand Theatre	Neil Farley	Westinghouse
Amanda Westgate	Big Impact Communications	David Houston, Janet Atkins	Trinity Hospice/Brian House
Chris Maine	DPA Packaging	Sue Williams, Helen Atkinson	Aspired Futures
Andy Green, Paul Friday	Future Focus Energy	Simon Hamer	Create Care Training
Lindsay Taylor Heath	Santander	Paul Dewick-Day, Robert Dewick	Bella Vista Lodge
Tina Cooper, Debbi Hodson	Blackpool Sixth	Krisztina Szigeti	Happy Creative
Terry Hodgkinson	Blackpool Carers	Sean Lanister	Dahlia's Kitchen
Johnathon Townsend	Lloyds Banking	Philip Crowther	Helms Briscoe
Mark Ferris	F&S Contract Supplies	Vanda De Freitas	Positive Steps
Reece Bywater, Rob Street	Booker	Danny Dalton	Brightprint/Music & Mayhem
Robert Owen	Pleasure Beach	Phillip Parramore	Guidedotyou
Darren Webster	Blackpool Zoo	Ian Mallam	Digitav
Angie Hesketh, Yvonne Cooper	DWP	Ray Eyre	Parkinson's
Matt Agnew, Chris	AFC Fylde	Philip Helm	Tyson Construction
Ron Bell	Abbey Bell Consultants	Phil Bonell	PHX Training
Alex McIntyre	Property Scene	Tracey Clarke	Toyland
Janette Yates	Central Property	Dawn Alderson, Kerry Murdock	McDonald's
Andrew Woolley	Chamber of Commerce	David Chapman	Linksgate Leisure
Katherine O'Connor	Northern Powerhouse	Stacey De Rome	Boulevard Hotel
Jake Adams	Mina Group	Kerry Higginson	GP Strategies
Colin Taylor	Lights Ambassador	Grahame Latus	Enterprise Answers
Rosey Rihani	RR Legal	Anne Catterson	Common Purpose
Louise Woods	Mortgages by Louise	Greg Goodall, Rich Burnett	AWOL TV
Effie Sharp	Primary Futures	Helen Broughton	Danbro
Aimi McDonnell	Chance2Shine	Helen Livesey	The Business Clinic
Steve Burns	Think Forward	David Furnevall	Life Coach
Nigel Patterson	Blackpool Museum	Chris Addis	Estuary Cleaning
Julie Hutson	Key Accounting Solutions	Gemma Murphy	Little Zoo To You
Phil Taylor	Shelby Group	Lisa Swainson, Harry Sutcliffe	Just Mortgages
Holly Whittaker	Access Fylde Coast	Andrew Wareing, Andy Atkinson	Voucher Packs
Patrick McChrystal, Anthony Monks	Atlas	Johanne Agnola	UCLAN
Owen Wilson, Stephen Smith	Transport For The North	Catherine Best	Best At Solutions
Pam Swain	British Association of Dental Nurses	Julia Eastwood	Artisan Tiles
Amanda Crossley	Concierge Ninja	Joe Best	EW Support
Steve Fogg	Bae Systems	Lucia Frankitt	San Marco
Steve Williams	Force Technology	Michael Williams	Winter Gardens
Paul Hindle	Lumenata	Dave Preston	Offigo
Matt Gibbs	Matt Gibbs Consulting	Andy Higgins	Postal & Data Systems
Norry Ascroft	Entertainer/Life Coach	Shirley Hunt	Cranstone Hotel
Louise Logan	Career Ready/World Travel Lounge	Sam Bell-Docherty, Ashley Docherty	Skool Of Street
Paul Isherwood	The Penny Dropped	Jane Hugo	StreetLife
Stephen Knowles	Eric Wright Construction	Ashley Hackett	BFC Community Trust
David Paton	Kinross Sports	Anthony Brookes	CLVR Credit Union
Pam Isherwood	Renaissance	Sarah Hall, Claire Jameson	Blackpool & The Fylde College
Philip Holmes	Lightpool Festival	David Slater	Blackpool Unlimited
Jade Gregory-Haselden	Lancashire MIND	Chris Aiken-Graham	FSB
OBSERVERS/GUESTS/HOSTS			
Philip Welsh, Steve Thompson, Peter Legg	Blackpool Council	David Slater	Blackpool Unlimited

