



Notes from the Wales Group Regional Meeting
Held on 10 July 2013 at Multimedia Library/ Resource Centre, Oxford Road,
Llandrindod Wells, Powys

| Item | Notes | Action Points |
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| 1. | Apologies None received | |
| 2. | Welcome and notes from previous meeting Peter Lowe welcomed all to the Wales Group Regional Meeting. Sincere thanks were expressed to Excel Civil Enforcement as the sponsors for today's meeting and to Ali Tooze (BPA) for making the necessary meeting/catering arrangements. Previous meeting notes were discussed. No comments/issues were raised. No 'burning issues' were raised at this stage however AOB later if attendees want to raise later. | |
| 3. | Presentation from Anjna Patel – Previous BPA President AP expressed thanks for the welcome to the meeting. AP always intended to come to a Wales Group regional meeting when she was president but never quite made it. AP summarised her presidential year and the support given to her chosen charity. Thanked all for support and hard work in Wales throughout the year. | |
| 4. | Presentation from Kelvin Reynolds – BPA Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KR role recently changed – now involved in leading publicity for BPA • BPA new master plans have been published http://www.britishparking.co.uk/write/Documents/Wales_Master_Plan_for_Parking_2013-14 - dual language version.pdf • Communications strategy – new PR contact • Continued engagement of Government | |
| 5. | Presentation from Paul Kyte – Bailiff Update PK indicated that from the consultation in March 2013 - various working groups were set up. Regulations out by 19 July 2013. Bare bones of proposals – however no references to fees – likely by April 2014. Further information due out in October 2013 and guidance by December 2013. Code of practice likely to include option for 1/3/5 year review to ensure remain relevant and up to date. Still considering VAT issue | |
| 6. | Presentation from Peter Lowe – various matters Parking Policy in Wales PL & Patrick Troy recently met Edwina Hart in July 2013. Allowed Four key topics discussed - briefing paper prepared for all 4 areas. 1. <u>Pavement Parking Ban in Wales</u> – EH informed why it should be considered/supported. PL asked for feedback from Group members 2. <u>PCN Levy</u> – EH receptive to idea of review of levy. Current levy set in 2008. General | |

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| | <p>Consensus no longer prevents contraventions. Considerable group discussion on matter – let PL have views.</p> <p>3. <u>Welsh Government change of legislation in March 2013</u> – PL raised issue about the recent changes and how the LA's were not formally advised until June 2013. Questions were raised about the validity of the PCN's that were issued after legislation change – some LA's suspended enforcement others didn't. Acknowledged Colin Eaketts mentioned in December 2012 but no firm plans. BPA agree need to rebuild working relationship between Welsh Government and Welsh Group. KR to contact Wgovt to agree regular representative to attend meetings.</p> <p>4. <u>Parking on private land</u> – needs clarity and input from Minister Current legislation prohibits LA's undertaking enforcement on private car parks – if change could provide new opportunities.</p> <p>Other Issues 3rd party access to Northgate (BBIS) – general group discussion regarding who accesses and how. Cannot access through HHC's have to use a 'smart' devise which is not necessarily practical or available to enforcement officers. BPA liaising on this matter. Group to email KR with issues.</p> <p>Statutory instruments – PL asked if anyone has seen anything about moving traffic orders – BPA to prompt WGvnt</p> | |
| 7. | <p>Presentation from Peter Lowe (Ian Gamble – ANPR) PL advised that final report was submitted which supports Masterplan objectives. Need WGovnt to support and to progress a national type approved camera etc. Needs discussion in the future with WGvnt representative.</p> | |
| 8. | <p>Break out groups PL continued with the opportunity for the Group to 'break out' in smaller groups and discuss 3 key topics</p> <p>1. Views on adequacy of current BPA/Welsh Government arrangements Need specific guidance on issues from Welsh Government</p> <p>2. Impact of new technology +ve impact in general i.e badge camera's/pay by phone – not all practical in Wales i.e workplace levy</p> <p>3. Parking signs and policies Have to balance polices to manage parking and encourage visitors. Review of TRO's to ensure 'fit for purpose'. Use of smart tariffs – issues with accommodating Members requirements. Consider car parks for other activities on quiet days. Parking management integral to Network management.</p> | |
| 9. | <p>Any Other Business (AOB) Parkex Feedback - Good event</p> <p>No annual conference as BPA supporting European conference in Ireland (11-13 September 2013)</p> <p>Masterplans – Group asked for year end summary.</p> <p>Consideration of bringing all Special Interest Groups together – further details to follow</p> <p>Badge Cameras – Mike Garland highlighted the use of badge cams by Excel Bailiffs – positive</p> | |

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| | <p>impact and has significantly reduced staff assaults.</p> <p>Sentencing guidelines – changes in December 2012 – assault on CEO should be considered as aggravated assault not common assault.</p> <p>Parking Qualifications – being delivered by WAMITAB not city & guilds Still developing national occupational standards. KR will follow up. Some group discussion on this matter.</p> <p>AOS & POPLA 1/10/2012 – private parking changes. May allow enforcement of LA land i.e. leisure centres/housing estates without use of Off Street Order. Includes keeper liability. POPLA – independent appeals services – up to operator to progress.</p> <p>Best Wishes to Phil who is retiring end of July 2013</p> | |
| 10. | <p><u>Date of Next BPA Wales Group Regional Meeting:</u> 21/11/2013 – location was Wrexham but is now Cardiff - TBC</p> | |