

Sidcup Partners Ltd

AGM Minutes

Thursday 22nd July 2021 5pm

The Alma Public House Sidcup

Cheryl Curr	Sidcup Partners BID	CC
Sue Petty	Sidcup Partners BID	SP
Nikita Hart	Sidcup Partners BID	NH
Liz Twort	The Hackney Carriage	LT
Mark Twort	The Hackney Carriage	MT
Marie Mcvey	McDonalds Sidcup	MM
Harry Thing	Barclays Bank	HT
Richard Pitt	Resknow	RP
Lua Burrows	Calm Collective Yoga	LB
Jennifer Yandle	Waitrose	JY
June Slaughter	Councillor	JS
Anna Davis	Labour Party	AD
Andrew Walker	Rose Bruford College	AW
Lucy Bennett	Opass Billings Wilson & Honey LLP Accountants	LB
Phillip Woodman	Opass Billings Wilson & Honey LLP Accountants	PW
Alan Batmaz	Ninety-Seven Wine and Cocktail Bar	AB
Ozan Tencz	Coast Bar and Grill	OT
Iain Coombes	Sidcup and Foots Cray United Services Club	IC
Mat Skipper - Banks	The Alma Public House	MSB
Ronnie Banks	The Alma Public House	RB

Welcome

CC opened the meeting and thanked members for attending. CC advised the agenda would be followed with accounts details being presented first by PW.

Presentation of Financial Report

PW presented the accounts. He explained that Sidcup Partners BID are a limited company and provided all figures from the balance sheet. He expressed he felt they were in good order and raised no account issues.

Directors Report

SP presented the report. SP welcomed everyone to the fourth AGM. The report followed three main themes

• **Marketing, promotions and events**

SP discusses challenges and the community coming together over the last eighteen months. SP discussed how many events were cancelled and rescheduled. SP discussed how the recent Nutcracker trail was popular and received great feedback alongside the Christmas lights. SP discussed positive feedback from the book buzz event, recent Sidcup videos, poppies on lamp posts and monthly market. SP touched upon how Sidcup Partners BID are still trying to organise a market in Station Road but that market traders do not feel the footfall is high enough. Ideas were welcomed re a future market in Station Road. SP discussed popular and well received online competitions that had taken place across the website and social media platforms.

• **Attractive, Well Presented and Looked After**

SP discussed the instalment of lamp column banners in Sidcup in association with the Lamorbey and Sidcup local History Society as well as well received community clean ups. SP discussed a serious issue mainly located in the High St regarding vermin. This is an ongoing issue and a contractor has now been put into place to deal with the issue. SP discussed floral displays and award win of Silver Gilt in the London in Bloom awards. SP discussed planters that have been planted in Station Road and an increase in social media and website hits and engagement. SP discussed vinyl's that are placed into empty shop fronts and explained that some of the historic banners have been removed and replaced with a "shop local" slogan and Website banners, famous people banners have been stored and will be replaced back in the near future. SP discussed that a recent bench installation in the gardens by Barclays Bank has been well received as part of the Green Trail.

• **Services to Business**

SP discussed the support local schools have received during the pandemic including PPE equipment and lunch provided for keyworker children. The BID also supported the Duke of Edinburgh awards. The BID also supported with the assistance of Grant applications.

The BID ran a local hero competition and congratulated the winners and those who were specially recognised for the award. SP explained that she volunteers at local pharmacy Aspire Pharmacy to help with Covid-19 vaccinations. This was well received by the board members and other attendees at the meeting. The popularity of shop local vouchers and how they have brought increased footfall to Sidcup and encouraged the community to shop local was well received. SP highlighted the mental health and first aid courses that were offered to levy payers. SP mentioned the market research that had taken place recently and would be available soon. The initial results of this research look positive. SP encouraged everyone to continue to shop locally and advised that Sidcup Partners LTD shopped locally itself including for their insurance, accountancy and local supplies.

