

# WELSHPOOL BUSINESS FORUM

## MINUTES

Of a a meeting held on  
Monday 19th May 2014  
at 7pm in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall

### Present were:

Cllr S Kaye	Chair	Welshpool Town Council
Cllr A Bowen		Welshpool Town Council
Cllr D Simms		Welshpool Town Council
Cllr B McWhinnie		Welshpool Town Council
Cllr Dr J Morgan		Welshpool Town Council
Christine Holmes		Flaunt it
Andrew Flintham		Flaunt it
Freda Davies		Welshpool Projects
Heather Parkes		Lamplite
Melvyn Parkes		Lamplite
Tony Harris		Nibbles
Alan Crowe		Aces Entertainment

### 1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr E Bleivas, Cllr H Evans, Simon Ebrey, Heather Sherlock, Yolland and Graham Breeze and Val Edwards.

### 2. Minutes of the last meeting

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

### 3. Matters from the last meeting

The following actions have been taken forward:

#### a) Sign in Tesco Car Park - to Town Centre

Consent for a banner has been gained. A banner will now be ordered.

#### b) Table on street to gain Community Plan surveys

This was actioned.

#### c) Approach to Mr Major to allow netting in Hopkins Passage

Nothing to report.

#### d) Owner to be approached on Block Paviours in Puzzle Square

The owner has been approached but with little success.

#### e) Cllr M Alexander to be asked to attend the May meeting

Due to pressures of work Cllr M Alexander could not be there this evening. She is willing to meet the group.

**f) Regeneration meeting to be arranged**

The first regeneration meeting has been held.

**4. Main Line Railway**

An update was given on the improved rail service proposals for implementation in May 2015.

**5. Community Plan**

An update was given on the Community Plan approved by the Town Council on 23rd April 2014.

**6. DPPO**

The application for the DPPO has been submitted with the support of all three County Councillors, 98% of the respondents to the Community Plan, Business Forum, SABB and BOBB schemes, the Youth Council and Welshpool Town Council.

**7. One Way System including signage**

A short discussion took place around the one way system.

Again support was given for Brook Street being two way.

The Town Clerk was asked to gain details of any emergency plan in place by the Principle Authorities with regard to accidents similar to those experienced in the last few weeks in Broad Street.

**8. Sculpture Art Project**

The Town Clerk updated the meeting on the project. The completed art project is due to be in place by the end of June 2014.

**9. The notice boards outside Town Hall**

The Town Clerk agreed to tidy up the British Legion and old Rainbow Recruitment notice boards.

**10. Markets report**

The Town Clerk gave a short report on the movements in the market halls. Two stallholders are moving out to shop premises. Two more new ones are moving in.

**11. BID's**

The Town Clerk outlined the BID's scheme whereby business could be balloted on a 1% surcharge on the business rate to pay for local improvements. The money when collected would be managed by the Business Groups.

The Town Clerk is to find out more about this.

**12. Dog signs for Puzzle Square**

The two new signs have been ordered, the two previously ordered appear to have gone astray. They should be in place within the week.

**13. Motte and Bailey and Marie Curie**

The suggestion of a yellow post box on site was muted. Consent will be needed from CADW. The Town Clerk will aid this.

**14. Christmas events**

This item is to be added to the next agenda.

**15. Hopkins Passage pigeons**

Cllr Dr J Morgan agreed to look into shooting the pigeons and will check the law etc. If it is possible he is willing to do this.

**16. Weeds in Puzzle Square flower boxes**

A request for the Town Council gardening to weed the boxes was received. The Town Clerk will arrange for this to be done when the gardener has time.

**17. Parking controls**

**18. Date of next meeting**

The date of the next meeting is to be Monday 16th June 2014 at 7pm in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall.

**19. Actions to be taken forward**

The following actions are to be taken forward:

- a) DPPO
- b) Pigeons in Puzzle Square
- c) Banner in Tesco Car Park
- d) Tesco and tidy up of shopping site
- e) Weeds in Puzzle Square boxes
- f) One Way System and Emergency Procedure
- g) Motte and Bailey - Marie Curie Nurses
- h) Notice boards outside Town Hall to be tidied up.
- i) More information on BIDS.