



**Notes from the Parking and Transport Wales Group Regional Meeting  
Held on 13 July 2017 at The Media Resource Centre, Llandrindod Wells, Powys,  
LD1 6AH**

Item	Notes	Action Points
1.	<p><b>Apologies</b> Helen Edwards (Wales Penalty Processing Partnership)</p>	
2.	<p><b>Welcome and notes from previous meeting</b> Peter Lowe welcomed all to the Wales Group Meeting and advised that due to his commitment to the BPA presidency Alyn Lewis will be stepping up to chair the meetings for the next year.</p> <p>AL thanked PL and advised on housekeeping arrangements and the agenda for the meeting.</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 Enforcement.</p> <p>Welcome was also given to 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><b>Presentation from Kelvin Reynolds – BPA Updates</b> KR shared what the BPA are currently focusing on which are things like individual membership and career support etc also trying to attract younger people into the industry</p> <p>BPA is the largest parking association in world and the most diverse – want to try to achieve excellence in parking – 90% of motorists dont notice us it's the 10% that you hear about and what the reputation of the industry is based on sadly !</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Masterplans have changed to 'Blueprints for Parking' from 2017 – recent elections impacted on plan but have progressed with it after a brief review – sets out what want to achieve in next 5 years. Improve everyone's understanding on parking, harness technology, encourage investment and professionalism etc</li> <li>• Safer parking scheme – been running 13 years now with 5000+ awards</li> <li>• Positive parking agenda – desire to change public perception</li> <li>• PARKEX – April 2017 in Birmingham alongside Traffex was the highest attended parkex ever</li> <li>• Brexit – maybe opportunities but there will be impacts – watch this space</li> <li>• Annual Dinner November 2017 Annual Conference October 2017</li> <li>• Scottish Exhibition in Stirling, September 2017</li> </ul>	
4.	<p><b>Presentation from Peter Lowe – BPA President – the year ahead</b> PL expressed thanks to AL to taking on role of chair for the forthcoming year PL expects the year ahead to be busy but exciting too At acceptance speech – emphasised Wales and work done over the years Thanks to outgoing president Steve Brown</p>	

	<p>Thanks were also made to Jane Hack who retired after 25 years service to the BPA</p> <p>BPA stands for all aspects of our industry therefore theme of the year is consistency – in both public and private sector differences in legislation between England/Wales/Scotland and Ireland – depends on devolved powers</p> <p>Try to use this year to get message across that changes are needed to bring on consistency</p> <p>PL met Welsh cabinet secretary - discussed some initiatives</p> <p>PL sees <del>preseidancy</del><u>presidency</u> as an opportunity to be a conduit between all the boards and be able to influence things.</p> <p>Email has been set up <a href="mailto:president@britishparking.co.uk">president@britishparking.co.uk</a></p> <p><b>Promotional Video played showing positive aspects of the industry</b></p>	
5.	<p><b>Presentation from Welsh Government Officers about the Blue Badge Scheme – John Griffiths and Astrid Davies</b></p> <p>Officers shared the work that is being completed by Welsh Gvt on the Blue Badge scheme – looking at legislation and booklet</p> <p>Gave feedback on recent workshops that have been completed and future plans regarding support for enforcement</p>	
6..	<p><b>Presentation from Solon Mardapittas Powerstargreen energy - green energy fuelling green cars</b></p> <p>Detailed presentation given on developments in the energy industry in terms of vehicle chargers and electrical stations. Need to assist the national grid as infrastructure is under pressure</p> <p>Huge opportunities for the future however still away to go</p>	
7.	<p><b>Presentation from Paul Kelly Jacobs enforcement – TEC update</b></p> <p>PK updated the group on Reg 9 work</p> <p>Considerable work still continuing behind the scenes – still need clarity from TEC</p> <p>Discussed issue of re-issue of warrants for new addresses</p> <p>12 months to collect from Notice of Enforcement so technically a warrant can be live for up to 2 years</p>	
8.	<p><b>Presentation from Billy Kennedy – Startraq – strengthening efficiency by using technology</b></p> <p>BK gave a presentation on the software for enforcement processing – 50% of police forces are currently using and more LA's are expressing an increase</p> <p>Trend is moving towards shared services ie Wales Penalty Processing Partnership</p> <p>Need an open system so can communicate with other systems</p>	

9.	<p><b>Presentation from Paul Slowey – Blue Badge Fraud Investigation</b></p> <p>PS presented a summary of his background and work that he has been involved in.  Suggests blue badge fraud is more a city centre issue – gains are higher !  Increasing number of Blue Badges being stolen  Mis-use is the highest reason for BB issues rather than theft/fraud  Need to increase awareness and publicity- sees best way to complete is specialist teams</p>	
10.	<p><b>Presentation from Paul Griffith-Williams Oxford City Council – blue badge enforcement</b>  - <b>a combined approach</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- PGW detailed he is part of a corporate investigation team</li> <li>- Run a number of operations involving multi agency and undertook blue badge enforcement at key times of year</li> <li>- Created awareness and positive press</li> <li>- Blue badge holders benefited in the long term</li> </ul>	
11.	<p><b>Any Other Business (AOB)</b></p> <p><u>Marie Curie(current charity)</u>  Excel enforcement completed a walk up Snowdon in June and raise over £4k  Many thanks for the company for a great event/donation to the charity  RTA Associates and PL supported dressed as a daffodil</p>	
12.	<p><b><u>Date of Next BPA Wales Group Regional Meeting:</u></b></p> <p>7 November – venue to be confirmed</p>	