

Cyngof Tref Y Trallwng

Welshpool Town Council

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BUSINESS FORUM

MINUTES

Of a meeting held in the Council Chamber Welshpool Town Hall on
Monday 16th July 018 at 6pm

1. Record of attendance:

Cllr S Kaye	Chair and Welshpool Town Council
Cllr F Veenstra	Welshpool Town Council (part)
Alan Crowe	AliCra Entertainments
Christine Holmes	Flaunt It
Val Edwards	
Freda Davies	

Apologies were received from

Cllr H Sherlock

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The meeting approved the minutes of the last meeting.

3. Town Centre update

The meeting considered updates as follows:

i) Around the town – shop lettings and vacancies.
Lamplite Antiques is changing hands to another antique dealer.
No news on other changes in the town.

ii) Markets report.
The market halls are doing fairly well with very few vacancies.

4. Litter campaign

The meeting was given an update on the litter campaign for Welshpool.
Support was sought for the 'pick up one piece of litter a day' campaign going out in the newsletter.

5. Events

The meeting considered how the Transport Festival was for them. The main street was very busy but the side streets did not gain any benefit as people were not willing to move off the main 'drag'. Overall considered a good event and worth doing again in 2019.

The meeting noted arrangements for:

- Carnival
- WLLR Steam Gala
- Remembrance Events
- Christmas
- 100 years of Women voting
- 1940's weekend

The meeting was given an update on two new events for 2019:

- Dance Competition in March
- National Cycle Race in July

6. New facilities for Welshpool

The meeting considered an update on:

Main Line Railway Station

There are a number of alternative designs for a new station layout and improvements – the Town Clerk has a meeting with the Ministers Office (with other members of the Shrewsbury Aberystwyth Rail Liaison Committee) on 7th August.

Bus interchange

Plans are being prepared for the new bus station. The current programme is to see the new facility in place by the end of the year.

One Way System review

The one way system review will be ready for consultation soon, the September meeting of the Forum will be important for business's to air their views.

7. Business Rates

The meeting considered a further approach Welsh Government. The Town Clerk will see Russell George to see how best to try again to get some movement on this property tax.

8. Any other business

There was no other business.

9. Date of next meeting

The meeting noted the next meeting to be held on Monday 17th September 2018 at 6pm in the Council Chamber.