



Notes of the North West Group Meeting

Held on: 17 March 2015

At: Monks Sports & Social Club, Hillock Lane, Warrington

Item	Notes
01.	<p>Welcome and apologies.</p> <p>Apologies were received from Roy Tunstall, Chairman and Ashley Bijster .</p> <p>Andy Hiles (Deputy Chair) chaired the meeting</p>
02.	<p>BPA Updates.</p> <p>These were given by Steve Clarke (BPA)</p> <p>Points arising:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. BPA website refresh aimed at new design 2015.2. BPA website blog successful average 500-1000 views per blog.3. Social media –focus on Know Your Parking Rights launch4. New series of Parking Mad on ITV5. BPA have responded to a number of consultations including the Royal Mint Technical consultation for specification of £1 coin.6. Know your parking rights launched , new website www.knowyourparkingrights.org7. Safer parking scheme currently 4390 members <p>Key dates</p> <p>PARKEX NEC Birmingham plus Traffex 21-23 April Presidents reception Monday 29 June Annual Conference 6 October , Central Hall , Westminster Members Dinner, Drapers Hall, 2 December</p>
03.	<p>Governments Parking Reform</p> <p>The de-regulation Bill was discussed. The Government intend it to become effective immediately and before the end of Parliament at the end of March. Draft updated Statutory and Operational Guidance is already published.</p> <p>Some members were amazed by the `duty to consult` element of the Bill as they already do this. The BPA said this is in our consultation response. There has always been a statutory duty to consult or consider petitions. LA`s must already consult before they install or remove parking controls but this change refers for the rights for locals to petition the council and the council must consider that petition.</p>

	<p>10 Minutes Grace Period applies at the end of all permitted Waiting and /or Parking. It does not apply where waiting and or parking is not permitted (e.g. in a loading bay or Blue Badge bay). It's irrespective of whether there is a need to pay and applies on-street and off street in all regulated parking scenarios.</p> <p>Portas response is on the BPA website with all our other Government consultation responses. Our original response has some useful info. London Councils and TfL have done studies on London Town Centre and Red Routes respectively.</p> <p>It is worth members keeping in touch with BPA Monday Musings which regularly home in on the high street and the need for parking management. Public Affairs and Political Perspectives articles in PN also comment and flag up where members can find information. Master Plans state our position and lobbying objectives.</p>
<p>04.</p>	<p>Other Items raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masterplan for 2015/16 - it is agreed that BPA need to lobby on TSRDG. BPA have successfully campaigned for a stay of execution on publishing it to make sure it's properly constructed. • Some members experience difficulty accessing the BPA website. Members should contact Dave Smith at the BPA if there are issues. The new website which will launch soon, will still operate in much the same way as the existing site. A simple understanding of what is not working for members needs to be understood and then BPA can resolve. • There appears to be a lack of awareness about how the new Governance works and in particular how members feed into the process. Steve Clarke sought to field this on the day by giving those present 3-4 suggestions but the Group would like to see some form of flowchart prepared. • Is there an indication of how much the switch to the new £1 might cost? Older equipment may need to be upgraded. But most P&D machines less than 10 years should be reprogrammable as we currently understand it. All Pay on Foot kit should be reprogrammable. BPA understands that Royal Mint has taken on board much of our feedback and because of our lobbying is also working closely with the Bank of England too, to coordinate with the introduction of new £5 and £10 Notes to minimise disruption and costs to vending.
<p>05.</p>	<p>The future of Parking : A presentation by Terry New (Parkmobile) and BMW</p> <p>A very informative view of the present/future of technology in the industry. Click here to view this presentation, and here to view the associated video on YouTube.</p>
<p>06.</p>	<p>Online Appeals Service : presented by Iain Worrall, TPT</p> <p>Click here for a link to this presentation.</p>

07.	The meeting was very well attended and was closed by Andy Hiles
08.	Next meeting Tuesday 10 November 2015 at Monks Sports Club, Warrington