

**Welshpool Town Council**  
(Welshpool Projects)

**BUSINESS FORUM**

**MINUTES**

**Of a meeting held on  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2015 at 7pm in the Council Chamber**

**Present were:**

Cllr Steve Kaye Chair  
Robert Robinson Town Clerk  
Cllr Amy Bowen  
Cllr Graham Breeze  
Cllr Heahter Sherlock (M and Co)  
Alan Crowe (Ali Cra Entertainments)  
Mervyn and Heather Parkes (Lamplite Antiques)  
Val Edwards  
Freda Davies  
Carol and Duncan Alexander (Alexanders)  
Tom Harris (Nibbles)  
Ros Jones (Celtic Shop)  
A J Flintham (Flaunt It)  
Christine Holmes (Flaunt It)

**1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Yolland Breeze, Mel and Heather Parkes.

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

The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed by the acting Chair.

**3. Siroli – visit by facilitation officer**

A visit by the facilitation office will be arranged for a future meeting.

**4. Actions taken since last meeting:**

**a. Puzzle Square**

An update was given on the development of Puzzle Square.

**b. Eisteddfod**

The Town Council has produced a leaflet (bi-lingual) for use during Eisteddfod week to encourage people to come into Welshpool.

The meeting also noted the following:

- i) Posters are to be copied and laminated by the Council for lamp posts.
- ii) Copies are to be produced for A J Flintham to deliver the shops.
- iii) The Celtic Shop has a stand at the Eisteddfod and if anyone has any information for the stall they are to let Ros know.
- iv) The Welsh flag to be flown during Eisteddfod Week.
- v) The property at Langfords have been asked to tidy up their shop for at least the Eisteddfod Week.

**5. Town Services update**

**a. Day Centre**

An update was given on the day centre takeover by Welshpool Town Council which was completed on 1<sup>st</sup> July.

**b. Other services under threat**

The Town Council is negotiating for the takeover of the street cleaning, youth service, library, car parks, buses and community transport.

There is a consultation planned for September on the subject.

**6. Town update**

**a. Tesco site**

A short update was given on the Tesco Site.

**b. Lidl's application**

An update was given on progress with this application was refused on 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

**c. Poundland**

The news is that Poundland is to open in the old Co-op Building on 15/8/2015.

**7. Rail and Bus services**

**a. Main line railway**

An update was given on the new rail timetable.

**b. Local buses review**

An update was given on the local buses following the consultation.

## **8. Winter Festival**

The date of the Winter Festival is Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December with the Christmas Lights switch on the night before.

The winter festival was discussed with the Committee of the Festival asked to ensure more involvement by the side streets.

The national 'Small Business Week' is to be followed up and included on 5<sup>th</sup> December.

All comments will be passed to the Winter Festival Committee.

## **9. One Way System**

The meeting discussed the one way system and in particular the proposal to be considered by the Town Council on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July to support returning Brook Street and Union Street to two way traffic.

There was a unanimous vote in favour of the proposal. This view of the business forum is to be passed to the Town Council.

## **10. Date of next meeting**

To be Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2015 at 7pm in the Town Hall.