



**Notes from the Wales Parking and Transport Group Regional Meeting
Held on 16 March 2017 at The National Museum, Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF10 3NP**



Item	Notes	Action Points
1.	<p>Apologies Helen Edwards (Wales Penalty Processing Partnership)</p>	
2.	<p>Welcome and notes from previous meeting Peter Lowe welcomed all to the Wales Group Meeting and advised on housekeeping arrangements.</p> <p>Thanks were expressed to the BPA for today's meeting and for making the necessary meeting/catering arrangements and to our Sponsors Excel</p> <p>Sincere thanks were expressed to Patrick Troy for his support and attendance at previous group meetings following his sudden departure from the BPA.</p> <p>Welcome was also given to Owen Jones-Williams, John Griffiths and Astrid Davies from the Welsh Government who are in attendance today</p> <p>Previous meeting notes were discussed. No comments/issues were raised. Action points from the last meeting will be picked up in the main agenda</p>	
3.	<p>Presentation from Caron Fassetta – BPA CF shared her background with the Group and the focus of the team as they move forward. She is head of BPA membership. They will be reviewing all methods of communication with members over the coming months. Changes and improvements are expected. Plan to circulate an Events Bulletin in due course.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masterplans are changing to 'Blueprints for Parking' from 2017 – going to be 2 year plans to match Government general election timetables. • PARKEX – April 2017 in Birmingham alongside Traffex • Brexit – maybe opportunities but there will be impacts – watch this space • Consultations – BPA complete 2-3 a month various matters • Annual Dinner November 2017 • Annual Conference October 2017 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BPA law line pilot of a PRLINE - Spring 2017 as a 6 month trial • Service Boards – Various matters arising • Scottish Exhibition in Stirling, September 2017 	
4.	<p>Presentation from Welsh Government – Blue Badge Scheme Officers from the WG advised on the work to date regarding the above scheme. There was a task and finish group in 2015 (some group members were involved). Over 200,000 badges in circulation in Wales. WG engaging with LA's through a series of coming workshops on administration and issue of the badge to enforcement of the scheme. Potential to revise the booklet and possibility of legislation changes as there are contradictions. Various discussion and Q&A ensued. It was agreed that BPA would take this forward by collating a list of BB issues to communicate to WG</p> <p>Discussion also evolved about Contravention codes and who makes them and who controls them? WG asked that BPA take this forward and collate a list of new/amendments or deletions of codes we require for them to consider.</p>	<p>BPA</p> <p>BPA</p>
5.	<p>Presentation from David Evans – NSL – child rescue alert initiative A brief presentation was given by DE regarding NSL and their approach. Looking at the front line enforcement officer providing more education on how to park correctly than enforcement. More like a community warden.</p> <p>Currently trying to promote the child rescue alert – a national system that tries to help missing people/children</p> <p>There was some trepidation regarding misuse of information in reporting vulnerable or missing children</p>	
6..	<p>Presentation from Ella Rabaiotti – Crime Stoppers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An introduction into what Crime Stoppers do • They offer a completely anonymous service to callers • Discussed ways to increase the visibility of Crime Stoppers to motorists 	
7.	<p>Any Other Business (AOB)</p> <p><u>Town Centre Parking initiative</u> Recently LA's have received a letter about the above (up to £3 million was given to the Welsh Authorities) this was to assist in reducing parking charges in High Streets across the Country to stimulate High Street shopping. Evidence available that some have simply put the funds in to the general budget to cover shortfalls in government funding for vital services.</p> <p><u>Parking Bill</u> This is a private member bill currently being considered. Only in England at this point. Will update as this evolves.</p>	

	<p><u>DVLA</u> Issues with backdating of V5 to DVLA. Getting more common. DVLA not responding to requests for keeper details when the vehicle is claimed to have been sold on. TPT dismissing PCNs if the LA can't prove who was the keeper due to the DVLA tardiness and incomplete record keeping. Delays in DVLA sending out new owner/change of owner details and how this is affecting appeals. One person had to wait 18 months for their letter from the DVLA to confirm change of ownership by which time the enforcement agents had already collected. No come back. The DVLA don't appear to do checks on change of ownership claims so the data is flawed. They also don't appear to prosecute those who dispose of their vehicle without telling them. Can BPA raise this as an issue with the DVLA focus group.</p> <p><u>Miscellaneous</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Asked if anyone had a venue for July meeting - Snowdon Walk on behalf of Marie Curie.is to be held on Saturday June 3rd organised by Excel Enforcement. Contact Julie Grimes at Excel to register in advance of the day. Meet at 10am on Llanberis car park for a briefing. Peter Lowe will be at the top dressed as a giant daffodil to meet and greet successful walkers. PSPOs briefly discussed for enforcement around schools. This is to be revisited at the July meeting. 	
9.	<p><u>Date of Next BPA Wales Group Regional Meeting:</u></p> <p>July 2017 at Media Resource Centre, Oxford Road, Llandrindod Wells, Powys, LD1 6AH.</p>	