



SWBA BID: Note of 5 December 2019 Meeting (Venue: BizSpace)

1. Introductions and apologies

Present: John Simpson (White Light), Nick Stefka (Box Office Supplies), Ian Docksey (Trinitarian Bible Society), Kathryn St John-Mosse and Gillian Hermanstein (RPC), Peter Elliott (BOC), David Skinner (Tenable Screw Co) and Claire Morris (SWBA Estate Coordinator).

Apologies: John D'Aprano (DS Systems), Nick Golson (Deen City Farm), Lee Anderson (GreenLight Electrical), Louise Woolterton (BizSpace) and Nerada Green (Manoto TV).

BizSpace was thanked for hosting the meeting.

2. Matters arising from last Members' meeting (5 September 2019)

All outstanding matters were covered by the agenda.

3. BID Proposals - Progress Report

The last BID Board meeting had been held on 7 November and the key action points agreed were contained in the minutes of that meeting. It was noted that:

- TfL had now advised that work to install the new pedestrian crossing at Jubilee Way and Morden Road was expected to be carried out in January. Further details would be provided to businesses once a date for this had been confirmed;
- the changes to the existing parking arrangements on Jubilee Way were due to be made by Merton Council during December;
- the Council had been asked to improve the road markings around the estate as a matter of urgency and also to introduce new width restriction notices in respect of the Windsor Avenue entry point to the estate at Deen City Farm and this would continue to be pursued;
- the entire area alongside Morden Road and the tramlink running from the Lombard Road entrance to the top of Deer Park Road had now been cleared of excess vegetation and rubbish and tidied up. It was agreed that the contractors had done an excellent job which had significantly improved this part of the BID area. Consideration was now being given to possible options for landscaping these and other areas of the estate to improve the BID environment further;
- subsidised places on first aid and fire warden training courses for levy paying businesses would continue to be offered and additional courses considered as appropriate.

4. Estate issues

It was noted that the Council had now dealt with the overgrown vegetation on the footpaths leading from Deer Park Road to Deen City Farm and from Jubilee Way to Merantun Way following a number of requests from the BID for this to be done.

There were several instances, notably on Deer Park Road, where covers for utility points had either been removed or damaged and the relevant authorities would therefore be contacted about this.

5. Security Matters

Details of a new scheme to deal with tool theft had been provided by the police for circulation to interested businesses. An app for this purpose had been developed to enable tools to be registered on a database. Further information about the scheme could be found in a flyer which would be circulated with the minutes.

6. Financial Update

It was noted that Merton Council would shortly be issuing summonses to those businesses which had not paid their levy for the current BID year 2019/20.

There was some discussion about potential areas of expenditure which might be considered by the BID in addition to those already identified in the original BID proposal document published in 2017. One possibility was for the BID to contribute a small sum of money to assist Deen City Farm in implementing a specific project. Those present considered that in view of the benefits the Farm brought to the SWBA estate together with its charity status this would be a worthwhile use of funds. Before a decision was taken, however, it was agreed that BID levy paying businesses should be given the opportunity to consider such a proposal.

7. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

8. Dates for next meetings:

SWBA Directors' meeting: 12.30pm, 6 February 2020

SWBA Members' meeting: 12.30pm, 5 March 2020