APOLOGIES			
Heather Morrow	Blackpool Museum	Neil Jack	Blackpool Council
Chris Curtis, John Holmes	Swallows	Monika and Roger Clough	Life Resources
Bev Robinson	Blackpool & The Fylde College	Sue Ridyrd	St Mary's
Steve Whitehouse	FTS	Graeme Neale	Phoenix Consultancy Services
Mark Croasdale	Whitehead & Howarth	Pat Naylor	Homestart Blackpool
Mike Lovell	Chameleon Finance	Joanne Etherington	Lloyds
Philip Owen	Consultant	Kelly Johnson	Hotel at Mill Farm
Fiona Reid	Butterworth's Solicitors	Matt Watts	Lancashire Cheesecake Co
Lindsay Campbell	Campbell & Rowley	Wendy Harrison	Café Fresch
Jill Gray	Blackpool Sixth	Michael Pickthall	Pinpoint Management Consultants
Nick Gerrard	Growth & Prosperity	Carole Houston	Horizon
Emily Hawkins	UCLAN	Bev Wood	BWD Design
Nicola Atanassova	VisitBlackpool	Paul Stephens	Blackpool Rocks
Damian Broughton	Danbro	Paul Wilcock	Montpelier
David Worsfold	The Hive	Hamish Hamilton	Vistage
Alex Cosgrave	The Belgian Life	Vicki Ivanov	Candy House Entertainment
Peter Bennett	Assess Design Develop	Michelle Robinson	Ideal 4 Finance
Sham and Jack Sangha	Silicon Talent	Paula Davies	The Wave
Tom Metcalf	Little Touches	Mirela Kocsis	The Hungarian Restaurant
Peter Appleton	Multi-Ply Components		

1. Welcome and apologies

Martin Long (chair) welcomed members and guests to the meeting. It was noted that this particular meeting had attracted a record attendance for the group.

2. Minutes of the last meeting/Matters arising

Nothing to report.

3. Blackpool Football Club – What Next?

Tim Fielding, Ben Hatton and Robert Heys gave an update on the future direction of Blackpool Football Club following the appointment of Official Receivers and the departure of the Oyston family as owners of the club.

They talked about the heritage of the club, its more recent history and its vital role within the local community, not least in bolstering civic pride.

They urged the business community to support the renaissance of the club.

The presentation can be viewed at www.bbblg.co.uk under Reports/Publications.

4. Airport Enterprise Zone Update

Rob Green, Nicole Billington and Steve Smith gave an update on progress at the Blackpool Airport Enterprise Zone.

The presentation focused on the progress to date and the vision to attract over £300m of private investment and generate up to 5,000 new jobs over the next two decades.

It was noted that the planning application for the first phase of the infrastructure works was due to be submitted in April this year.

The presentation also included an update on airport operations and on the plan to roll out a full fibre network to aid local businesses.

The presentation and full contact details for the EZ programme can be viewed at www.bbblg.co.uk under Reports/Publications.

5. Chance2Shine Recruitment Agency

Aimi O'Donnell, Employer Relationship Manager for Positive Steps Into Work, gave a presentation on a new, not-for-profit recruitment agency operated by Blackpool Council.

It was noted that the agency could offer business support, work trials and signposting to partner services such as training providers.

Aimi's presentation and full contact details can be viewed at www.bbblg.co.uk under Reports/Publications.

6. Primary Futures

Effie Sharp, Programme Lead of Primary Futures in Blackpool, gave an update on a programme that is aimed at raising career aspirations at an early age.

She said that business leaders could support the programme by committing a few hours a week to go into a local primary school and talk about their own job role.

The volunteering activity could include assembly-led activity, classroom Q&As, networking and supporting mock interviews.

Any businesses interested in supporting the programme, contact Effie at blackpoolprimaryfutures@gmail.com

Her full presentation can be viewed at www.bbblg.co.uk under Reports/Publications.

7. Transport For The North Update

Owen Wilson, Major Roads Strategy Manager for Transport for the North, presented on the roles and responsibilities of the organisation, as well as the strategic vision for transport in the north of England.

He said that the basis of the strategy was to improve East-West links between important economic centres in North Yorkshire, West Yorkshire, Hull and Humber, Greater Manchester, Lancashire and Merseyside, increasing road and rail capacity.

Owen's full presentation can be viewed at www.bbblg.co.uk under Reports/Publications.

8. Blackpool Film Festival

Sofia-Chezene Theophilou gave a presentation on the inaugural SFPF awards, aimed at giving children and young people in Blackpool the opportunity to showcase their talents.

She said the aim of the award scheme was to create an "Oscars Of The North" type event and recognise local talent in film, television and photography.

The awards event is scheduled to be staged at the Hotel & Apartments Social Club in Blackpool on the evening of April 27.

She said that while some of the costs had been covered, she was still looking for business contributions and sponsorship for items such as marketing, printing, decorations, hospitality and trophies.

Any businesses willing to support the event, please contact Sofia at sfpfawards@gmail.com

9. Business Partnerships Report

Philip Welsh (Blackpool Council) highlighted the following item:

Blackpool Museum

He drew attention to the fact that the museum project had now received Coastal Communities Funding which meant that the project now had five of its six funding streams in place. The final bid, to the National Lottery Heritage Fund, had been submitted with a decision expected in June.

10. Any Other Business

Danny Dalton (Brightprint and Music & Mayhem) advised the group that he was planning to stage an event in July in support of the Blackpool Carers group. He said further details would be released at the May meeting of the BBLG but asked the group to consider supporting the event in whatever ways they could.

The Chair thanked The Village Hotel for hosting the meeting and the various speakers for their contributions. A tour of the building was offered to a number of businesses after the meeting closed.

11. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Scheduled for 7.30am (breakfast) for 8.30am (meeting) at The Grand Hotel (formerly The Hilton), North Promenade, Blackpool on Friday 31 May.