

## **WEB MEETING NOTES JULY 2021**

### **Transport Group Meeting**

The Transport Group Meeting took place with Surrey County Council (SCC) with regards to the yellow box junctions suggestions from DTP. SCC outlined why the yellow box junctions won't work. A discussion was held as to other possible solutions to the problem such as the movement of traffic and changing the direction of traffic within the town. It was accepted any proposed changes would affect residents and business in some way and this would have to be managed. As the BID placed emphasis on helping to find a solution to the current problems it was noted as important that these efforts were properly made. The Board will provide suggestions ahead of the next Transport Meeting in October in a bid to find a lasting solution.

### **Market Footfall**

The results from the latest survey will be available shortly and added to the 'Footfall' section of the DTP website.

### **Visit Dorking Website**

Meetings continue to confirm the plans for each of the websites and this will be available for the board to view at the next meeting.

### **Shop Front Graphics and Welcome Pack**

This is in progress and an update to the board will follow.

### **In Bloom Competition**

The judging had taken place and result are awaited. With thanks to the volunteers who helped with the tidy up of the town. A reception will be planned as a thank you for those who helped.

### **Mayflower event**

It is still the intention of the BID to hold a small reception in September at the United Reformed Church in recognition of the history of the Mayflower.

### **Dorking Caves**

The Dorking Caves will be promoted with a photoshoot taking place on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July.

### **Love Local**

This initiative has been relaunched online and in eateries and will run until the end of the year.

### **BID Ballot**

A discussion was held on how the BID ballot should be planned with information requested as to how the previous ballot was run. It was agreed that planning was key so a vote was held as to the date of the ballot so a structured plan could be put in place around this. The ballot date was agreed to be 28<sup>th</sup> April 2022. It was also agreed by way of a vote that the rate value would remain at £8,000 and that the boundary would be reduced and would not longer include the other side of the Cockerel Roundabout.

### **Welcome Back Fund**

The fund is currently the main focus of MVDC. Alongside this work is being done to plan some events in Dorking and more generally to create a welcoming atmosphere for residents and visitors, which could include regular events such as busking spots on the high street. There is an event being planned for 28<sup>th</sup> August 2021.

### **Dorking Town Carparks and Road Safety**

The tenders for the South Side car park have been received with 5 bids submitted. Plans to add electric vehicle charging points in St Martin's Carpark were underway with a full compliment of 10 charging points planned. Other road safety issues are being discussed such as speed humps and these will go out to tender in the autumn. There are currently some delays due to the lack of a Contracts Manager.

### **Skills hub**

The Skills Hib goes live on 29<sup>th</sup> July with an outreach hub in Dorking on the Goodwyns Estate. There is the possibility of an outreach centre in the centre of Dorking and this is currently being investigated. This is good for the district and employment in the area.

### **Anti-Social Behaviour**

Efforts are being made to reduce levels of anti-social behaviour in St Martin's Walk, this is mainly teens and young people causing issues for residents. This caused a wider discussion on anti-social behaviour within the town. It was agreed that the Malthouse Youth Centre was being effectively utilized and this will be raised with SCC by MVDC. It was agreed that there had been an increase in unwanted behaviour within the town but local police do not have the appetite or capacity to deal with it. It was suggested that there could be more promotion of alternative leisure activities within Dorking such as knitting groups and youth football to show there was a variety of things to do in the town and not just drinking. It was also suggested a viable taxi rank may assist to help people leave the area rather than having to wait around and congregate.