

# **Cyngof Tref Y Trallwng**

## **Welshpool Town Council**

### **Y Porth i Gymru | The Gateway to Wales**

#### **MINUTES**

of a meeting of the Local Business Forum held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at 6pm in the Assembly Room of the Town Hall

#### **1. Record of attendance**

In attendance were Cllr S Kaye (Chair), Cllr L Bailey, Robert Robinson Town Clerk, Griffiths Contractors for the One Way System and 14 local business representatives.

There were apologies for absence received from the Monkey Puzzle Café and from Pixies in Puzzle Square.

#### **2. Minutes of the last meeting**

The forum approved the minutes of the last meeting.

#### **3. Contractor for the one way system**

The meeting received a report on progress from the contractor.

A discussion followed with the main points of note being:

- a) The effect on trade with the right hand turn out of Jehu Road into Brook Street closed.
- b) Compensation for loss of trade. The Town Clerk did produce a letter from Welsh Government which was made available to the Traders.
- c) Various alterations were clarified.
- d) Broad Street is not being closed for the Transport Festival and Brook /Union Street will be going to two operation in approx. 2-3 weeks time.
- e) The works have been delayed by approx. 2 weeks due to extra works being required.
- f) Promotion of the town to say there are no hold ups in town,
- g) Consideration to be given to stopping any works not completed until after the summer holidays.

The Chair and meeting felt that the Town Clerk should go to the Welsh Government as a representative of the meeting regarding the compensation issues. It may be difficult to progress anything, particularly for those not directly affected by the physical road works.

#### **4. From the last meeting**

To consider the following:

##### **British High Street Awards**

The meeting agreed that the 'Rising Star' entry would be right for this year..

##### **Transport Festival**

Details of the Transport Festival were given.

#### **5. Update on Town Centre**

There was a sharing of updates with regards to the Town Centre.

#### **6. Markets**

The businesses had noted a drop in footfall in the town on days when the market is not open. The Town Clerk confirmed that a review will take place in early July 2019..

#### **7. Hopkins Passage**

Scaffolding has appeared without warning along the Broad Street end of Hopkins Passage. The Town Clerk will see the contractors (who are on site) after the meeting and also contact the owners of the building. (John Major).

#### **8. Date of next meeting**

The meeting noted the date of the next meeting as Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at 6pm in the Assembly Room of the Town Hall.