

17<sup>th</sup> August 2018

**A BID for Nairn is confirmed**

NairnConnects BID (Business Improvement District) today announces that the ballot result delivered by Electoral reform services has confirmed that Nairn will have its own BID. With a headcount turnout of 51.18% (rateable value turnout of 59.41%) the result gave a hugely positive response with 107 Non Domestic Rated owners/managers voting yes and only 23 no. Both of these had to have a majority in favour with a minimum turnout of 25% for the BID to go ahead.

Michael Boylan, Chair of the NairnConnects steering group said “This is a hugely positive step forward made by local business and Non-Domestic rated property owners. Throughout the 3 year process the debate was rarely about what should be done and always about what was the best method to get it done and I’m delighted that the local business community has agreed that a BID is the way forward. I’d like to thank everyone involved including Alan Rankin for getting us underway as well as Liam Christie and his team at North Highland Events for supporting the process through to conclusion at short notice but particularly the steering group and business owners who have given up a large amount of their time to make this work. What is not always recognised is the time and effort from local individuals that goes into making Nairn a better place and this process is another great example of that within our community. I’d also like to thank everyone who took the time to vote.”

“It’s now time for us all to come together and make a real difference to Nairn. The next steps are to form a board and details on this will be published publically in the coming weeks, this will be open to all businesses involved, after that it will be up to the board of Directors to work with levy payers, community groups, public organisations and others in making a positive difference to Nairn’s economy”

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A copy of the declaration is attached for your information  
More information on NairnConnects can be found on the website –  
[www.nairnconnects.com](http://www.nairnconnects.com)  
More information on BID’s can also be found on –  
[www.bids-scotland.com](http://www.bids-scotland.com)

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