

Present:

Tom (Ocean), Christine (Cllr), Benedict (BCC), Meg (No Frills), Niall (Needful Things), Charlie (Kask), Steve (Upfest), Anna (Zero Green), Rebecca (General Store), Katy (Spirited), Maire (BCC), Steve (WHCF), Sarah (BCC), Ruth (BBID)

Apologies:

Kellie (Paster), Stef (BBID), Ellie (AGB), Steve (Steam Crane)

1. Welcome and Apologies

Ruth thanked and welcomed everyone for coming.

Apologies as noted above.

2. Review previous Open Meeting minutes and actions

Previous minutes shared, Ruth confirmed all actions had been progressed and confirmed all minutes (Open and Directors) are available on the BBID website.

3. Christmas Lights update

Ruth updated all that SPARX are in the process, (this week), of checking infrastructure (fixings and festoon lighting) and will be reinstalling for Xmas 2023 over the coming week. Switch on date for lights is 17th November with switch off and take down 21st Jan 24. (Ruth confirmed that due to all levy funds having to be spent by the end of the BID term, which is 31st Oct-23, the Love of High Streets funding is being used for the Xmas 2023 lights - adds festive cheer to our streets, hopefully promotes local Xmas shopping by the wider community and increased light supports safety on our streets.)

4. Cleaning update

Ruth confirmed that additional brickwork cleaning will be happening during October. (The increased cleaning (past 6 weeks) from Bristol Waste is now complete so due to the BID ending on October 31st, cleaning of our streets will return to standard Bristol Waste schedules. St Catherine's entrance on East Street, after much persuasion, will be cleaned by Firmstone and anti-bird spikes are being installed in the coming weeks to hopefully move on the nesting pigeons and address the ongoing pigeon poo issue.

5. North Street Green update

Ruth has been in discussion with National Grid and an agreement will be drawn up between Bedminster Town Team and National Grid with a local residents group taking responsibility for the upkeep of the plants/green (Friends of North Street Green). For transparency, after the BID has closed down (Oct-31st-23), Ruth will continue to support this local community group on a voluntary basis. The broken table tennis table is being removed and replaced this month.

6. Disc update

As no new BID term, the DISC crime logging platform will end on October 31st 2023.

Q - can traders have individual membership? Ruth to enquire and update

7. Closure of BBID

Ruth shared that BCC will write to all traders to officially notify them of the closure of the Bedminster BID - Ruth will be working with Joss and Amy during October to ensure all projects are delivered by 31st October. Ruth will be around for a few days in early November to ensure that all invoices / reporting is processed and that the BID is closed down properly and in accordance with BCC requirements and BID legislation.

Ruth shared that the BID had been a project of Bedminster Town Team Limited - BTT - (a limited company) and that BTT holds the agreement with BCC for the delivery of the R&R* grant for East Street. The R&R grant has to be delivered, (as per agreement which was made available at the meeting today), by March/April 2024. *R&R = Recovery & Renewal.

Q - What will happen to the BBID website/BBID history?

Ruth confirmed that at the Directors meeting last week a conversation was had regarding this; all agreed how important it was to celebrate and capture the wonderful achievements delivered by the BBID over the past 10 years. Love Our High Streets funding will be used to transfer case studies, findings/reports/photos to the Bedminster Town Team website so all information currently on the BBID website will be accessible to all. This is also where R&R updates/photos/projects will be posted..

8. Hanging baskets/greening update

Ruth shared with all that to ensure we don't lose the plants from the hanging baskets when the baskets come down at the end of October and baskets are returned to the supplier, all plants currently in the hanging baskets will be relocated and planted into our street planters - this will happen in the coming weeks and be complete by 31st October 23.

9. Halloween trail 2023

As per recent WhatsApp messages - a similar trial for 2023 as has been well received in previous years so will be running in October-23 - up to 20 traders can take part and feature on the Halloween Map - if you'd like to be involved, please contact Celeste at Plaster directly - celeste@weareplaster.com

10. BAD phase 2

Following the launch of the Bristol Art District with the wonderfully well attended Big Weekender, funding is being utilised as planned in October for the delivery of BAD Phase 2 - increased visibility city-wide to promote Bedminster as the Bristol Art District and place to come. To continue to drive footfall to our high streets to support our traders - assets will include signage at Bristol Airport, colorful flags/signage locally plus a selection of tote bags/Xmas wrap/beer mats and more - a BAD workshop will be arranged and will be open to everyone to attend to discuss the importance of BAD for the area and how BAD continues without the BID - for now, BAD will remain a project of BTT.

AOB / General discussion

A general discussion around the future of BAD and BTT took place - possibilities for both could be to set up as CIC's (Community Interest Companies) as CIC's potentially have access to additional funding than limited companies. What role does Action Greater Bedminster have now that the BID is no more. BTT as mentioned above will continue as a limited company to deliver the R&R project.

Q: Can we challenge the recent no vote decision?

Sarah confirmed that only a yes vote can be challenged and only then if the voting process has not been conducted properly.

Q: Can we set up another BID straight away?

An area can seek to set up another BID 6 months after any former BID has closed (so for Bedminster, that would be April-24).

Q: Could we arrange something that allows traders to complete an Expression of Interest for a future group?

Could be a traders group where traders pay in £X/month so some projects can happen, could be to explore another BID, could be to explore a CID. Ruth suggested that a future meeting in November be held to harness the energy that still exists for a collaborative something, particularly for independent traders that were unable to vote due their ratevalue being under £5000 but that would have voted yes.

General thanks expressed to the BID Directors and BID Managers from traders at the meeting - noted and gratefully received.

NEXT MEETINGS:	East Street Now	4th October 2pm Hippie Flower
	BAD Workshop	November TBC
	General open meeting	November TBC
	Directors final meeting	November TBC