



**Notes from the Wales Group Regional Meeting  
Held on 26 March 2014 at Canolfan Rheidol, Ceredigion, Aberystwyth**

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1.	<p><b>Apologies</b></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 25%;">David Peach</td> <td style="width: 25%;">Ian Gamble</td> <td style="width: 25%;">Emma Anthony</td> <td style="width: 25%;">Owen Jones-Williams</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Peter Cawsey</td> <td>Anne Marie Morgan</td> <td>John McEvoy</td> <td>Colin Jones</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tony Caine</td> <td>Chris Bloodworth</td> <td>Lucinda Cheshire</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	David Peach	Ian Gamble	Emma Anthony	Owen Jones-Williams	Peter Cawsey	Anne Marie Morgan	John McEvoy	Colin Jones	Tony Caine	Chris Bloodworth	Lucinda Cheshire		
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2.	<p><b>Welcome and notes from previous meeting</b></p> <p>Peter Lowe welcomed all to the Wales Group Regional Meeting in particular Patrick Troy attending on behalf of the BPA.</p> <p>Sincere thanks were expressed to all of the sponsors for today's meeting and to Ceredigion Council and the BPA for making the necessary meeting/catering arrangements.</p> <p>PL commented on a recent letter that was circulated to local authorities be used to send to Welsh Government – recommend Authorities do asap</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><b>Presentation from Patrick Troy – BPA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UK Government (through DfT) recently completed consultation on England on parking recommendations from Transport Select Committee. Obviously this consultation prompted by the Mary Portas report on High Streets.</li> <li>• DfT currently reviewing consultation responses. Results due later in the year.</li> <li>• Parking Summit held in February 2014 – well received. All four home countries represented. Minister indicated that nothing in consultation is a 'done deal'. Govt really wanted to hear what people have to say about parking. Positive message that most LA's doing good job but cannot be complacent/need to be transparent</li> <li>• 10/11 June – Parkex at Olympia, London</li> <li>• Chancellor announced issue of new £1 coin. Should help with counterfeit coins. Likely to cost industry £50 million to do changes. Govnt going to consult in due course.</li> <li>• Annual conference in Leeds in October – more details to follow. <i>Post meeting note venue likely to be Central London with provisional date of 15<sup>th</sup> October</i></li> </ul>													
4.	<p><b>Presentation from Peter Lowe – Welsh Government (no one from Gvt in attendance)</b></p> <p>A short presentation was given by PL regarding the current stance by the Welsh Government.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welsh government watching DfT developments – likely to indicate their position after they announce anything. Scotland not likely to do anything.</li> </ul>													
5.	<p><b>Presentation from Chris James – WAMITAB</b></p> <p>A short presentation was given by CJ regarding the qualifications/recent issues with city &amp; guilds.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Very positive about WAMITAB and BPA partnership</li> <li>• Plan to keep qualifications updated.</li> <li>• Level 2 for parking enforcement officers</li> </ul>													

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Level 3 for notice processing</li> <li>• There will be various methods of assessment.</li> <li>• Various discussion and questions about the qualification ensued.</li> </ul> <p>Contact Sharon Simpson at WAMITAB, <a href="mailto:Sharon.Simpson@wamitab.org.uk">Sharon.Simpson@wamitab.org.uk</a>, for more information</p>	
6.	<p><b>Presentation from Tim Daniels – Videalert</b></p> <p>A short presentation was given by TD regarding the use of video technology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Help support complaints investigations about staff</li> <li>• Additional evidence for cases</li> <li>• Wireless system</li> <li>• Twin contact cameras</li> </ul> <p>Contact Tim Daniels, <a href="mailto:TDaniels@videalert.com">TDaniels@videalert.com</a>, for more details</p>	
7.	<p><b>Presentation from Paul Kyte - Civil Procedure Rules</b></p> <p>A short presentation was given by PK</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Due to go live early April 2014</li> <li>• VAT issue – HMRC guidance just issued. Client (LA's) to pay VAT. Likely that bailiffs will invoice LA's and LA's claim VAT back. Regs make it clear – debtors do not pay VAT.</li> <li>• Certification of Agents – there will be a transition period permitted</li> <li>• Guidance due to from MoJ</li> </ul>	
8.	<p><b>Any Other Business (AOB)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PL indicated that Caroline Sheppard is coming to next BPA in Wrexham in July to talk about the new TPT portal and EPC a company who can recover foreign debts will also be presenting.</li> <li>• PL indicated that there are governance changes at the BPA – New board of directors/more representation of the various member geographical and sector interests and smaller businesses – developments will be shared as they evolve</li> <li>• PL indicated that the approved operator scheme POPLA – 27,000 appeals since it started in October 2013</li> <li>• Parkmark - safer parking scheme – now in 10<sup>th</sup> Year – a lot of positivity around the scheme. Going to push big marketing scheme over next 12 months</li> <li>• Comments were raised about Welsh Gvt representation at the group – BPA/PL will highlight this matter</li> <li>• DVLA policy on scrapping tax discs – a lot of discussion about this matter and the impact on parking industry. Any feedback to DVLA can go through BPA</li> <li>• PL going to speak to Scottish group about how Welsh group works</li> <li>• PL mentioned will possibly need new Vice Chair for group as current one may retire soon.</li> </ul> <p>Thanks again to Excel and Katie for venue/sponsorship and to all presenters for their time.</p>	
10.	<p><b><u>Date of Next BPA Wales Group Regional Meeting:</u></b> 16 July 2014 – location - Wrexham</p>	