



**Notes from the Wales Group Regional Meeting  
Held on 21 November 2013 at the SWALEC Stadium, Cardiff**

Item	Notes	Action Points
1.	<p><b>Apologies</b> None received</p>	
2.	<p><b>Welcome and notes from previous meeting</b> Peter Lowe welcomed all to the Wales Group Regional Meeting in particular Patrick Troy and Helen Crozier (BPA President) and representatives from the Welsh Government.</p> <p>Sincere thanks were expressed to all of the sponsors for today's meeting and to Ali Tooze (BPA) for making the necessary meeting/catering arrangements.</p> <p>Previous meeting notes were discussed. No comments/issues were raised. No 'burning issues' were raised at this stage however AOB if attendees want to raise later.</p>	
3.	<p><b>Presentation from Bayo Dosunmu – Welsh Government</b> A short presentation was given by BD regarding the current arrangements at the Welsh Government. There is no specific Government programme for transport however BD would like to work with the BPA group members. Peter Lowe and Patrick Troy had met BD the previous day and discussions focused on area such as;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parking Policy in Wales</li> <li>• National Pavement Parking Ban in Wales - why is it needed?</li> <li>• PCN Levy - need to justify any requests for an increase</li> <li>• Welsh Government change of legislation in March 2013</li> <li>• Parking on private land – what are the issues?</li> <li>• Private parking operators</li> <li>• Use of the ANPR – Denbighshire Council trial</li> </ul> <p>Also need to pay attention to the Transport Select Committee developments and evaluate the impact in Wales. BD looking to group to support/move projects forward – what can group members do for the WG. BPA to assist as a conduit between group and WGvt. Various discussions/questions from the group.</p>	<p>Feedback to BPA on PCN levy, pavement parking and moving traffic legislation</p>
4.	<p><b>Presentation from Helen Crozier – current BPA President</b> HC advised the group that she was very pleased to be attending the Welsh group meeting. Looking to continue to improve standards across the industry. BPA committed to delivering individual membership to allow continuous development. Need to take stock of Select committee report to ensure best result for industry. Parking Summit in February 2014. Presidents charity is Air Ambulance this year</p> <p>PL also spoke about the sad passing of Lynn Witham and passed on condolences from the Wales group to Lynn's family, friends and colleagues.</p>	
5.	<p><b>Presentation from Jo Rodgers Wrexham Council – Multi functional enforcement</b> JR gave a brief presentation about the work that she has been completing at Wrexham Council since 2012. WCBC had two separate enforcement teams - Parking and</p>	<p>JR offered anyone to</p>

	<p>environmental enforcement officers. The two teams were brought together as one multi functional enforcement team. Have a team of 8 enforcement officers who now complete dog fouling, littering, fly tipping and parking enforcement. All aspects are paid equal attention.</p> <p>Has been an interesting journey with understanding CPE and criminal legislation and has taken some time for team to gel and take on board different duties. However moving forward and starting to see progress and improvements in the service overall. Also increased level of prosecutions being taken to court with positive results. Various discussions regarding costs/attitudes/training/approach to enforcement.</p>	contact her for more details.
6.	<p><b>Quick fire Presentations from various suppliers who sponsored the meeting -</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cale Bri-parc</li> <li>- Parking Shop</li> <li>- Metric</li> <li>- Xerox</li> <li>- Mouchells</li> <li>- RTA Associates Ltd</li> </ul> <p>Attendees were encouraged to visit stands and talk with suppliers over lunch break.</p>	
7.	<p><b>Presentation from Patrick Troy – BPA update</b></p> <p>PT advised considerable work ahead with Transport Select Committee report – fueled by Eric Pickles recent comments and Mary Portas report.</p>	
8.	<p><b>Debate Questions</b>  <b>Similar to other meetings, time was taken to break into groups and debate a number of issues;</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Do you agree with Eric Pickles statement that Council's are breaking the law by using parking enforcement powers as a 'cash cow'?</li> <li>-How effective are parking controls in achieving the desired objectives?</li> <li>- Are perceptions of parking colouring the relationships and legitimacy between citizens and their local authorities?</li> <li>-Is allowing flexibility in the design and content of signs a good thing? What should the government consider when re-writing statutory guidance for the TMA?</li> </ul> <p>There was some lively debate for all of the questions and some thought provoking feedback on each issue.</p>	
9.	<p><b>Any Other Business (AOB)</b></p> <p>Parking Qualifications – awarding organisations now BPA through WAMITAB or city &amp; guilds PL asked for some clarity around the change from city and guilds to WAMITAB. PT indicated that city &amp; guilds had withdrawn from parking and WAMITAB are now the preferred provider. However, the re-emergence of city and guilds means clients have a choice.</p> <p>DVLA</p> <p>A lot of group discussion about accuracy/information held and provided. PT advised that BPA are working with DVLA to improve.</p>	
10.	<p><b><u>Date of Next BPA Wales Group Regional Meeting:</u></b>  26/3/2014 – location - Aberystwyth</p>	