



Notes of the Combined South West and Southern Regional Groups Meeting

Held on: 4th April 2013

At: Bath Rugby Club

Item	Notes	Action Points
1.	<p>Welcome and apologies Welcome given by the Chairs of the South West and Southern groups - Steve Hurley, Chair of SW group and Richard Hein Chair of Southern Group.</p> <p>Acknowledgement of sponsors.</p>	
2.	<p>BPA update – given by Patrick Troy Matters covered included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parkex – 350 exhibitors, 4500 registered visitors, seminar programme, a video provided by Norman Baker MP and Parliamentary Under Secretary for the Department for Transport, panel of experts, power pitches and ask the consultant programmes. • EPA Congress in Dublin • “Super-regional” group meetings will be arranged in September instead of the Annual Conference • BPA’s attendance at the major political parties’ conferences later this year • AOS POPLA • Education • BPA is looking to have a consultation on how it is governed. 	
3.	<p>Update on Government bailiff reform – given by Paul Kyte 19 major points were discussed plus a background as to the aims of the reforms. Further details were provided on the core areas as per the consultation relating to parking, for example; fee structure, training, improved certification etc. and on how the legislation would impact local authorities in particular. The target implementation date is April 2014. Q & A followed.</p>	
4.	<p>Park Mark Update – given by Chas Cannon, Senior Area Manager Chas Cannon, South West and South Wales area manager of the BPA, provided an update on the Park Mark scheme including details of the numbers of members (regionally and nationally – there are now 5029 members nationally) trends and breakdown between public / private sector membership. The shift appears to be moving towards an increase in private members. Also, that the role of area managers is changing to include involvement in the AOS Scheme. The geographical boundaries are being changed with an additional area to be introduced. Grahame Chapman, London and Hants, also discussed his area.</p>	
5.	<p>Power pitches</p>	

	<p>This is where companies have a quick 5 minute slot against the clock to pitch to promote their company.</p> <p>Provided by 4 exhibitors – Parkmobile, Jacobs, The Parking Shop and Marstons</p>	
	Lunch and opportunity to visit exhibition stands	
6.	<p>Local authority enforcement information – given by Caroline Sheppard, Chief Adjudicator, Traffic Penalty Tribunal Parking Enforcement)</p> <p>Points highlighted included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Parking Mad TV programme, • Camera cars, • The potential problems facing ANPR enforcement when combined with PCN being sent through the post • Traffic Regulations Act 1984 and conflicts with modern day life, such as definition of commercial vehicles, loading / unloading, use of SatNavs, mobile phones etc • The need for discretion and sensitive enforcement <p>Q & A followed.</p>	
7.	<p>BPA’s preparation for the Transport Select Committee – given by Patrick Troy, BPA</p> <p>Patrick informed the group that the BPA will be providing a report for the Secretary of State for Transport. He also mentioned the current divided government policy regarding parking with reference to the viewpoints of Eric Pickles MP, the localism agenda plus the conflicts between political opinions within government. Patrick also provided information such as the 22% decline in PCN income received by London Councils over the last 4 years and discussed the use of technology such as ANPR, cashless parking plus the pressures on reviving the High Street plus how the Protection of Freedoms Act has unwittingly legitimised the use of ANPR on private land.</p>	
8.	<p>Let’s Get Social presentation – given by David Smith, BPA</p> <p>This highlighted the benefits of using various social media types such as Facebook, Twitter, Linked-in etc. David highlighted the 3 C’s – conversation, content and communication.</p> <p>Q & A followed.</p>	
10.	<p>AOB</p> <p>Steve Hurley called for confirmed that the next meeting will be sometime towards the end of October again on a joint regional basis to be held in Winchester.</p>	

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