

WELSHPOOL TOWN COUNCIL

BUSINESS FORUM

MINUTES

**Of a meeting held in the Council Chamber (1st floor) Welshpool Town Hall on
Monday 15th January 2018 at 6pm**

Present were:

Cllr S Kaye	Chair. Welshpool Town Council
Cllr R Church	Welshpool Town Council
Cllr F Veenstra	Welshpool Town Council
Mervyn Parkes	Lamplite Antiques
Heather Parkes	Lamplite Antiques
Christine Holmes	Flaunt It
Alan Williams	Jans Cards
Jan Williams	Jans Cards
Ken Law	Ken Law Safety
Freda Davies	

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Val Edwards, Simon Ebrey, Kay Derwas and Robinson (Town Clerk) due to illness.

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.**
 - a. *N West bank discussions contuing regading this service between the Bank and Town Clerk.*
 - b. *A retailer is about to go into the Old Lloyds Chemist by the Cross.*
 - c. *It was noted that Nikis in Hopkins Passage moving on*
 - d. *No news on Langfords*
 - e. *It was noted that Costa coming into Pinewood in next few weeks*

ii) Town and Community Plan 2017-2022

The meeting noted the adoption of the above plan by the Town Council.

iii) Markets

The Chair outlined a scheme to relocate the markets being considered at very early stages. The plan being considered is to move the market from the Town Hall to along the edge of the Church Street Car Park. There will be consultation for both the public, traders and business as the next stage. No decisions have been made but options are being considered.

4. Parking issues

A fairly lengthy discussion took place around the car parking issues within the Town. In particular the charging regime.

5. Business Rates

A general update was given on a letter being sent by Welshpool Town Council to Welsh Government on the subject. A further report will be given to the next meeting.

6. Litter campaign

The Meeting considered an update on the litter campaign for Welshpool which is continuing.

7. Cambrian Railway

The Meeting considered outline proposals for a new railway station which are to be considered by the Town Council on 17th January and then taken to Network Rail. The scheme includes lifts, better access and a station building over the platforms.

8. Christmas Lights and Winter Festival

The Meeting considered how the above went. Generally all were happy with the event, some comment was made about the location of the animal zoo in Cumberland Place. This can be taken on board for future years.

9. Meeting with Powys County Council

A report was given on meetings held with Powys County Council Cabinet Members and the Town Council. The Canal is to be adopted as a priority by PCC in support of the work by the Town Council and others involved in the canal.

10. Date of next meeting

The meeting noted the next meeting to be held on Monday 19th March 2018 at 6pm in the Council Chamber.