

# FEBRUARY 11TH 2021 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Matters arising from previous meeting**
- 3. Acceptance of minutes**
- 4. Member Register**
- 5. Project Timeline Update**
- 6. 6 month deferral request update and discussions**
- 7. AOB**
- 8. Audit**

## Attendees

CRE: Clive Rowe-Evans  
KC: Kerry Carruthers  
JH: John Harding  
MG: Michael Graham  
SH: Cllr Shaun Horton  
MK: Mark Kibblewhite  
JD: Jo Dooley  
RB: Richard Bradley  
BG: Ben Gilligan  
JN: Jayne Nendick  
MC: Martyn Coltman

## Apologies

Mo Driffield  
Pete Gibson  
Karl Battersby

## 1. Welcome

Meeting established as being quorate

## 3. Minutes

MG: Requested amendment to the minutes regarding proxy vote and time exited the meeting

CRE: Agreed with the amendment

ACTION: KC to make amendments and publish minutes as accepted.

## 4. Member Register

One director BID membership currently unpaid and has to be removed from Member Register, resulting in director resignation.

All in agreement

*Cllr Horton Joined*

## 5. Project Update:

### KC: Coastal sculpture collection

Spurn Point: In the final stages of achieving permissions for the first installation in June

Flamborough: Design and location to be signed off when Spurn Point has been agreed – ECD September

The Crab landscaping to commence within the next 4-6 weeks pending volunteer availability managed by JN

Bridlington: Requested for MC to liaise with LSG re Bridlington sculpture location so ES can work on the design.

**MC:** Confirmed that locations and style can be picked up via the LS group and fed back to the BID in the coming months.

## KC: Coastal Route

Website and app commission in January

Trademarks ongoing

Detailed presentation estimated to take place in April

**KC:** Requested SH/MG/MK to have a final review of the route and provide feedback on safety/congestion within the next two weeks.

**ACTION:** KC to resend the link

**RB:** Highlighted concerns:

The board cannot proceed without a climate impact assessment and environmental impact assessment due to statutory obligations.

**CRE:** Agreed to bring the subject back to a future board meeting, but that the full board agreed to proceed with the route and the board's rules are that decisions cannot be overturned.

**BG:** Queried whether the above was required as it would impact the delivery timescales.

**KC:** Suggested that the board review the consultant's full report as this is what the board was requested to base their initial decision on.

Highlighted that within the document considers have been made to highlight sustainable travel, implementing EV, Bike Repair stations to align with local authorities work. However, the board need to accept the fundamental point that if the aims are to increase visitor numbers, you cannot avoid travel by vehicle. Still, you can make practical adaptations – which have been included within the proposal.

If there is a need for a climate impact assessment/environmental impact assessment or any other reports, the board needs to move to fund these pieces of work officially and for local authorities to share theirs as they are complex reports that need multiple stakeholder engagement.

**CRE:** Confirmed that if any board member has anything they would like to add to the schedule or have any queries, they must submit it to KC within the next two weeks.

**RB:** Reiterated that SBC has made it absolutely clear that the council, as well as the UK government, declared climate emergencies and that they would find it very, very difficult to support a scheme that detrimentally impacts upon environment and sustainability.

**KC:** Agreed that it was an important consideration, but that the specific reports and research now being mentioned, were not at any stage factored into the business case.

**RB:** Reiterated that visitor numbers cannot be at the detriment of the environment.

**MK:** Queried whether statutory permissions are indeed required as it is a marketing product, and it is not making physical alterations to infrastructure.

**RB:** Stated the local enterprise partnership, which encompasses all of the North Yorkshire regions, strategic ambitions and aims are to become carbon negative, not carbon neutral.

**CRE:** Thanked RB for his input to consider.

#### **KC: Odyssey**

Physical events delayed in 2020 are ready to be delivered in 2021 post restrictions

Activity will resume, as per the schedule in the 18-month plan

Additional information was provided in the form of technical development, artist and community involvement.

Additional updates provided on Big Ideas by the Sea, Scarborough Stories and other activity which was postponed.

#### **6. 6-month deferral request update and discussions**

**CRE:** Introduced the subject of business hardship as per the board's request, so that businesses can be advised on action that will take place when bills are reissued.

Including the year three Levy, which will be issued in August, if the local authorities accept the deferral.

ERYC have confirmed that they accept the deferral

SBC has not confirmed that they accept the deferral but have received the request.

The board requires both authorities to agree before any changes can be formally made.

A discussion document had been supplied to aid discussion around how the board wished to proceed.

**KC:** Reiterated to the board that they need to apply any changes to all businesses as all must be treated fairly and equitable as per BID Regulations.

**CRE:** Opened to the board for a full discussion.

**SH:** Requested additional time to consider options rather than reach a decision too soon.

*Cllr Horton left the meeting.*

**JN:** Requested additional time to consider options rather than reaching a decision too soon as it is unknown how or when the restrictions will be lifted.

*JN left meeting*

**MK:** Agreed there needs to be more time to review and reflect

**CRE:** Suggest that board members specifically review:

1. Payment plan plus any hardship proposals
2. Write off-plan, plus hardship proposal

**RB:** Agreed but believes engagement work is required with business organisations to strengthen the governance of the board.

**CRE:** Agreed with RB and after further discussions instructed KC to proceed with plan created by CRE.

**AOB**

There has been a suggestion that the company should have audited their accounts, and that the company is acting illegally by not auditing the accounts.

The fact of the matter is, the BID is not acting illegally as the company qualifies for standard audit exemption due to the value of the turnover.

There is also nothing within the company's articles of association that requires the bid company to be audited and where a company is limited by a guarantee, then company law just requires the BID company to prepare the accounts and the publication of those financial statements, which is what has already been taken place.

Further discussions took place, inclusive of the potential £40,000 4-year cost for auditing, which members of the board felt would be a waste of funds due to the robust financial protocols in place.

All in agreement to remain with current situation only.



MINUTES ACCEPTED ON  
MAY 15TH 2021