

Winsford 1-5 AGM and Pre-board Meeting – Minutes

Date: 7th September 2023

Location: Iveco

Time: 12:00pm

Present: Name	Company	Name	Company
Pete Price (PP)	Office Essentials	Apryl Biddle (AB)	Tithebarn
Darren Alley (DA)	Saint Flooring	Simon Schofield (SS)	JACK'S
Greville Kelly (GK)	Groundwork CLM	Gill Williams (GW)	Cheshire West and Chester Council
Adam Gerrard (AG)	Groundwork CLM	Hayley Owen (HO)	Cheshire West and Chester Council
Jane Hough (JH)	Groundwork CLM	Hugh Shields (HS)	Groundwork CLM
Stephanie Leese (SL)	Groundwork CLM		
Apologies:			
Robin Ashley (RA)	Coveris	Angela Lathwood (AL)	Synetiq
Nick Stone (NS)	Advanced Medical Solutions	Phil Lomas (PL)	Propertywise

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Pre-board meeting	<p>PP welcomed all to the Pre-board meeting.</p> <p>HS detailed a sub-board regarding transport on the estate. A sub-board will be made up of members of each of the mid Cheshire BID boards. SS and PP volunteered for Winsford.</p> <p>SS – CCTV update. Once the training has taken place with the relevant people, board members can go and take a look at the system. HS has met with Onetek and Alpha Omega and an SLA will be put together regarding the monitoring.</p> <p>If there are any questions, the board can ask. SS is happy with the progress and current status of the CCTV cameras. Two cameras may need re-housing but there is procedure to follow with CWAC. As there are 40 cameras and ANPR in place now, this may be shelved. Next stage is moving on to finding out how the BID can make the most out of the software and find out what information companies are after through a survey.</p> <p>Signs are on lamp posts currently – but not very visible.</p>	<p>HS to put together SLA regarding CCTV monitoring agreement.</p>

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	<p>JH went through the accounts with the board. Surplus of £33k to carry forward from this current year with a total surplus of £60k.</p> <p>Security is accrued to combat encampments. Still costs to pay for CCTV.</p> <p>HS detailed the new businesses on the estate – when HS meets a new business HS gets information off them to put on the website and in the bulletin.</p> <p>PP would like recycling to be back on the agenda for Winsford 1-5. 99 Recycling is a new businesses on the estate that does this.</p> <p>Application for 200 sq ft unit to be built near the Petrol Station.</p>	
<p>AGM</p>	<p>PP welcomed all to the meeting and thanked Iveco for hosting the AGM. PP thanked Groundwork for working on the BID, including Greville Kelly and Jane Hough. Adam Gerrard has joined the team as Operations Manager and Hugh Shields and Stephanie Leese working on the ground/behind the scenes.</p>	
<p>Presentation of Annual Report and Accounts</p>	<p>JH detailed what the BID has achieved over the past 12 months and what will be delivered over the next 12 months. Businesses in 2021 voted yes to a 4th term of the BID which will run for 5 years.</p> <p>JH introduced the Winsford 1-5 Executive Board and advisors.</p> <p>Theme One – JH detailed what the BID has funded throughout the year, including the mobile security patrols. CCTV system, Rapid Text Service, Selecta DNA Property Marking Kits and working in partnership with Cheshire Police.</p> <p>JH detailed what the BID has achieved in Theme Two including monthly estate audits, maintenance of BID assets, Wildflower planting and Bike to Work Day.</p> <p>JH detailed Theme Three and how the team have helped businesses. The Winsford 1-5 website was updated during the year and hard copy bulletins are sent out to businesses. Training courses have also been delivered during the year.</p> <p>JH went through the financial report from the year.</p>	

JH went through what will be delivered in Year 3. SS discussed the new CCTV camera system and what businesses would like to see in terms of data and information.

Election of Executive Board. Ballot paper on each chair – each board member has put themselves forward for re-election with Pete Price as Chair.

17 in approval, 2 against. The Executive Board was approved for the next year.

Climate Emergency – speaker George Ablett spoke regarding what CWAC are doing in terms of the climate emergency and greener energy. Cheshire West produces 50% of emissions from the borough, and is the 4th highest borough in the country. Since 2014 actions have been taken to reduce carbon emissions and this is on a downward slope in terms of emissions. GA discussed what CWAC have done over the past year. Grants have been delivered and created cost savings. GA detailed 10 points detailing what businesses can do.

GA would like case studies where businesses have tried to install renewable energy but have been denied from the National Grid.

Naomi Bates (Advanced Medical Solutions) – bus service is not fit for purpose – GA will take this feedback back to the relevant department.

GA discussed the various grants and funding opportunities available to businesses.

GA discussed the 2030 and 2045 targets for the borough.

GK introduced himself to discuss the work that has been done locally to create a net zero business park. This is the first time this has been done on a local business park in the Cheshire Area. Study has looked at the key emissions from the estate – electricity and gas. 14k tonnes of co2. Study has also looked at grid capacity. If issues are not addressed there will be knock on impacts such as businesses not being able to deploy solar projects and will also hinder growth. Connecting hydrogen infrastructure to Winsford is a key opportunity.

Whole host of actions to get to a Net Zero status. De-carbonisation pathway has been generated.

Lee Donaghey (LD) (Onetek) asked what specific actions are being looked for. As a BID, can start applying for funding.

Nigel Jones – The Pledge – The Pledge does work across Cheshire West to develop young people in the transition from education to employment. The Pledge works with employers and colleges and would like more businesses to get involved.

PP discussed the anti-social behavior issue on Artis Park.

CCTV Updates – LD provided a brief update on the CCTV system. Has expanded from 5 PTZ cameras to 40 cameras across the whole of the estate plus 2x ANPR cameras. Have computer vision incorporated in them, which allows a machine to detect things in the images. This can track a number of factors and provide data. Can look at vehicle emissions for example. Want to look at how as a BID this data can be harnessed going forward. Workshops will be put on to look at the data. Can prompt Alpha Omega to look at specific areas.

Questions from the businesses.

Will the camera system be used with regards to the traveler issues? Travellers are very high on the agenda. This has been discussed at length with the Police and Police and Crime Commissioner. Meeting is being held next week with the MP for Winsford. The board is taking the issue extremely seriously. Police – have put together a simple presentation so people can understand the powers that are available to the local authority and police. Police are committed to ensuring the incidents are resolved quickly. There is a standard protocol when incursions.

Police would like to do covert security tests on businesses to look at any flaws and provide any crime advice.

LD would like to see more joined up projects – PP the BID provides one voice and unity to hold people to account. –

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	<p>GK encouraged businesses to apply for the Kings Awards for Enterprise.</p> <p>Event in Mid Cheshire on 13th September to learn more about UKSPF funding.</p> <p>PP thanked all for attending and closed the AGM.</p>	
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Date and location of next Winsford 1-5 Executive Board meeting: TBC

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