• **Future Plans**

- Memorial garden in St Johns Church detailing how Sidcup Partners BID has contributed to this garden of reflection.
- We are hoping to make the garden larger in the future and expand on it.
- The second term ballot for Sidcup Partners will take place early in the new year.
- Regular events would hopefully take place now that restrictions had lifted.
- A wellbeing festival due to take place in September.
- SP discussed building on the success of The Fringe festival.
- The local monthly market would continue and expand.
- SP spoke about how it was key to continue the market as it was well received by the community how it was important to not infringe on the existing well-established businesses in Sidcup.
- SP spoke about possible pop-up shop opportunities within Sidcup.
- Regular networking events will be planned.
- Sidcup Partners hope to improve the walkway by Sidcup Station in the hope to make this area look more attractive.
- Further grants would be applied for.
- Sidcup Partners BID intended to participate in Eco initiatives to reduce plastic.
- Cost savings initiatives would be looked at.
- Sidcup Partners BID would continue to work alongside the council on car parking fee issues that have been raised by local businesses.
- SP discussed the instalment of electric charging points for cars.

SP asked if any members had any questions they would like to raise. No members raised any questions about the report. SP advised that the full end of year report would be available on the Sidcup Partners website (www.sidcuppartners.co.uk).

AD asked if the accounts were available on companies' house and how many salaries were paid from Sidcup Partners LTD account. CC and SP advised. The Accounts will be notified to Companies House and posted on the Sidcup Partners Website.

Currently there are two part-time employees, one working twenty-four hours per week and one working fifteen hours per week. Therefore, the FTE equivalent of one full-time employee.

SP thanked board members for their support during the challenging times of the pandemic which was well received and appreciated by board members.

Applause from all attendees.

Open Discussion

CC asked LB to discuss wellbeing event which she will lead.

LB spoke about wellbeing event which will take place on 4th September 2021, it will include fitness, Pilates and exercise There will also be a market, food and children's entertainment. LB advised that if anyone would like to be part of the event to contact her.

MBS asked how to be more involved in the London in Bloom event. LB also advised she would like to be too. CC noted the interest and will promote involvement for next year.

AW asked for further details on the market research. CC advised it would be posted on the Website and it would be used to develop the strategy for the next 6-9 months.

AD asked if landlord details were available for empty premises. CC advised landlords were kept in contact with interested parties as much as possible.

Retirement/Re-election of Board Members

CC explained that it is written in the constitution that all existing board members must stand down at the AGM. All board members attending agreed to stand down and re-stand except AW. Mel Kenyon (MK) from Lab and Jess Edwards (JE) from the Tailors Chalk and there were no objections. CC advised that the three board members would be standing down. AW would be resigning. CC explained that JE had too many work commitments and did not feel she could fulfil her board member role. CC advised that MK had chosen to stand down due to work commitments and lack of progress in the BIDs ability to affect certain issues with the Council such as parking CC advised that MK feels more should have been done on this matter so has chosen to stand down.

CC advised that this makes three board member positions available and that five individuals have indicated they would like to join the board. CC advised that the nominations have been listed and will be handed out by CC for all attendees to vote. CC advised it is one vote per business. CC advised that those who are not selected are welcome to join the Sidcup Partners BID as a Working Group Member. CC advised for nobody to be offended if they are not selected and remarked she wants to work with all Sidcup businesses.

AD asked for candidates to say a short piece about what they can bring to the board so that she could make an informed vote. AD expressed she will not vote if this does not happen. All nominees present were happy to speak.

SP speaks on behalf of Suzie from Suzie's Beauty Bar as she cannot attend. LT discusses what she can bring to the board.

IC discusses what he can bring to the board.

AW speaks on behalf of Clarie Middleton (CM) as she could not attend RB discusses what he can bring to the board.

CC hands out nominations

OT & AD were asked if they would like to be added to the nominations to join to the board. Both declined.

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Food Served
Networking
Nominations are collected

CC Counts Votes
NH Checks Votes

Nomination Results
CC announces nominations. CC advises IC, LT and CM are to join board. IC agrees to take the role of Financial Director. CC Thanks MSB and RB for venue for hosting the AGM.

Networking Continues

End of Meeting
All attendees have left by approximately 8pm