

**WELSHPOOL TOWN COUNCIL  
BUSINESS FORUM  
MINUTES**

**of a meeting held in the Assembly Room (1<sup>st</sup> floor) Welshpool Town Hall on  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March 018 at 6pm**

**1. Present were**

Cllr S Kaye (Chair)	Welshpool Town Council
Cllr F Veenstra	Welshpool Town Council
Kay Derwas	Derwas Stoves
Christine Holmes	Flaunt It
Alan Crowe	Ali Cra Entertainments
Val Edwards	
Mervyn Parkes	Lamplite Antiques
Heather Parkes	Lamplite Antiques

**2. Apologies for absence**

Were received from:

Freda Davies

Cllr Heather Sherlock M & Co.

Cllr Richard Church Welshpool Town Council

**3. Minutes of the last meeting**

The meeting approved the minutes of the last meeting.

**4. Town Centre update**

The meeting considered updates as follows:

i) Around the town – shop lettings and vacancies.

Let or under offer: Shop High Street (East 17)  
Nikis in Hopkins Passage  
Old Chemists in Church Street (clothes)  
Nat West Bank Building  
Last unit by B & M's Store  
Pinewood Café – Costa Coffee

Vacant: Langford's  
Paint shop Puzzle Square  
Shop – old Milk Shake  
Shop (old 2<sup>nd</sup> Celtic Unit) – maybe under offer

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Small unit in Hall Street  
2 small units Berriew Street  
Inglenook Café (tenant being sought with interest)

Total shops 169 with 4.1% vacant and 2.9% under offer.

#### **5. Markets**

Confirmation that the market halls are to remain but refurbished was given subject to Council approval on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

#### **6. Parking issues**

The parking issues and a business improvement district was discussed.

The Town Council has confirmed that they are not willing to pay any money towards the provision of reduced car parking charges.

The suggestion from Alan Crowe was considered worthy of consideration – give an hour or two hours free and put the loss revenue on the over two hours parking to make up for it. The Town Clerk is to have a discussion with PCC to see how this might work.

#### **7. Litter campaign**

An update was given on the continuing litter campaign for Welshpool.

The Town Council has placed over 30 extra bins around the town.

#### **8. Transport Festival**

An update on this new event and how people can get involved was given.

#### **9. Promotion of Welshpool**

The meeting was updated on actions being taken to promote Welshpool this Tourist season. All material is to be in place before Easter with circulation all over North and Mid Wales as well as the West Midlands.

#### **10. Footpaths project**

The meeting received a report on a walking and footpath scheme which is looking to re-open footpaths, put in new signage where needed and repair stiles etc.

#### **11. Any other business**

The meeting was updated on matters related to the town Centre as follows:

##### **One Way System**

An outline was given with regard to the changes due to take place on the one way system in Welshpool.

**Rail Services**

An update was given on the Cambrian Line Rail Services.

**CCTV**

An update was given on the CCTV system and the position of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

**Refill**

The meeting was informed about the Refill Station now installed at the Tourist Information Centre – this facility will be registered on the national network.

**Access for All Plan**

The meeting was provided with the draft plan, comments welcome. A formal consultation will take place in the coming weeks.

**Car Park signs**

The car park signs are not included in the two signs at the top and bottom of Jehu Road. The Town Clerk will take this project forward.

**12. Date of next meeting**

The meeting noted the next meeting to be held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2018 at 6pm in the Assembly Room of the Town Hall.