



SWBA BID: Minutes of Board Meeting – 7 April 2022
(Venue: Video conference)

1. Apologies

Present: Directors - John Simpson (White Light) and John D’Aprano (DS Systems)

Estate Coordinator - Claire Morris and Nick Stefka (Box Office Supplies)

Apologies: Directors: Ian Docksey (Trinitarian Bible Society), Lee Anderson (GreenLight) and Dawit Debesu (RTD Properties)

2. BID Reballot 2022

The BID renewal ballot had now been completed with a positive outcome. The second term would therefore commence on 1 July.

3. BID Proposals – Progress on Delivery Plan

It was noted that:

- the Neighbourhood Scheme funding for the BID’s wayfinding proposal was due to be paid in the new financial year. The original proposal had been revisited and the costs revised to take account of the funding available and work was now beginning to take this project forward;
- there remained a number of issues, notably road repairs and signage, which had still to be addressed by the Council and the BID continued to pursue these as a matter of priority.

4. Financial Matters

The BID’s budget for the remaining three months of the current term was reviewed to ensure that existing commitments were met and the work undertaken by the Estate Ranger to keep the estate clean and tidy was continued. A new budget for the next five year term from 2022-2027 had now been prepared and would be reviewed regularly.

5. Any Other Business

It was reported that a new Merton Local app was due to be launched in the near future. This was a Merton Council initiative aimed at assisting local businesses to raise their profile and encourage more trade within the Borough. It was agreed that this could be very useful for SWBA businesses

and details would be circulated to enable them to register for inclusion in the scheme.

6. Dates of next meetings:

SWBA Directors' meeting - 12.30pm, 5 May 2022

SWBA Members' meeting - 12.30pm, 2 June 2022

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