



**Notes from the Wales Group Regional Meeting
Held on 16 July 2014 at the Guildhall Civic Centre, Wrexham**

Item	Notes	Action Points
1.	<p>Apologies</p> <p>None</p>	
2.	<p>Welcome and notes from previous meeting</p> <p>Peter Lowe welcomed all to the Wales Group Regional Meeting in particular Ashley Bjister the New BPA president along with Kelvin Reynolds, Owen Jones-Williams from Welsh Government and Caroline Sheppard and Louise Hutchinson from the Traffic Penalty Tribunal.</p> <p>PL extended a warm welcome to Peter Cawsey (current vice chair of the Wales BPA group) at the meeting (to be his last) as he is retiring from his post as manager of the Wales Penalty Processing Partnership/Denbighshire Council. Sincere wishes were offered to Peter for his future retirement.</p> <p>Sincere thanks were expressed to Jo at Wrexham for liaising with BPA and for making the necessary meeting/catering arrangements.</p> <p>PL summarised the agenda for the meeting and detailed the housekeeping arrangements for the Guildhall.</p> <p>Previous meeting notes were discussed. No comments/issues were raised.</p> <p>No 'burning issues' were raised at this stage however AOB if attendees want to raise later.</p>	
3.	<p>Presentation from Ashley Bjister – BPA President</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very happy to be attending meeting in Wales • Wants to continue to improve standards and continue with the ongoing developments that the BPA has commenced. • First year of new governance of BPA • Very Aware of public concerns about parking – recent consultation by UK Government (through DfT) • Masterplans recently launched 	
4	<p>Presentation from Kelvin Reynolds – BPA</p> <p>Welsh masterplan recently published – in English & Welsh. Includes:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional qualifications and approach • Fair rules (new highway code 2015) • Usage of DVLA data • Improving compliance & vehicle users • Use of modern technology • Opportunity to appeal – LA and private land • Supporting growth in town centres • Footway parking • Safer parking scheme – 5000 in scheme across UK • There is also a summary of achievements from previous year 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key discussion about new governance – details in BPA website 	
5.	<p>Presentation from Owen Jones-Williams – Welsh Government</p> <p>A short presentation was given by Owen regarding the current stance by the Welsh Government particularly in relation to parking policy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swansea/Cardiff have submitted applications for moving traffic offences using CCTV • Need to look at a number of areas such as the enforcement of private land – • CS suggested that the BPA ask the WG to look at making car parked on the footpath an ‘obstruction’ that can be enforced as a dual power and add a contravention code so it can be enforced under CPE. This would remove the need to apply or seek a national pavement parking ban. • Camera cars – no clear route yet 	Action?
6.	<p>Presentation from Caroline Sheppard – Traffic Penalty Tribunal</p> <p>A short presentation was given by CS regarding the use of technology and to improve the user experience. Portal is well under development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • overview there will be a dashboard type layout - removes onus on sending out TPT forms - pictorial • Roll out over the next few months will allow TPT packs to be uploaded for the appellant rather than sending out hard copies. • Lots of discussion about pro’s/cons about 25% discount suggested by the transport select committee for those who win their appeals. • access to TRO’s through portal – can also upload TRO’s • ongoing developments to allow organisations to view all PCN’s • Jan 2015 for rest of country – will be some ‘buddying up’ as new LA’s come on board • Louise Hutchinson presented an award for the best concise annual report to Katy Spain from Ceredigion 	
7.	<p>Presentation from Simon Morgan TSRGD 2015</p> <p>A short presentation was given by SM regarding the new look TSRGD manual</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lots of tables that will allow you to ‘mix and match’ • Less specific regulations and directions • Will include pedestrian crossing regulations • Existing signs can remain as symbols not changing • Floated that may not need TRO for single/DYL lines - DFT looking at now <p>Some concern raised about TRO process from group. The new TSRGD will apply to Wales and England initially and Scotland depending on Transport Scotland powers.</p>	
7.	<p>Presentation from Stuart Hendry - EPC</p> <p>A short presentation was given by SH about the process that the company follow and the opportunities for LA to increase collections.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Based in London and has a multi lingual service • Processed 8 million cases in 2013 • Already contracted to WPPP • Basically company has reciprocal agreements with DVLA equivalents in foreign countries • Officers record an HHC foreign vehicle and this follows a different back office process. • Does not cost LA anything as EPC only take a cut of any income obtained 	

	For more information contact EPC direct.	
8.	<p>Any Other Business (AOB)</p> <p>POPLA - parking on private land appeal service</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18 months been running 600+ appeals a week • 45% in favour of motorist • No charge for service to motorist. The issuing company pays £27 per appeal currently. <p>PL mentioned labour party conference – theme is to discuss the high street in relation to parking provision.</p> <p>Thanks to all presenters and congratulations to all award holders</p> <p>PL mentioned that the group will need a new Vice Chair for group as Peter Cawsey is retiring – contact BPA if interested. BPA will obtain names by the end of October in time for the next meeting</p> <p>Thanks again to Jo for venue/sponsorship and to all presenters for their time.</p>	
10.	<p><u>Date of Next BPA Wales Group Regional Meeting:</u></p> <p>11th November 2014 – location - TBC</p>	