



SWBA BID: Minutes of Board Meeting – 7 September 2020
(Venue: Video conference)

Present: Directors - John Simpson (White Light), John D'Aprano (DS Systems), Nick Stefka (Box Office Supplies), Ian Docksey (Trinitarian Bible Society) and Lee Anderson (GreenLight)
Estate Coordinator - Claire Morris

This was an ad hoc Board meeting in place of the quarterly BID Members' meeting which was due to be held on 3 September but was cancelled due to a lack of participants.

The Board discussed a number of key issues and agreed the following action:

- the BID would continue to discuss with Merton Council appropriate arrangements in respect of the current BID year's levy payments, taking particular account of the wider financial implications for businesses arising from the Covid crisis;
- work would proceed on the proposed wayfinding project in the light of the recent report which had identified a number of improvements which could be made. The next stage was to initiate discussions with key stakeholders, notably Merton Council and TfL, to discuss how the project could be implemented;
- the current contract with Meercat Associates for the BID's cost saving scheme was due to expire at the end of 2020 and a decision needed to be made about the future of the scheme. The Board considered that whilst some businesses had found it of assistance, the scheme had not delivered sufficient benefits overall to merit its continuation and the contract would therefore not be renewed.

Dates for next meetings:

SWBA Directors' meeting: 12.30pm, 8 October 2020
SWBA Members' meeting: 12.30pm, 3 December 2020

