

Cyngof Tref Y Trallwng Welshpool Town Council

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BUSINESS FORUM MINUTES

**Of a meeting held in the Assembly Room (1st floor) Welshpool Town Hall
on Monday 17th September 018 at 6pm**

1. Record of attendance:

Cllr S Kaye (Chair), Cllr F Veenstra and Cllr R Church.

M & Co, Monzies, Monkey Puzzle Café, Celtic Shop, Pixies and Freda Davies.

Apologies received from: Christine Holmes and Val Edwards.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The meeting approved the minutes of the last meeting.

3. Town Centre update

The meeting was given updates as follows:

i) Around the town – shop lettings and vacancies.

The Town Clerk gave an outline of work being carried out to secure a new occupier for the ex Iceland Premises and other vacant units.

ii) British High Street Awards.

The meeting noted the awards and that Welshpool was in the shortlist for Wales.

4. Events

The meeting noted arrangements for:

Remembrance Events

Christmas

100 years of Women voting

5. Main Line Railway Station

The meeting received an update on progress towards a new railway station. Land procurement is being taken forward and designs being prepared for discussions with Network Rail and Transport for Wales.

6. Bus interchange

The new bus interchange is planned for Berriew Street, plans will be available soon.

7. One Way System review

The full details of the proposed changes to the one way system in Welshpool were presented. The meeting **AGREED** to support the proposed changes. Signage will be the most critical matter of concern for business. A special meeting of the Forum maybe arranged when plans are available.

8. Business Rates

The meeting was given an update on an expected business rate review.

9. Langford's Premises Berriew Street

The subject of the poor state of the premises and litter was again raised. In particular it is the smoking related litter which is of concern.

10. Date of next meeting

To note the next meeting to be held on Monday 19th November 2018 at 6pm in the Council Chamber.