



Meeting of the Talbot Street Area Action Group 24th January 2012

In attendance: Richard Guiney, Kathryn Ryan, Gerard Farrell (Dublin City BID) Jo O’Leary, Damien O’Hara, Lee Cummins (Gardaí, Store Street), Jennifer Clancy (Divisional Community Policing Officer), Martin Farrelly, Ken McEntee, John Caulwell, James Wadsworth, Gerard Ryan, Conor O’Neill,

Item	Action
Antisocial behaviour	<p>Dublin City BID is co-funding research into drug use and antisocial behaviour in the city centre. The feedback we are getting from our researcher indicates that Garda operations in the area are having a successful impact and that users and pushers are not comfortable in the area and are beginning to move elsewhere. We believe that is important to maintain this momentum.</p> <p>Gardaí made the largest seizure of 70,000 tablets prior to Christmas which had a dramatic impact on the Christmas drug trade.</p> <p>A solicitor in the area has agreed to work with us in drafting legislation in relation to the sale of prescription drugs.</p>
Harbour Court	<p>Planning notice has been posted by BID to gate Harbour Court. Also a letter of support from the RPA was submitted stating that the gating of Harbour Court will significantly improve antisocial behaviour at the Abbey St Luas Stop. CCTV footage has proved they are directly linked.</p>
Night time crew	<p>Dublin City BID will be providing a night time crew from the middle of February onwards. They will work four nights a week from Thursday to Sunday and will provide a cleaning service, tourist assistance and will actively report any instances of begging or antisocial behaviour to the Gardaí.</p>
Dublin Consumer website	New consumer focused website to be

	<p>launched in February that will work across all platforms (PC, table, smartphone). Member involvement will be essential such as business profiles, promotions, offers etc. There will be an official launch from February 20-24th with promotion on 98fm.</p> <p>We hope to raffle off various Dublin “experiences” to competition winners with an emphasis on “re-acquainting” people with their cities. We welcome participation from our members for these “experiences”.</p> <p>The site will act as a gateway for the BID’s iGuide app and will also be supported through BID social media sites which have 10,000 friends/followers.</p>
Dine in Dublin	<p>Next edition of the Dine in Dublin restaurant promotion will begin on March 26th, we will be seeking to develop the festival further and introduce new elements.</p> <p>We welcome suggestion and ideas from our members on how to make this so. This activity will be further promoted through our Marketing Forum.</p>
Marketing Forum	<p>Dublin City BID hosts a city-wide marketing forum with representatives from DCC, Temple Bar Traders, Dublin Bus, Luas, Failte Ireland etc.</p>
Christmas & New Years	<p>Football for Christmas 2011 is up 8.5% compared to last year for the city centre.</p> <p>Representations have been made by Dublin City BID and Retail Excellence Ireland to the Government regarding bringing forward the budget to encourage Christmas trade</p> <p>The Shop & Drop bag minding service was provided by Dublin City BID in the GPO Arcade and Stephen’s Green Shopping Centre. The service was well with received with 92% of those surveyed saying that the service would encourage them access the city through public transport or cycle. BID will be meeting with the National Transport Authority to look at ways that this could be turned into a year round service.</p>

	<p>The BID supported the New Year’s Eve festival again this year. The Event was a sell out with 10,000 tickets sold, double the expected attendance.</p>
Public Toilets	<p>The lack of public toilets has in Dublin City Centre has been discussed at BID board level. The shopping centre experience has shown that properly staffed pay public toilets can be operated successfully and safely in the city centre.</p> <p>Dublin City BID has made a number of proposals to DCC on this issue and the Labour party councillors have raised the issue for discussion at the upcoming Environmental Special Policy Committee meeting.</p>
Insurance Scheme	<p>Dublin City BID in conjunction with First Ireland can guarantee BID members a 20% reduction in their business related insurance costs. For more information please contact First Ireland Insurance brokers on 01 882 0838 or 086 311 6830 for a quote.</p>
AOB	<p>It was brought to our attention that Taxis are misusing the overflow rank at Marlborough Place and causing obstructions. BID to address this with DCC, Gardaí and Taxi regulator.</p> <p>New bus routes will be developed with the introduction of the new Luas route. This will have a positive impact on antisocial behaviour particularly in Marlborough place and give opportunities to reclaim public spaces and develop “urban gardens” and attractive spaces for the public.</p> <p>There was a street protest on O’Connell St. that businesses were not made aware of. BID had no prior knowledge of the protest as there was no official notice given. The Gardaí found out through social media and were able to get on the scene.</p>