



YORK BID ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 8th July, 18.00-19.30

Zoom Meeting Room

MINUTES

<p>Directors present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> M. Hjort (MH) – Chair C. Crawford (CC) R. Onyett (RO) P. Pinder (PP) N. Setterfield (NS) N. Sanderson (NS) F. Wood (FW) Cllr. A. Waller (AW) Cllr. A. D’Agome (AD) S. Czamecki (SC) A. Horner (AH) A. Graham (AG) R. McCartney (RG) 	<p>Attending:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Lowson (AL) C. Bush (CB) C. Alsop (CA) J. Little (JL) R. Bean (RB) K. Nicholls (KN) J. Delaney (JD) M. Bradnam (MB)
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Item No.	Item Notes
1	Welcome & Apologies
1.1	MH welcomed attendees, calling the meeting to order at 18.03 with RB acting as secretary.
1.2	Apologies were given by C. Price (CP) and L. Inch (LI).
2	Presentation from Guest Speaker, Kate Nicholls, and Panel Discussion
2.1	Kate Nicholls, CEO of UK Hospitality, delivered a presentation about the effects of Covid-19 on the hospitality sector. The presentation included:
2.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An overview of hospitality • The current phase of the reopening strategy • The challenges facing the hospitality sector in the coming months • Changes to the support available from central government
2.3	The presentation was followed by a panel discussion with Juliana Delaney, Chief Executive of Continuum Attractions, and Martin Bradnam, General Manager of The DoubleTree by Hilton and Chairman of Hospitality Association York (HAY).

2.4	The presentation and panel discussion are available at https://bit.ly/2CuYAKZ Password: YorkBID-AGM2020.
3	<p>Presentation from Executive Director, Andrew Lowson</p> <p>3.1 AL delivered a presentation outlining the BID's activity over the last year. The presentation included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The BID's responses to Coronavirus • Projects delivered by the BID in relation to the four programme areas • An update on the BID's major projects, Signage & Wayfinding and Car Parking <p>3.2 AL informed attendees that the BID's renewal ballot will take place in February 2021, with the consultation phase happening in Autumn.</p>
4	<p>Resolution: Election/Re-election of Company Directors</p> <p>4.1 MH reminded attendees that votes were made by proxy in advance due to the meeting being held online. MH confirmed that sufficient proxy votes had been received to make the meeting quorate.</p> <p>4.2 1A) MH proposed that Michael Hjort be re-elected as director and chairman of the company. The majority voted in favour and MH declared the notion as carried.</p> <p>4.3 1B) MH proposed that Frank Wood be re-elected as director of the company. The majority voted in favour and MH declared the motion as carried.</p> <p>4.4 1C) MH proposed that Colin Crawford be re-elected as director of the company. The majority voted in favour and MH declared the motion as carried.</p> <p>4.5 1D) MH proposed that Neil Setterfield be re-elected as director of the company. The majority voted in favour and MH declared the motion as carried.</p> <p>4.6 1E) MH proposed that Sarah Czarniecki be appointed as director of the company. The majority voted in favour and MH declared the motion as carried.</p>
5	<p>Resolution: Annual Reports and Accounts</p> <p>5.1 The company's annual accounts as well as the statutory accounts for 19/20 are available here: https://www.theyorkbid.com/downloads</p> <p>5.2 2) MH proposed that the annual reports and accounts for the year ending 31 March 2020 are accurate and can be approved. The majority voted in favour and MH declared the motion as carried.</p> <p>5.3 MH closed the formal part of the meeting at 19.23 and invited questions from attendees.</p>

6	Q&A
6.1	AL was asked to elaborate on the BID's renewal process. AL explained that the process will begin with a consultation with businesses in Autumn. Feedback from the consultation will then be used to shape the BID's business plan for the next five years, which businesses will be able to vote on before the ballot in February 2021.
6.2	In response to a question regarding the Micklegate Soapbox Challenge, MH emphasised that the Board is keen to ensure that BID activities include the whole BID area, rather than a centralised core.
6.3	Marc Bichtemann, Managing Director of First Group, asked how businesses can work together to influence at both a local and national level. AL responded that the BID has joined national campaigns, such as the Raise the Bar campaign, to lobby for additional support for businesses. York BID is part of a national network of BIDs, which has clear channels of communication with central government. On a local level, the BID is working closely with the City of York Council and other key partners on York's reopening strategy and brought together a task group focused on the utilisation of outdoor spaces.
6.4	In response to a question about the BID's finances, MH divulged that the BID has received 20% of its levy income and expects the majority of outstanding payments to be received in the usual way.
6.5	AL highlighted that visitors to the city from local areas will play a key role in York's reopening strategy and the BID will work closely with key partners on a marketing campaign aimed at local audiences.
6.6	MH expressed his thanks to AL and the York BID team and encouraged attendee's involvement in the BID's renewal process.
6.7	The meeting closed at 19.35.