



Notes of the BPA Midlands Regional Group Meeting

Held on: 22nd November 2011

At: Sandwell MBC, Training & Development Centre, Parsonage Street, off Popes Lane, Oldbury B69 4PJ.

Item	Notes	Action Points
1.	<p>Welcome</p> <p>Ian Gamble (Vice Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting. Thanks given to David Barry of Keltic Clothing, JBW Group and Casio for sponsoring.</p> <p>Apologies: Clair Trantor (Apcoa), Dave Roberts (Shropshire Council), Joanne Williams (Care Parking) and Tim Yates (University of Leicester).</p>	
2.	<p>Notes of previous meeting, 24th May 2011</p> <p>Accepted.</p>	
3.	<p>The UK Parliament – given by Sharon Stanley, Parliamentary Outreach.</p> <p>Session included:</p> <p>Order, Order Questionnaire distributed to teams. What is Parliament? The Role of the House of Lords. How a Bill becomes Law</p>	
4.	<p>What's in a uniform? Presentation given by David Barry, Keltic Clothing.</p> <p>This session covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• History of uniforms.• The importance of the Uniform and appearance.• Q&A	

	<p>This presentation will become available on the BPA website in due course.</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p>Open Forum & BPA Updates.</p> <p>Given by Paul Kyte:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2nd annual Master Plan for parking to be launched at the Presidents Reception in July 2012. • BPA working closely with the Government on the Protection of Freedoms Bill – Parking on Private Land. • Caroline Sheppard has retired. • Continue to work with the MOJ regarding the emerging Bailiff Reform & management of TEC. • Submitted evidence to the MOJ on the need for a review of the PCN value in England (stalled as insufficient evidence forthcoming from Local Authorities). • BPA attended the All Party Conference. <p>AOS Updates</p> <p>Given by Richard Hilton</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Circa 160 members an increase of 23% over last 12 months. • Complaints, received from the general public 85% up on previous year (receiving 200 a month) • AOS Forum held 16th November with 70-80 delegates in attendance. Main topic was the Protection of Freedom Bill and the introduction to the sector of an Independent Appeals Service and how this is likely to impact AOS. <p>Safer Parking Scheme update – given by Michael Gardner, Development Manager Midlands</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tender process recently undertaken to appoint provider of Consumer Marketing – to raise awareness • Pulse Group now working in securing partnerships with big brand names who will promote ParkMark • Lack of finance has had a bearing in the number of withdrawals from the scheme. <p>Skills & IPP</p> <p>Given by Paul Kyte</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recent launch of Parking Management qualifications with City & Guilds • IPP Levels have improved • Cheryl Vickers opened discussion forum regarding BPA & Ippas have a meeting with Council 23rd November 2011. 	

	<p>BPA Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BPA Annual Conference - 29th September 2011 Kensington and Chelsea Conference and Events Centre. • Members Dinner - 30th November 2011 Drapers Hall • Parkex - 17-18th April 2012 Olympia London • AGM - 5th July 2012 <p>BPA/DVLA Focus Group</p> <p>Update given by Anjna Patel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elise system <p>BPA/TEC Focus Group</p> <p>Updates given by Paul Kyte</p> <p>Open Forum</p> <p>Introductions through the group.</p> <p>Discussion surrounding moving traffic offences and enforcement, TMA. DFT pulls powers from authorities outside of London. BPA to lobby more for PCN Value increase outside of London Suggestions for a help guide, standardisation of templates for consistency throughout. Discussion surrounded both regulated and unregulated parking.</p>	
6.	<p>Parking & Town Centre Prosperity – The Mary Portas Government led High Street review, BPA and ATCM joint working.</p> <p>This presentation is available on the BPA website</p>	
7.	<p>Midland Group Events 2012.</p> <p>Formby Hall Golf Day Suggestions for future meetings/socials welcome please e mail Ian Gamble. Suggested Roadshows Joint Regional Meetings</p> <p>Draw of business cards for prize of a Kindle, donated by Keltic Clothing.</p>	
8.	<p>Next Meeting To be confirmed.</p>	

