



SWBA BID: Minutes of Board Meeting – 9 June 2022 (Venue: DS Security)

1. Apologies

Present: Directors - John D'Aprano (DS Systems), Lee Anderson (GreenLight), Ian Docksey (Trinitarian Bible Society) and David Skinner (Tenable Screw Co Ltd)

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

Apologies: Directors: John Simpson (White Light) and Dawit Debesu (RTD Properties)

2. BID Directors

John Simpson who was standing down as Chair was thanked on behalf of businesses for his outstanding leadership throughout his tenure since the SWBA was formed in 2007. John had been instrumental in securing a range of major improvements to the estate over the years as well as in achieving BID status in 2017 and his work had been invaluable to the success of the SWBA.

It was unanimously agreed that David Skinner should be formally appointed as a BID Director with effect from 9 June. A number of administrative changes were now required to be made to the constitution of the BID Board, including a change to the registered Company address which would become c/o DS Security.

3. BID Proposals – Progress on Delivery Plan

It was noted that:

- the Neighbourhood Fund Scheme grant for the wayfinding project was currently awaited from Merton Council. In the meantime, planning approval for the proposed work was being sought;
- the majority of the advertising signs located on the embankment separating Lombard Road from Morden Road had now been taken down and it was understood that the Council would be removing those which remained imminently.

4. Financial Matters

Three quotes had been obtained from companies for the purpose of dealing with the BID's accounting and tax obligations, including one from the current

service provider and two from locally based firms of accountants. These quotes were in the region of £3K per annum and it was consequently decided that the contract for this work should be awarded to Paul Marks & Co in Wimbledon.

The second 5 year BID term would begin on 1 July and BID levy invoices for the initial year 2022-2023 would therefore be issued by Merton Council in due course.

5. Any Other Business

- Nick Stefka reported that he had asked Merton Council to clear the overgrown vegetation from the footpath from Windsor Avenue to Merantun Way and to replace the fencing along the footpath from Deer Park Road to Deen City Farm;
- the Board was keen to develop appropriate environmental projects for the estate and would therefore now consider how to take this forward.

6. Dates of next meetings:

SWBA Members' meeting - 12.30pm, 7 July 2022

SWBA Directors' meeting – 12.30pm, 6 October 2022