

STRATEGY & PLANNING MEETING AGENDA and MONTHLY REPORT
19th October 2021

Meeting Opened: 7.31am

Meeting Closed:9am

Attendees: L Budden, L Drummond, K Cowell, P Koch, K Fischer, G Iremonger, R Milanese, A Eberhard	Guests:
Apologies: R Stomaci	Absent: D Veltman
Proxies: A Arifi	Leave of absence:

Declarations of Conflicts of Interest – K Fischer declared a conflict of interest with Item 5.2 – Multi Media Room

Item 1: Chairperson’s Report: Presentation and attachment

Motion: That the Board of the GBDG accept the Chairpersons report as a true and accurate record.

Moved: L Drummond Seconded: R Milanese Result: Carried

Item 2: Treasurers Report: – Presentation

Motion: That the Board accept the Finance Report as a true and accurate record of the current financial position

Moved: R Milanese Seconded: L Budden Result: Carried

Item 3: Confirmation of previous Minutes:

Motion: That the Board of the GBDG accept the minutes from the 17th Aug 2021 meeting as a true and accurate record.

Moved: A Eberhard Seconded: K Cowell Abstained: 1 Result: Carried

Item 4: Current Projects

Market Research – Discussion – New changes to be issued to McGregor Tan

Item 5: Potential New Projects

5.1 Shop Gawler – Discussed – This project could be detrimental to GBDG in the area of competitive neutrality. Discussion deferred until further information is provided.

5.2 Multimedia Room – Further progress to commence with sourcing grant funds

Item 6: Other Business

AGM – notifications issued 5th October

Draft Policies and procedures and Draft Constitution and Rules of the association changes – Board members to email feedback to C Brougham

GBDG / ToG Funding Agreement – Council staff recommendation

Signed:



Chair

Chair's Report

October 2021

On September 14 I attended the forum held by council with presentations from David West and Emma Grivell. It was instigated by Nathan Shanks after he and I had discussions following the Mainstreet SA conference. The information was generally well received although some councillors found it challenging as was apparent in the committee meeting held immediately afterwards which I watched on You Tube. There were business owners and building owners present as well as councillors and representatives of the GBDG.

I attended the Zoom meeting held by Mainstreet SA in which Matt Wagner from the US presented a comprehensive view of what businesses had to do to survive the effects of Covid-19. Matt cares for over 2,000 main streets and shopping malls via Mainstreet America. If any board member would like the PowerPoint presentation I am happy to pass it on.

I also discussed with David West our upcoming negotiations with ToG for our funding agreement. He has sent me two agreements which other business bodies have with their respective councils which give a sound basis for our agreement. I will be asking Leon Budden to assist with these negotiations.

After the last monthly meeting with council I obtained costings for retrofitting a meeting room in the Civic Centre to make it suitable for a "smart room" which could be used for podcasts and webinars and create video segments for businesses to use on their social media. Following are the two options.

London 16 Room Kit Plus 24 Scatter Block pack

48 x Scatter Blocks (44 used but they're better buying in 24 packs)

Size 12" x 12"

(305 x 305mm)

Thickness 1" (25mm)

16 x Control Columns

12" x 48"

(305 x 1219mm)

Thickness 2" (51mm)

4 x Broadband Panels

24" x 48"

(609x 1219mm)

Thickness 2" (51mm)

56 Surface Impalers and 16 Corner Impalers included for mounting. Drywall anchors and screws included.

\$4,450 incl GST

London 12 Room Kit

12 x Scatter Blocks

Size 12" x 12"

(305 x 305mm)

Thickness 1" (25mm)

8 x Control Columns

12" x 48"

(305 x 1219mm)

Thickness 2" (51mm)

2 x Broadband Panels

24" x 48"

(609 x 1219mm)

Thickness 2" (51mm)

28 Surface Impalers and 8 Corner Impalers included for mounting. Drywall anchors and screws included.

\$1,990 incl GST

I attended the meeting at the Business Innovation Hub where Henry Inat and David Barrett explained how the Hub will be administered by the council following the departure of Andrew Morris. They will be ensuring all members of the hub will be paying the same rate from now on with a stepped plan for those with the greatest increase. They also said they would be using some of the smaller meeting rooms on short term leases for businesses in a planned movement from the hub to commercial premises. They emphasised the need for the rent to be commercially competitive. I also inspected a room which could have been suitable for the smart room. Sam Irrgang was most enthusiastic about the concept despite the fact I had been told a room couldn't be set aside as they all had to be available for casual bookings.

The mayor asked me for a meeting and we had an informal meeting for 2 hours. In that meeting I informed her we would no longer be looking at the Civic Centre for the smart room as we had spoken with a local business which is keen to work collaboratively with us to make such a space available. Caren is working with them to find grants which could assist in the set up.

The mayor informed me the basement rooms would not be suitable as they had very serious mould problems and nothing could be put on the walls. She claimed to know nothing of the suggestion for short term leases and deemed that inappropriate because of the mould problem.

On Saturday I went on Tony Piccolo's Tour de Light which focused on the three racing codes in Gawler, the Gawler Cups event and the expansion of all of them with strong plans for the future. We visited the Nixon Function Centre (greyhound racing) the Harness Racing Club and the Gawler Barossa Jockey Club. We also visited the Stretton Centre which provided a very interesting aspect of shared working space, business innovation and start ups and mentoring in various forms.

Yesterday I attended the monthly meeting with council. We were informed of some development applications – a new theatre development at Trinity College; a child care centre in the Aspire development and two new medical centres.

We informed council of the plans for Christmas in Gawler, the market research survey and the next functions and meetings to be held for members.

Next week I will be attending the business breakfast to be held at Cafe Nova on Wednesday.