

WELSHPOOL TOWN COUNCIL

BUSINESS FORUM

MINUTES

**Of a meeting held on Monday 16th January 2017
at 6pm in the Town Hall Welshpool**

Present were:

Cllr S Kaye Chair

Heather Sherlock M&Co

Mervyn Parkes Lamplite Antiques

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Catherine Holmes Flaunt It

Val Edwards

Freda Davies

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Mary Tudor.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a correct record.

3. Actions since last meeting

The following were discussed.

a. Rates

A short discussion took place on the rate re-valuation.

b. Re-cycling

A short update was given on the recycling issues with regards to the PCC proposals. It was noted that fly tipping is happening in areas, however it appears to be under control at present in the town centre.

c. Cambrian Rail

The secretary updated the meeting on developments with regards to the main line. Surveys are being carried out in April and August for Welsh Government.

4. Christmas

Generally all had a good Christmas on Winter Festival day. The stalls being a little more in the Christmas spirit would be good, this is up to the Council to make it look like Christmas.

The idea of a third day was suggested (Friday Christmas Lights through to Sunday).

5. Bus Station

The meeting noted the proposal to place a bus station in the Berriew Street car park and a permanent bus stop in the main street for the town bus.

A short discussion took place.

6. Town Centre

A discussion took place on the Town Centre shopping.

Alan Price green grocer has opened up in Berriew Street leaving only a few shops vacant.

The following were also noted:

McDonalds wish to come to Welshpool. The Town Clerk is meeting them soon to try and gain a site in Town rather than the bypass.

Aldi is due to open in May.

B&M's and Pets at Home probably around the same time.

7. Street Scene

A short update was given on the progress with the street scene now run by the Town Council.

8. One Way System

The meeting was updated on the one way system review.

The traffic islands are now back in place. The Jehu Road junction has a much improved crossing point but traffic is moving quicker.

9. Wind farms

The meeting was updated on two large wind farm applications that have been made to PCC.

10. Date of next meeting

To be Monday 20th March 2017 at 6pm in the Town Hall.