



SWBA BID: Note of 6 June 2019 Meeting (Venue: Trinitarian Bible Society)

1. Introductions and apologies

Present: John Simpson (White Light), Ian Docksey (Trinitarian Bible Society), Kathryn St John-Mosse and Gillian Hermanstein (RPC), David Skinner (Tenable Screw Co), Nilesh Mandvia (Hotbray Ltd), Richard Armitage and Claire Morris (SWBA Estate Coordinator).

Apologies: John D'Aprano (DS Systems), Nick Golson (Deen City Farm), Nick Stefka (Box Office Supplies) and Lee Anderson (GreenLight Electrical).

Ian Docksey was thanked for hosting the meeting.

2. Matters arising from last Members' meeting (7 March 2019)

All outstanding matters were covered by the agenda.

3. BID Proposals - Progress Report

There had been a BID Board meeting on 2 May and the key action points agreed then were contained in the minutes of that meeting. In addition it was noted that:

- Merton Council had now drawn up proposals for changes to the current parking arrangements on Jubilee Way in order to address the concerns of a number of businesses about safety in this area. These would be subject to public consultation in due course but in the meantime would be circulated with the minutes to BID businesses with a request to make any views known to the BID Board by the end of June;
- the Council had now repainted the faded road markings at the roundabout at Jubilee Way, Deer Park Road and Windsor Avenue. Information was still being sought about the likely timing of the introduction of the new 20mph limit on the main roads in the BID area which had originally been notified as coming into force in March 2019;
- discussions were due to commence shortly with Design JD about a potential signage and waymarking scheme for the BID;
- work was due to be completed shortly on the installation and monitoring of the new CCTV cameras;
- various ideas for greening areas of the estate were under consideration and would be taken forward as appropriate in consultation with the Council and landlords bearing in mind the need to ensure that any projects implemented were able to be suitably maintained in the longer term;
- the BID would continue to provide subsidised places on first aid and fire warden training courses and look at other types of training which might be of use to businesses;
- a networking event for BID levy paying businesses would be held on 25 June and would be attended by Stephen Hammond MP and a representative from TfL. Details had been circulated by Merton Chamber of Commerce and businesses were encouraged to register to attend. It had additionally been decided that the SWBA AGM would be incorporated into this event.

4. Estate issues

- the outcome of the recent consultation on the possible extension of the tram network from Sutton to South Wimbledon had now been made public. The majority of those responding had been in favour of this option which if adopted would have implications for the BID area. However a final decision on the preferred route would not be made until later in the year;
- whilst the overall standard of cleanliness of the BID area was generally agreed to be good, there was particular concern about the state of the footpath leading from Deer Park Road to Deen City Farm. This had been raised on a number of occasions with the Council and Veolia and would continue to be pursued to ensure that action was taken to improve the position as soon as possible.

5. Security Matters

There had been some traveller activity in recent weeks on the SWBA estate but this had been rapidly resolved and they had been moved on. However, it was reported that they still appeared to be in the local area and businesses were therefore reminded to remain vigilant.

6. Financial Update

It was noted that the majority of the BID levy due for the 2018/19 year had now been received. Invoices for the forthcoming year commencing 1 July were likely to be issued by Merton Council during the course of July. There remained a small amount of levy unpaid and it was confirmed that the Council would continue to take enforcement action to recover this.

7. Any Other Business

Businesses were reminded that the deadline for entries for the Merton Best Business Awards was 21 June 2019.

8. Date/Venue for next meetings:

It was agreed that BID member meetings should continue to be held quarterly and dates for these and for the BID Directors' meetings for 2019/20 would be notified once they had been finalised.