**St Austell BID Board Meeting**

**Minutes of the meeting held on 21st May 2024 at 17:30.**

**Present:** Dale Lovatt (DL), Martin Davies (MD), Bill Holland (BH), Sandra Heyward (SH) & Sean Marshall (SM)

**Apologies:** Allan Clare (AC), Dexter Lawrence (DLA), Piers Thompson (PT), Cllr Tom French (TF) & Neil Woodward (NW),

**In Attendance** – Annette Miller

1. **Welcome & Apologies:**

**DL** Welcomed everyone to the board meeting. DL introduced Louie Sanders-Mortimer to the board, he is taking over from David Rescorla who represented The Rann Wartha (Wetherspoons). Sandra Heyward was also introduced and joins the board as the representative for The Market House. Our thanks go to Gillian Mullany and David Rescorla who have both resigned from the BID board.

1. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

The minutes of the board meeting held on the 20th February 2024 were signed off as a true and accurate record.

1. **Finance: Monthly update provided by DL**
	1. Income to date (6th April 2024 – 5th April 2024) is £158,928 including voluntary contributions and funding from St Austell Town Council on shared initiatives.
	2. Expenditure to date on core BID themes including, events, publicity and town support is £100,730. with a further spending of £38,108 on administrative costs which include £1,226 depreciation on BID assets.
2. **BID Managers Roundup by AM**

**Town news**

4 of the empty shops in Fore St are having building work done. Burtons ground floor will become BET FRED, who are relocating from the other end of Fore Street. Planning has been applied for flats on the upper floor. Shoe-zone and Clintons are both being split into 2 ground floor commercial units each with planning in for flats on the upper floors. Cornwall Hospice is also undergoing refurbishment with planning for 2 flats on the upper floors. This is good news for the town, especially Fore Street.

**Funding**

Other than the funding we receive from St Austell Town Council towards shared initiatives such as Christmas lighting and security patrols. We have been unsuccessful with our applications so far. There is a glimmer of hope for some potential funding from the OPCC to be used for increased security provision.

**Events 2024**

Cornwall Pride was held on the 18th May and was very well attended. This was a successful event for the town.

**Upcoming Town Centre Events 2024**

28th May - Platform Festival run by Studio 4 (dance workshops and performances)

22nd June - Garden Festival

28th – 30th June - St Austell Festival of Children’s Literature

20th July - Purple Day

15th August – Danceathon

31st August – Truro Park Fun Day21st May 2024

31st October - Zombie Walk

30th November - Light Switch On

7th, 14th & 21st - December Family Fun & Christmas Shopping.

**Marketing**

Our mobile stage was hired out for the Mini Rally at Pentewan over the bank holiday, this looked very good, and our branding was very visible. In discussions with Sticker Fair on the 15th June.

**Security**

Monthly meetings continue with the Police, Town Council, ASB worker, Cornwall Council. We continue with 5 hours per day (over variable shift timings) Monday – Friday. We have noticed lots of new faces on the ASB front.

1. **ASB:**

Is still a real issue for the town centre. Cornwall Council are saying we don’t appear to have a problem, this is largely down to businesses/general public not reporting the incidents they witness. We sent out a letter to businesses on the 23rd April asking them to report ASB to us via text so that can follow up and encourage them to report through the proper channels. This was frowned upon by some of our partners, however we have reiterated that we need to be proactive and that we are here to work for the business community.

1. **St Austell Revitalisation Partnership:**

See link below to the minutes from the latest Revitalisation meeting held on the 17th May 2024, with the next one scheduled for the 11th June 2024

https://www.staustell-tc.gov.uk/\_UserFiles/Files/\_Minutes/180717-May\_2024\_2.pdf

1. **Directors’ updates/AOB:**

MD asked if a visit to the roof garden site could be arranged. AM said she would talk to the owner to facilitate one and inform the board of a date and time.

***MEETING CLOSED AT 19:00***

***Board Meeting Schedule:***

***13th August, 17:30 at Burton House***

***12th November, 17:30 (AGM) – White Hart Hotel***

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