

# St Austell BID



Business  
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District

## BID Annual General Meeting – 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2014

### Present – Board of Directors:

Chris Witt (Chairman), John Kneller, Giles Bingley (Treasurer), Ameena Williams, Annette Miller, Karen Blackburn, Mike Coles, Colin Glanville

### Apologies – Board of Directors:

David Pooley, Richard Hurst, Paul Scott

### Present – Others:

Carl Lamb, BID Manager  
Sarah Pechkaytis, White River Place  
Sara Gibson, Seven Stars & Stagg Inn  
Salley Polmounter, The Station & The Club  
Fran Hanks, The Queens Head Hotel  
Ally Watkins, Natures Kitchen  
Hayley Newton, Bits & PCs  
Rainer Newton, Rainer's Retro  
Phill Lamphee, St Austell Voice  
Steve Hurst, Burton House  
David Fincher, Crystal Dry Cleaning  
Lynne Fincher, Crystal Dry Cleaning  
Jon Worsley, Bored Skate Shack  
Mark Torr, Café Tengo  
Trevor Trebyn-Stephens, Lilac & Cream  
David Halton, Control My Sales

### Apologies – Others:

Andy Ward, St Austell TIC

### Minutes & actions

|    | <b>Minute item/action</b>   |
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| 1. | <p><i>Welcome</i><br/>Chris Witt opened the meeting.</p> <p>He noted that Mr Tony Goodman had handed in a letter of proxy from Mark Lewis, but as this did not satisfy the 48 hours' notice required in the Articles, Mr Goodman was asked to leave the meeting.</p>        |
| 2. | <p><i>Chairman's Report</i><br/>Chris Witt reported on the achievements of the BID during its first year.</p> <p>He outlined the BID's activities in the year, which in addition to the events and Christmas lights have included launching the loyalty card, branding,</p> |

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|    | decorating vacated premises and setting up the Britain in Bloom, town planting project in partnership with Eden.  |
| 3. | <p><i>End of Year Accounts</i></p> <p>Giles Bingley reviewed the end of year accounts which had been circulated to all members, and reported on the financial income and expenditure in the year.</p>   |
| 4. | <p><i>BID Delivery</i></p> <p>Carl Lamb gave a presentation on the BID delivery since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014.</p> <p>Chris then spoke in more detail about the BID Project Teams activities.</p>   |
| 6. | <p><i>Appointment of new company directors</i></p> <p>Two director nominations under class B had been received from Colin Glanville of Cooklands and Karen Blackburn of Lilac &amp; Cream. There were three vacancies and so both nominations were put to the meeting without the need for voting. They were unanimously approved subject to one dissenter.</p> <p>The appointment of Richard Hurst of White River Place as a director under Class D was also confirmed. This did not require the approval of the meeting.</p>  |
| 5. | <p><i>Q&amp;A</i></p> <p>There was a useful question and answer session following the main agenda items and many useful observations were made, in particular it was noted;</p> <p>Sara Gibson was invited to attend and participate at the next Board Meeting in a non-voting capacity.</p> <p>It was noted that notification of the AGM was not on the BID website although it was on the BID social media pages.</p> <p>Restarting the BID surgeries was discussed. John Kneller said that they were extremely poorly attended last time, but was happy to try again.</p> <p>It was noted that any BID member can join one of the working groups at any time.</p> <p>It was suggested that Carl should have an assistant. The idea was well received by the directors.</p> <p>A view was expressed that St Austell is looking a much cleaner, nicer place to visit since the inception of the BID and that two years ago the town had next-to-no footfall at all, and the BID events were helping to attract people to the town centre.</p> <p>The issues around town centre security were discussed and Chris Witt confirmed that David Pooley is taking over the running of the town centre CCTV system. Shop Watch stickers were suggested for shop windows, Carl offered to design, print and distribute them.</p> |

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| <p>It was suggested that future BID events be Fore Street centric and that they should run into the evening so the town's evening / night-time operators can benefit from them.</p> <p>Free parking was discussed and Mike Coles said that he is currently in talks with Cornwall Council to rationalise parking charges.</p> |
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**The meeting closed at 8pm**