

Welshpool Town Council
(Welshpool Projects)

BUSINESS FORUM
MINUTES

of a meeting held on
Monday 18th January 2016 at 7pm in the Council Chamber

Present were:

Cllr s Kaye Chair	Welshpool Town Council
Robert Robinson Town Clerk	Welshpool Town Council
Cllr A Bowen	Welshpool Town Council
Cllr G Breeze	Welshpool Town Council
Cllr D Simms	Welshpool Town Council
Heather Parkes	Lamplite Antiques
Mervyn Parkes	Lamplite Antiques
Alan Crowe	Ali Cra Entertainments
Freda Davies	Welshpool Projects
Val Edwards	Welshpool Projects
Christine Holmes	Flaunt It
Ross Jones	Celtic Company
Monica Bailey	Monzies
Clive Bailey	Monzies
Dean Hammond	Boys and Boden
Julie Prince	Reflections
Tommy	Nibbles

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Yolland Breeze Mid Wales Trophies , Cllr H Sherlock, Andrew Flintham Flaunt It and Kay Derwas.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The meeting considered and approved the minutes of the last meeting with alterations to the attendance list.

3. Debenture Friendly Town

The meeting received a short presentation on the subject and what it would mean for Welshpool. A steering group will now go forward.

4. Puzzle Square

The meeting was given a report on the scheme for Puzzle Square and in particular the arch which is proving difficult.

The Town Clerk is to progress with some signage at the entrance to Puzzle Square from Church Street and also look at improvements to the Finger Posts.

5. One Way System

The meeting was given an update on the one way system and the meeting with the Minister and the follow up actions.

6. Town Services update

The meeting was given an update on the Council's budget and delivery of local services.

Dean Hammond presented a paper (kept on file).

The meeting was informed of the up to date position regarding the alcohol order and the street scene.

7. Town update

The meeting considered an update on retail shop units in the Town Centre.

The latest is that Stead and Simpson are looking to close, it is understood there is another tenant ready to go in this unit.

8. Rail and Bus services

8.1 Main line railway survey results

The meeting was update on the survey results and the meeting with the Minister.

8.2 Main line car parking

The car park is now completed apart from the permanent signage to be put in place.

9 Christmas in Welshpool

The meeting reviewed how the Winter Festival and Christmas Lights events went. All appeared very happy with the arrangements.

10 Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting is to be Monday 21st March 2016 at 6pm.

There is to be a public meeting on Monday 22nd February 2016 at 7pm.