



**Notes from the Wales Group Regional Meeting
Held on 8 July 2015 at the Council Chamber, Guildhall Civic Centre,
Wrexham, LL11 1AY**

Item	Notes	Action Points
1.	<p>Apologies</p> <p>Mike Garland (Excel) Alyn Lewis (Jacobs) Ruth Cartright (Flintshire CC)</p>	
2.	<p>Welcome and notes from previous meeting</p> <p>Peter Lowe welcomed all to the Wales Group Regional Meeting in particular Phil Hammer the New BPA president along with Gareth Morgan and Owen Jones-Williams from Welsh Government and Kelvin Reynolds (BPA),</p> <p>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. Notes accepted. No 'burning issues' were raised at this stage however AOB if attendees want to raise later.</p>	
3.	<p>Presentation from Phil Hammer – BPA President 15/16</p> <p>PH gave a brief summary of his background, his work in Cambridge and involvement with BPA since 2010.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very happy to be attending meeting in Wales • Wants to continue to improve standards - particularly what can the BPA do for its members • Masterplans recently launched • Wales group have got a dynamic reputation and want that to continue 	
4	<p>Presentation from Peter Lowe – Wales Group Chairman</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 Wales Group meetings a year – helps group feed into Executive Board • Trying to get more member involvement • Off street parking has been moved in Government from DfT to DCLG - new department is keen to develop a working relationship with BPA • AOS – strategy and standards – considerable work continuing behind the scenes • BPA service boards – over 5000 safer parking car parks, Public affairs looking at masterplans and transfer of POPLA to Ombudsman services, professional development and standards looking at Wamitab/lifecare planning • BPA code of professional conduct • Parliamentary model – being used as a template for BPA • Head office – launch of brand new guidelines developing a 2015 marketing campaign • Know your parking rights website launched in Nov 2014 – helping motorists know what they can do. Signposting as a trusted service • BPA media – managing interactions *(watchdog / don't get Dom) • Influencing governments – responded to various consultations 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BPA website has been refreshed – any feedback welcomed • BPA going to main political party events • Awaiting outcome of Beavis v parking eye case – will report asap • Parkex/Traffex well attended April 2015 • AGM and presidents reception was 29.6.15 – very successful event • Members dinner on 2.12.15 • POPLA – 65,000 appeals since October 2012 = 49% in favour of motorist • BPA new chief operating officer – Andrew Pester 	
5.	<p>Discussion opportunity with Gareth Morgan and Owen Jones-Williams – Welsh Government</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cardiff having issues with TEC re bus lanes – issue related to court proceedings rules and process in Wales – ongoing work and BPA offered to assist if required • PCN levys – more work needed to ensure adequate deterrent • Discussion around contravention codes – possibly some changes needed? • VAT - ongoing high level case Isle of White – will have impact once decided • ANPR – clearly important need to continue development of this work 	
6.	<p>Break out session on empowering and engaging BPA members in Wales</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>How can we empower members in Wales and their Representative to contribute more actively to the BPA?</i> 2. <i>How can we ensure that your Chair is better empowered to represent you?</i> 3. <i>How can we empower the regions and countries to ensure they are member led entities?</i> 4. <i>Why do members join the BPA?</i> 5. <i>Is the Association delivering member expectations at the moment via the existing meetings/events programme? And if not please put forward suggestions for improvement.</i> <p>Bullet point notes to the responses given within the two groups.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (1) To give more emphasis to Wales group reduce English groups to 4 from 9. • (1) Ensure WG attend all the Wales group meetings. • (2) Try to get same representatives of WG at each meeting • (2) Maintain a positive relationship with WG. • (4) Historical, Expertise at the end of a phone, knowledge sharing, public recognition. Lobbying power, best practice working. • (5) 3 meetings a year is just right for Wales. Location of meetings needs to be improved. Try to find a stable base in mid Wales for all meetings. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (5) unsure if website is better than before. Some say yes others say not easy to navigate. • (5) remove the blue tint to BPA email as the text is difficult to read. • (5) ezine link to websites could be improved. • (5) give members more ability to feed in to the agendas and suggest presentations. • (3) Wales page on website is a good start. • (3) Discuss webinars and a possible blog page for Wales. • (1) Produce agenda earlier so people can decide whether to come or not. • (1) good links exist between Wales Chair – the Wales group and BPA • (1) agendas driven by BPA- need to be more member led. • (2) Like the new emails personalised from the Chair. • (5) geography is a barrier to attending. Make meetings mid Wales and nearer the transport links. • (5) of the 3 meetings a year would a north meeting and a south meeting be considered as two of the 3. • (5) greater clarity needed on who can attend which group and SIGs. • (5) possible miniature Parkex for Wales. 	
7.	<p>Discussion was held about the group name</p> <p>Question raised as to should it change to be like Scottish group Discussion had several logos shown In principle agreed but need to consider moving traffic offences in Wales as the title of Parking \Wales would not reflect this.</p>	Comments to Pete Lowe to co-ordinate end of August
8.	<p>Presentation from Luc Warner CCT/Parkmobile</p> <p>A short presentation was given by Luc about ‘parking in a connected world’ Covered how all things are inter connected and how to harness technology For more information contact Luc direct.</p>	
9.	<p>Any Other Business (AOB)</p> <p>Still need to pursue the opportunity to tackle pavement parking - need to further consider the proposal presented by Caroline Sheppard to the Wales group 12 months ago where obstruction of the footpath could be decriminalised and given its own contravention code.</p>	

	<p>The group were asked to consider if the annual master plan should become a 2 year document?</p> <p>Enforcement of overnight parking – various approaches discussed</p> <p>V5 – stopping being issued by the DVLA – LA's may want to review residents parking policies to accommodate this change</p> <p>TSRGD – likely to be Feb 2016 – currently out to re-consultation</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> 18th November 2015 – location - TBC</p>	