

Welshpool Town Council

**BUSINESS FORUM**

**MINUTES**

of a meeting held on

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at 6pm in the Council Chamber**

**1. Present were**

Cllr S Kaye	Chair	Welshpool Town Council
Cllr A Bowen		Welshpool Town Council
Cllr H Sherlock		M & Co
Christine Holmes		Flaunt It
N Hughes		Sainsbury's
Freda Davies		Welshpool Projects
Alan Crowe		Ali Cra Entertainments
Robert Robinson		Secretary Welshpool Town Council

**2.Actions taken since last meeting**

The meeting received a report on the following:

**i) Street Scene**

The Town Council is scheduled to take over the street cleaning, litter bins, verges, open spaces, fly tipping and graffiti from 1<sup>st</sup> November. A plan showing the method of working to achieve a good standard were made available.

**ii) Puzzle Square**

Negotiations are almost complete to enable a 'pub type' sign to be erected at the entrance to Puzzle Square from Church Street.

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

A discussion around policing and anti-social behaviour took place. The general feeling was that it has got better but there are still issues relating to the group of drinkers.

The Mayor, Town Clerk and another Councillor are meeting with Insp Scrace again tomorrow.

**iv) 1940's weekend**

The meeting congratulated Alan Crowe on the 1940's weekend which was well received.

### **3. Re-cycling Proposals by Powys County Council**

The meeting considered the consultation by Powys County Council on re-cycling provision. Some options would see centres closed and others times of opening reduced.

The Businesses are very concerned about any reduction in re-cycling centre provision which would lead to fly tipping and more rubbish on the streets.

The meeting **AGREED** the following actions:

- a) A copy of both Welsh Government and Powys County Council re-cycling policies is to be gained for discussion.
- b) A press release outlining the concerns is to be issued.
- c) A letter is to be sent to John Powell at Powys County Council objecting to any reduction in re-cycling.

### **4. Hospitals update**

The Mayor and Town Clerk updated the meeting on the latest proposals for the Shrewsbury Telford Hospital Trust. Welshpool Town Council is working with Oswestry, Shrewsbury and Newtown Town Councils to ensure the best result for Mid Wales.

### **5. Town update**

The meeting received an update on the following matters:

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

Under construction with completion due late spring 2017.

#### **b) B&M and Pets at Hom – site next to Tesco**

#### **c) The Raven**

There is no firm news on the Raven Pub. No planning application has been received to date.

### **6. Date of next meeting**

The date of the next meeting is to be Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2016 at 6pm in the Town Hall.

## **6. Current news**

To note:

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

Now available.

### **A and E situation**

Update to be given.

### **Local Town Buses**

Report on Town Bus stopping at the station and the National Express Coach to return to stopping in the Town Centre.

## **7. Any other business**

To consider any other business.

## **8. Date of next meeting**

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