

# **WELSHPOOL PROJECTS LIMITED**

## **BUSINESS FORUM**

### **MINUTES**

**Of a meeting held on  
Monday 16th March 2015 at 7pm  
in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall Welshpool**

#### **Present were:**

Robert Robinson (Acting Chair), Cllr A Bowen, Freda Davies, Val Edwards, Alan Crowe (Ali Cra Entertainments), Ian Flintham & Christine Holmes (Flaunt It), Carol and Duncan Alexander (Alexander's), Tom Harris (Nibbles), Mark Jones (Sainsbury's), Ros Jones, Mobile Mechanics.

#### **1. Apologies for absence**

The meeting received apologies for absence from:

Cllr E Bleivas, Cllr H Evans, Cllr S Kaye, Mel and Heather Parks (Lamplite) and Simon Ebrey (Monkey Puzzle).

#### **2. Minutes of the last meeting**

The meeting approved the minutes of the last meeting.

#### **3. Actions taken since the last meeting**

The meeting received a report on actions taken since the last meeting as follows:

#### **4. Puzzle Square Scheme update**

The meeting received an update on progress with the scheme.

The Town Clerk confirmed that the sculpture item is not a seat and is filled to avoid litter etc. It also will not be easy to climb.

#### **5. Parking Review**

The meeting consider the parking review plan for consultation. The Town Clerk explained the various changes proposed. There were no comments to take forward other than:

The parking restrictions should perhaps go up to the Conservative Office in the High Street.

The plan will be posted in the Tourist Information Office for a few weeks longer.

## **6. Town Centre Review**

The meeting held a general discussion around the Town Centre with the following points made:

Some days of the week the town is very quiet.

The reason for some days being quieter than years ago is the relocation of the livestock market and Harry Ray sales.

The car parking and charges was raised again with the free parking in Tesco Meaning the Council car parks are underused.

The following suggestions were made to help:

Monday market being extended to include car boot sales on the main street.

Late opening (Thursdays) – letter to be sent to all traders seeking their views.  
(perhaps a trial month)

## **7. Transport**

The Town Clerk informed the meeting of the pending bus review and also the new arrangements planned for the Town Bus Service which is to call at the Main Line Station and Leisure Centre in addition to the existing stops.

The Town Clerk also informed the meeting of the Cambrian Timetable changes from 18<sup>th</sup> May when there are more trains to be introduced.

## **8. Rates – Government Review**

The meeting considered ideas for the business rate review. A full agenda item is to be put forward for the next meeting.

## **9. Tourism and information**

The Town Clerk made available the latest newsletter, events leaflets for 2015 and Tourism booklets for 2015.

## **10. Community Awards**

The Town Clerk reminded the meeting of the Community Award nominations due in soon.

## **11. Eisteddfod in Meifod**

The meeting considered the above. A full discussion on what we can do to gain maximum benefit is to be added to the next agenda.

## **12. Date of next meeting**

To note the date of the next meeting which is Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at 7pm in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall.