



Minutes

Gadbrook Park Executive BID Meeting

Meeting: Gadbrook Park Executive Board
Date: Wednesday 28th June 2023
Time: 12:30pm
Location: Little Treats

Name	Company	Name	Company
Christopher McLaughlin (CM) (Chair)	MIS Ltd	Gill Williams (GW)	CWAC
Mike Roberts (MR)	Roberts Bakery	Jane Hough (JH)	Groundwork CLM
Dave Brooks (DB)	Turnkey	Hugh Shields (HS)	Groundwork CLM
Louise Blackham (LB)	RMG	Stephanie Leese (SL)	Groundwork CLM
Mike Bracegirdle (MB)	Butcher Barlow	George Ablett (GA)	CWAC
Fran Johnson (FJ) (Treasurer)	WR Partners	Karl Rogers	WRV College
Julie Senior (JS)	NPORS	Faye Hennessey	WRV College
Kylie Barnes	Chrysalis Day Nursery		WRV College
Louise Broome	ASM Technology	Hollie Connah	Brio Leisure
Gary Aillud	Petrostat	Nigel Jones	The Pledge
Carole Williams	Glanbia Cheese		
Jonathan Aldersley	Butcher Barlow		
Rachel Rees	RMG		

Apologies:

- Gareth Rigby (GR) – WVHT

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Welcome	<p>CM welcomed everyone to the meeting, thanked all for coming and hoped everyone was keeping well.</p> <p>Introductions were made around the room.</p>	
Presentation of Annual Report and Accounts	<p>JH went through the key highlights from 22-23 and discussed the BID's vision. The BID Board is consistently looking at how to attract further investment to the site. JH went through the current Executive Board – broad range of businesses in terms of size, sector and skills.</p> <p>Theme One – The BID funds manned security guard patrols, Estate-wide CCTV and ANPR system, and the injunction with regards to illegal traveller incursions.</p> <p>Theme Two – The BID funds the Business Park Management service, the development and maintenance of the Gadbrook Park BID website, communications plans and training courses and seminars.</p>	

	<p>Theme Three – The BID funds monthly estate audits and the maintenance of BID assets. HS has been in contact with the site managers for Barclays to get the area tidied up, as well as making contact around other areas on Gadbrook Park that need maintenance including on the development site near the entrance.</p>	
<p>Finances</p>	<p>The BID encountered some difficulty in BID levy collection rates during the Covid Pandemic. The BID in 2020 chose to change the BID’s financial year to align with CWAC’s (April – March). JH went through the finances for 22-23 – the BID income was £228,693 and the Expenditure was £204,640. JH thanked the Business Rates team for their efforts and work in looking to collect the BID levy collection debts. The Surplus for this year is £24,053. For the next financial year the board are looking to end with a surplus of around £59k.</p>	
<p>What the BID will deliver in Year 4</p>	<p>JH discussed what the BID is looking to deliver over the coming year in terms of the Three Themes for Improvement.</p> <p>There were no questions on the Annual Report and Accounts.</p>	
<p>Election of Executive Board</p>	<p>CM invited all businesses to fill in the voting paper for the AGM electing the Executive Board for 23-24. The votes were collected and the board was elected with 15 votes for, and 0 against.</p>	
<p>Net Zero (George Ablett)</p>	<p>GA introduced himself and discussed why Net Zero is important to businesses and how this can be achieved with help from CWAC.</p> <p>£10m of grants are distributed from CWAC to local businesses. CWAC are available to help businesses find or secure funding.</p> <p>There is a Climate Response Plan with 10 steps for businesses.</p> <p>GA discussed what is coming in the future with regards to changes in planning, local plans, carbon credits and biodiversity net gain.</p> <p>CWAC has reduced carbon emissions by 70% on average.</p> <p>Questions:</p> <p>MR – competition laws – looking at waiving laws with regards to sustainability. MR would like CWAC to assist with this. The BID has written to the MP.</p>	<p>GA will feed this back.</p>

	<p>Heating Systems in Century House – haven’t done this due to the cost. CWAC have feedback the cost lies with the tenants. If the replacement would be greener – would there be funding available? Yes – there are funding pots available or match funding. UK SPF Funding also available. This will be launched at the end of July.</p> <p>RMG – bus routes include two busses for 16 year olds trying to get in. GA – the local transport plan will look at this – feed in to the consultation when it comes out. Public Transport is a barrier for Gadbrook Park. GW attended the local transport plan meeting – consultation will be coming out for businesses to engage.</p> <p>BID can pick up data in terms of postcodes, shift times etc through a survey.</p> <p>Looked at installing electric charging points – has the BID looked at this? The BID has previously looked at this but will get this back on the agenda.</p> <p>Transport Team are mapping where electric charging stations are.</p>	<p>Electric Charging Points to be included on agenda at next board meeting.</p> <p>HS will re-send out electric charger grant information.</p>
<p>AOB</p>	<p>Brio Leisure discussed the Employee Incentive benefits for business employees at Gadbrook Park and free health checks that Brio can provide.</p> <p>Warrington College discussed how the college is looking to provide for locals in terms of students, apprenticeships and adult education.</p> <p>The Pledge – role is to connect businesses and education together.</p> <p>Chrysalis Day Nursery – is in a prime position on a business park for those working on the park.</p> <p>CM thanked all for attending and closed the meeting.</p>	