

**WELSHPOOL TOWN COUNCIL
BUSINESS FORUM
MINUTES**

**Of a meeting held in the
Council Chamber (1st floor) Welshpool Town Hall on
Monday 15th May 2017 at 6pm**

1. Attendance record:

Robert Robinson Town Clerk
Cllr R Church
Cllr F Veenstra
Cllr H Chave
Freda Davies
Val Edwards
Alan Crowe – Ali-cra Entertainments
Ian Bradley – Stepchange
Jessica Bradley - Stepchange
Christine Holmes – Flaunt It
Ros Jones – Celtic Shop
Fay Derwas – Derwas Stoves
S Grimshaw
Mary Tudor – Severn Valley Effect
D Morris – Finance Wales

2. Apologies for absence

Cllr S Kaye presented his apologies.

3. Minutes of the last meeting

The meeting approved the minutes of the last meeting.

4. Town Centre update

The meeting considered an update regarding (Aldi-now open), B&M (opening 20th May) and Pets at Home (opening soon after B & M's)

Langfords is apparently under offer as are most of the other vacant units. (not many of them).

The details, as known, of the NatWest Bank closing were also noted.

5. Re-cycling and Street Scene

The Town Clerk reported on the letters sent to County Councillors and the result of 73% (of elected County Councillors) stating that they were in favour of opening all recycling centres 7 days a week.

6. One Way System

An update was given on the one way system.

There was some agreement to the provision of a proper loading bay facility on both sides of the street during certain hours.

The Town Clerk is to raise the subject at the next Town Council Planning and Development Meeting.

7. Events coming soon

The meeting noted events coming forward:

Carnival
Air Show
Canal and Food Festival
Vikings in Wales

8. Welshpool Town and Community Plan

A copy of the first draft of the above was issued. Businesses are asked to put forward ideas as soon as possible for consideration.

9. Puzzle Square

A question was asked about the possible more signage to Puzzle Square. This will be pursued when time permits.

10. Tourist Information Centre

A view was expressed that the TIC was possibly taking trade from other shops with the new handbag shop within it.

11. Finance and business advice

An update was given on the services available to businesses. A workshop is planned for 15th June 2pm to 6pm for business advice locally.

12. Parking issues

The issue of parking in New Street was raised. The traffic wardens are not enforcing the yellow lines creating difficulty to residents. The surfaces are also very poor although newly laid.

The Town Clerk will raise the matter of parking at the next Town Council Planning and Development Meeting.

13. 1940's weekend

Alan Crowe gave a plea for people (business in particular) to get behind the 1940's weekend.

14. Skills partnership consultation

There is a link for a skills survey being conducted by Powys County Council.

The link is regeneration=powys.go.uk@mail228.at1121.mcsv.net

15. Town Signage

The subject of Town signage from the new development to the Town Centre was considered. The new signs were fine but locations need to be chosen carefully. The Town Council will seek to gain permission to place them in prominent positions.

16. Date of next meeting

The meeting noted the next meeting to be held on Monday 17th July 2017 at 6pm in the Town Hall.