

## Welshpool Town Council

# BUSINESS FORUM

## MINUTES

of a meeting held on

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 6pm in the Council Chamber

### Present were:

Cllr S Kaye Chair	Welshpool Town Council
Cllr A Bowen	Welshpool Town Council
Cllr G Breeze	Welshpool Town Council
Heather Sherlock	M and Co
Alan Crowe	Ali Cra Entertainments
Val Edwards	Welshpool Projects
Freda Davies	Welshpool Projects
Yolland Breeze	Mid Wales Trophies
Tommy Harris	Nibbles
Kay Derwas	Derwas of Welshpool

### 1. Apologies for absence

The meeting received apologies for absence from Cllr E Bleivas, Cllr H Evans, Christine Holmes, Mervyn Parkes and Heather Parkes.

### 2. Actions taken since last meeting

The meeting considered actions taken since the last meeting as follows:

#### i) Street Scene

Negotiations are still taking place between the County and Town Councils with regard to an acceptable deal.

#### ii) Wind Farm Town and Community Councils Meeting

A report was given on the wind farm transport.

The Chair, Cllr Bleivas and the Town Clerk attended a meeting with the developers and other community councils. There was nothing new to report.

There is a trial run taking place on 30<sup>th</sup> June at lunchtime with traffic stopped to allow access as would happen on the real deliveries.

A meeting has been arranged between the Town Council and the Developers on the following Wednesday to review the effect of the trail run.

The actual deliveries are due to take place from the last week in July through to early September with one convoy per day (12 noon to 2pm) on Mondays to Saturdays. There may be another convoy in the evening if things go well. There will be no convoys on the Friday through to the Monday of the August Bank Holiday.

### **iii) Police meeting with regard to anti-social behaviour**

A meeting has been held between the Town Council, County Council and Police. There is to be an evidence gathering exercise to be carried out by the Town Council during the end of June and first week of July.

It is very important that the public respond using one of the sources available which will include web site, booklets, telephone and calling at the TIC for a form. There will also be a public meeting.

### **3.Puzzle Square**

There was no update available from the traders of Puzzle Square.

### **4.One Way System**

The meeting was updated on the one way system review.

There are plans in the current budget to change the Jehu Road/High Street junction and to provide a new light controlled crossing outside the Town Hall in the next year.

### **5.Town update**

The meeting considered update on the following three matters:

#### **a) Aldi proposal – site next to Smithfield Bell.**

The Town Clerk was made aware earlier in the afternoon of the planning application for a food store on the Smithfield Road Site by Aldi.

The meeting was presented with details of the scheme.

The meeting **AGREED** that the Business Forum should write to support the application.

#### **b) B&M and another – site with blue hoardings on Tesco side of Smithfield Road**

The latest news is that the two larger unit on the remainder of the Tesco site are due to start construction in June.

#### **c) Gregs – proposal to move into the old Stead and Simpson Shop Unit**

The meeting was update on the situation with Greg's. They are due to take possession on 7<sup>th</sup> July.

Powys County Council will not be seeking a change of use application. The situation is to be monitored.

## **6. Any other business**

The meeting was updates on the following:

### **Cambrian Line Trains**

The Town Clerk confirmed that following the survey conducted last October there will now be WiFi on all trains through Welshpool within a few months.

### **Rail Tickets at Tourist Information Centre**

The Town Clerk confirmed that the equipment has been installed but that he awaiting BT to connect up. Two staff area trained, the others will follow.

The TIC will be able to offer tickets the same as at Birmingham New Street.

### **A and E situation**

The Town Clerk reported on his meeting with the Mid Wales Collaborative and confirmed that he is now a member of the group. The group is looking at Mid Wales as a whole and not area by area.

The Trust appear to have tried to move forward without consultation in Mid Wales.

The Town Clerk is meeting the Chief Executive of the Shrewsbury/Telford Trust tomorrow to gain information to take forward a survey of local people's views.

### **Local Town Buses**

The Town Clerk reported on a meeting with Powys County Council with regard to the local town bus stopping at Welshpool main line station. This is now possible from approx 2 months' time.

## **7. Date of next meeting**

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at 6pm in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall