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WELSHPOOL LOCAL BUSINESS FORUM

MINUTES

of a meeting held in the Assembly Room of the Town Hall Welshpool on

Monday 15th April 2019 at 6pm

1. Record of attendance

Present were: Cllr R Church (Chair), Cllr S Kaye, Robert Robinson Town Clerk, 13 shops and businesses and the contractors for the revised one way system.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The meeting considered and approved the minutes of the last meeting.

3. Actions taken forward

The following actions are being progressed:

Letter Boxing

The proposal to introduce a letter boxing scheme has been approved and will now progress to implementation.

More Shop Window Competitions

There will be more shop window competitions for 2019.

Town WiFi

Work on progressing a Town wide WiFi (free) service is on-going.

CCTV

Police CCTV system is now almost complete and working.

The Town Council system remains in place for other areas not covered by the Police system.

4. Town Centre

The meeting considered an update on any news of shops in the Town Centre.

There was nothing new to report.

5. One Way System Review

The meeting received an update on the One Way System works including the programme of works by the contractor who will be carrying the works out.

The contractor outlined the phasing of the works which will take 10 weeks in total. The two way system in Brook Street/Union Street will be in place by early June.

Phase 1

Jehu Road, Brook Street/Jehu Road Junction and Church Bank.

Phase 2

Junction with Brook Street and Church Bank.

Phase 3

Broad Street High Street works.

The various methods of working were explained including traffic controls.

There were various discussions with the following of note:

- i) Suggestion of bus stop being moved from Mount Close to outside Anderson Antiques. This idea had support from the traders.
- ii) Concern expressed over the bus turning circle from Jehu Road into Brook Street. The car parking outside the Library is being removed so the issues should be sorted, however it will be checked.
- iii) The barriers at the bottom of path from the Hospital to Church Bank were well received.

The works are scheduled to start on 25th April 2019.

Information to residents are going to be key – the Contractor will meet with the Town Clerk to enable good liaison.

There is also a drop in day in the Corn Exchange for people to see what is happening on Thursday 25th April 2019 from 10am till 6pm.

6. British High Street Awards

The Town was expecting a visit the previous week; however no one was aware of any strangers in town. The Town Clerk will liaise with the Deputy Town Clerk on progress.

7. Welshpool in Bloom

This scheme is progressing but will probably take place in 2020 due to the one way system road works.

8. Planning and Development Matters

The meeting considered the proposal for a fast food drive through and restaurant at Buttington Cross (on land by the junction of the Oswestry and Shrewsbury roads. After discussion the meeting agreed that the Forum should write to Powys County Council expressing the following:

The Forum supports the Town Council objection to the development proposed on the site the subject of the application.

The objections were:

- a) The land is outside the LDP development area.
- b) The site would see the loss of 2 residential units.
- c) The access points into and from the site are too close to the roundabout.
- d) The attraction of school children from the local schools (High School and new Infant/Junior School) to visit such a facility would be encouraging them to cross very busy and fast trunk roads.

The Forum was not against a fast food outlet but not on the site proposed.

9. Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting is to be Monday 21st May 2019 at 6pm in the Assembly Room of the Town Hall.