

**St Austell BID Board Meeting**

**Minutes of the meeting held on 6th July 2021.**

**Present** **via Zoom:** Dale Lovatt (DL), Tom French (TC), Giles Bingley (GB), Martin Davies (MD), Neil Woodward (NW), Bill Holland (BH), Sean Marshall (SM), Roberto Cubbedu (RC), Clive Acraman **(**AC**)** & Allan Clare (AC).

**In attendance via Zoom:** Annette Miller (AM).

1. **Welcome: DL** welcomed the board to the meeting.
2. **Minutes of previous meeting:** The minutes of the board meeting held on the 1st June 2021 were reviewed and approved.
3. **Finance:** Monthly update provided by **GB**.
   1. Income received during the month - **£22,480** consisting of levy & warden funding.
   2. Expenditure this month included the following costs: administration, town support including wardens & publicity.
4. **St Austell Revitalisation Partnership: DL** advised the boardthat the applicationof £150,000 to the Town Centre Vitality Fund had been successful however only £140,000 was approved. The Revitalisation Partnership would now need to amend the allocated projects budget of which was presented to the board last month.
5. **BID Managers Roundup:** We have applied to the Welcome Back Fund for the following:

Busking points.

Deep clean.

Update to a more friendly themed signage.

Saturday entertainment.

History day.

Seating area at Biddick’s Court.

Information officers/wardens.

Disc was successfully launched in June and has already been credited with numerous safeguarding issues being resolved and an increase in crime and ASB being reported. Statements by Annette & Bill have already been produced by the Police using the DISC system, these statement will be used in court.

Garden/Whitegold Festival was highly successful and just what we needed for the community.

1. **COVID 19:**  Replace where necessary signage for easing of restrictions and change our message from ‘social distancing’ to ‘be considerate’. As it has been announced that we move to level 4 on the 19th July it was agreed that our next Board meeting would be the first in person meeting since April 2020.
2. **Meetings**: **TF** on behalf of the Town Council thanked Annette & Bill for their time in presenting the Disc system to the Town Council Finance Committee**.** He remarked that this has gone down very well with members and has their full support.

**CA** notified the board that the Chamber of Commerce AGM went ahead and there is now a new Committee with **CA** as Chairman, **AC** as Secretary and Tim Styles as Vice Chair. 2 of their objectives are to increase membership by raising the Chambers profile, and also to achieve a way in which to offer training packages to businesses. BID offered its full support where possible.

1. **A.O.B. AC** expressed his concern over the apparent increase in anti-social behaviour at the Co-op. **AM** explained that security regularly patrol this area throughout the day and Co-op also have access to Disc (ASB reporting tool).

**TF** fed back from a meeting he had had that mentioned the new owners of White River Place were positively engaged with Cornwall Council. **DL** asked **BH** if he could give an update to the board.

**BH** confirmed that the new owners are (A & I Capital Ventures) and he will keep the board updated with any information or plans where possible.

**Meeting closed 18.15**

**Next meeting 3rd August 2021 at 17.30**

**Burton House Conference Room**