

BID CV AGM MINUTES

BID CLIFTON VILLAGE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING THURSDAY 17TH OCTOBER, 2013 – AVON GORGE HOTEL – 18.30

Present: Andrew Morgan (Chair)
Janet Williams (Treasurer)
Alison Bracey
David Greenman
Guillaume Lesage
Hywell Williams
Rosie Joseland

Apologies: Simon Harvey

Attendees: See attached list

AM welcomed BID Members to the first BID AGM and delivered the presentation as follows:-

1. Welcome and Overview
2. Achievements 2012/13
 - Promoting the Village
 - Practical management
 - Adding value
 - Maintaining the unique quality of the Village
3. Finances
 - 2012/13
 - 2013/14
4. Proposed Plans for 2013/14
 - Promoting the Village
 - Practical management
 - Adding value
 - Maintaining the unique quality of the Village
5. Questions and Answers

During the Question and Answers section, the following points were raised:-

5.1 Are all the Board Members BID Members?

JW confirmed that she is not a BID Member, if there are any objections to her sitting on the Board she would be happy to step down. Support from BID members was received for JW to continue on the Board, there were no objections.

5.2 Who is employed by BID CV?

5.2.1 Nobody is employed by BID CV. Rosie Joseland is subcontracted as a BID Coordinator for 140 days per year, to be used as and when the workload dictates (this equates to an average of 3 days per week). The Directors all give their time free of charge. The businesses were pleased with the work RJ is completing and happy with the hours, it is good there is somebody available to answer queries, manage projects and address issues when required.

5.3 Concerns were expressed regarding the proposed Coach Park.

5.3.1 Why is BCC agreeing to increase coach parking in the area when they aren't improving parking for businesses in the Village? Concern to be taken to BCC.

5.4 Concern was raised regarding the cost of the Christmas lights. Were alternative options considered?

5.4.1 Other areas in Bristol were approached and benchmark figures sought

- Lights in Clifton cost £13k last year, comparisons in Bedminster and WOT were £8k and £11k respectively. Neither area was lit up to the extent of Clifton Village.

5.4.2 Key costs (£9k) were incurred on contractors, which have Bristol City Council approval and clearance, to install and take down the lights.

5.4.2 Other events companies have been approached through the year but they were committed elsewhere and not available at the time.

5.4.3 This is a good point, the Directors endeavour to obtain 2 or more quotes for material work instructed or goods purchased.

5.5 When will the accounts be ready and will a meeting be held to ask for approval of the figures?

5.5.1 The financial year has not yet finished (31.10.2013), accounts will be prepared and audited by Acklands in Clifton Village, after which they will be available for all businesses to see.

5.2.2 No meeting is necessary for approval by BID members as BID Clifton Village Limited is a company limited by guarantee.

5.2.3 BID CV chooses to operate transparently and the accounts will be on the website for all BID CV businesses to see, any questions and queries will be responded to at the time. In the past where any business has raised questions regarding ongoing costs they have received feedback in the form of details and figures as requested.

5.6 Concerns were raised regarding the proposed RPS plans.

Barbara Janke (Councillor) entered the meeting at this point.

5.6.1 Businesses were thankful for the work completed by BID CV in preparing the survey which was forwarded to Bristol City Council as part of their consultation process. They felt that the large response to the survey reflected the concern of businesses in the Village regarding the current proposed plans and the detrimental impact that these will have upon businesses and trade in the Village.

- 5.6.2 What has been the response from BCC following BID's report?
- 5.6.3 Clifton Village is unique, perhaps alongside Gloucester Road, in that at the heart of the area is a vibrant trading community. The businesses of Clifton Village ask that Bristol City Council makes exceptions for such areas and proposed plans, which may be suitable for other areas are adjusted to better respect the business needs alongside those of the residents. How will BCC do this?
- 5.6.4 Why did the questionnaire map not include the whole BID Clifton area?
- 5.6.5 Why were Clifton businesses not included in an earlier consultation phase with BCC before the first RPS proposal was prepared – it would have been more efficient?
- 5.6.6 Why is there 35% less parking spaces in the heart of the Village for customers and visitors? How can BCC be seen to be helping businesses with such a drastic reduction in available parking spaces, this will have an immediate detrimental impact on trade in the Village?
- 5.6.7 When is the proposed parking survey, as mentioned by BCC, taking place?
- 5.6.8 What plans are there to improve transport into the area for employees, customers and visitors?
- 5.6.9 Why are there no plans to have alternative forms of transport in place ahead of the scheme being introduced? The scheme, in its current format, is detrimental to businesses and staff working in Clifton Village. where is Bristol City Councils support to help lessen the impact on businesses and their staff?
- 5.6.10 Why are there not more parking permits for businesses with large numbers of employees?
- 5.6.11 Has the Council thought about the knock on impact of staff not being able to drive to work? If any of the larger businesses were to leave the area, as already being considered , the impact on daily trade in the village would be terrible?
- 5.6.12 When can the businesses of Clifton Village access feedback from the BCC survey which is taking place sometime in October? When can the businesses of Clifton Village discuss adjustments to the original plans following the outcome of this survey?
- 5.6.13 What has BCC done to date?
- 5.6.14 Why are the costs for business permits so much more than:
- In other areas of Bristol
 - In other cities with residential parking schemes
 - residents parking permits in Clifton Village
- 5.6.16 What is the next phase?
- 5.6.17 How can Clifton businesses make their concerns heard by Bristol City Council?
- 5.6.18 Businesses are keen that more BID money is piped into consulting further with BCC. In putting forward the concerns of the businesses in order that a more equitable outcome is found, also taking legal advice where necessary.

5.6.19 Feedback from residents indicate that they would not want the proposed RPS plans to impact detrimentally upon the businesses of Clifton Village. Their parking concerns are chiefly about the rest of Bristol using Clifton as a car park

5.6.20 Barbara Janke did her best to answer the above plethora of questions. She advised that the scheme will go ahead in Clifton Village but changes, where there is sufficient objection and where alternatives are practical, will be considered.

She advised that the businesses should speak further with herself, Charles Lucas and Bristol City Council regarding their concerns to ensure the impact of concern is understood.

For maximum impact businesses could consult with the media to get their point across.

5.6.21 BJ was asked to take forward the key points of the survey in her discussions with BCC and to feedback to the businesses of Clifton Village regarding these and their proposed suggestions for improvement.

It was confirmed that whilst BID can and will act as a voice on the behalf of businesses, anyone with specific concerns must contact BCC independently.

5.6.22 BID CV thanked Barbara for attending.

BID CV are keen to work with BCC to help find improvements to the proposed RPS plans in the Village. Plans that in the future will reflect the unique aspect of the area with over 300 businesses at the heart of the community; plans which ensure the final plans maximise the benefits for both residents and businesses alike.

BID AGM – ATTENDEES

Trevor Roberts
Mark Smith
Richard Counsell
Tanya Marriott
Liza Butcher
Justin Patterson
Joe O'Grady
Anthony Leonard
Gavin Brown
Tony
Tony Golledge
Mandy Golledge
Phil Barnett
Kelly Barnett
Owain George
Kate Pomphrey
Jennie Pomphrey
Nigel Pomphrey
Jacqui Holman
Tina Fry
Yvonne Bracey
Charles Yaxley
Mrs Yaxley
Stephen Bullimore
Ben Bracey
Helen van Hoeve
Kika Hedgecock