



Notes of the Wales Group Meeting

Held on: 18th March 2015 – 10.30am
At: Park Inn, Cardiff City Centre CF10 2JH

Item	Notes
	<p>Attendees BPA: Patrick Troy (CEO), Ashley Bijster (President), Chas Cannon (Regional Representative) Chair – Peter Lowe (RTA Associates Ltd) Vice Chair – Alyn Lewis (Jacobs) Apologies: Joanne Rogers – Secretary (Wrexham County Borough Council), Mike Garland (Excel Enforcement)</p>
1.0	<p>Welcome and Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provided by PL – special thanks for Excel Enforcement for their 2015/2016 group sponsorship. - Last meeting minutes of 11th November 2014 summarised, no issues raised and minutes accepted by the group. - AB gave a welcome on behalf of the BPA to the group, and commented on a full and productive agenda which focused on the customer and the latest technology. The BPA Master plan will feature on the agenda for the group to discuss and it was exciting times for the association.
2.0	<p>BPA and Parking Updates by Patrick Troy (BPA Chief Executive)</p> <p>PT provided an update to the group on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - BPA Governance - Membership figures and trends - AOS Membership figures and trends - Park Safe Scheme - Know your Parking Rights Campaign – www.knowyourparkingrights.com - Media Affairs – New series of Parking Mad planned – good opportunity to show a fair and balanced view of parking issues (4.5m viewers of last series) - 2015/2016 Events – see BPA website for national, regional and special interest group events. - Parkex / Traffex will take place week 20th April (Tuesday-Thursday) - Court Case update – Beavis –v- Parking Eye - Interesting case with wider implications on decision – due in April/May - No2Mob letter to all Local Authorities encouraging CEO's to review councils memberships – BPA have a template response, and have written to all LA's.
3.0	<p>Parking in the Media, by Patrick Troy (BPA Chief Executive)</p>

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4.0	<p>Parking News Articles – Welsh Themes & Best Practice</p> <p>PL update that Chris Gilson, Editor of Parking News would be interested in publishing articles and case studies of interest within Wales – all contributions welcome and can be arranged through PL</p>	
5.0	<p>‘Parking outside the box’ (Or at least outside the car park), by Harrison Woods (MD, Your Parking Space)</p> <p>Please click here to view the slides from this presentation.</p>	
6.0	<p>The Online Appeals Service by Iain Worrall (Traffic Penalty Tribunal (TPT) – Best Evidence Cloud Knowledge (BECK))</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Online Portal to make and respond to Appeals - Welsh Language Available - Contact Iain to discuss roll out to include your Local Authority <p>Please click here to view the slides from this presentation.</p>	
7.0	<p>Welsh Government Update provided by Peter Lowe</p> <p>Current workloads were preventing attendance by the WLG team. The update focussed on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Footway Parking Control (Caroline Sheppard suggestion that the Welsh Government set powers to decriminalise footpath parking to LA’s the same as CPE) – Welsh Government response is that they have no legal competence to create new parking offences or extend the current CPE rules - Welsh Government would not comment on the Master plan as they have published their national Draft Transport Plan - BPA will continue to engage with the Welsh Government team to establish appropriate engagement levels within their team and continue to request that they attend the regional group meeting. It’s important that we continue to influence decision and policy making within Wales. 	
8.0	<p>Update on Park Mark (Safer Parking) by Chas Cannon (BPA Area Manger)</p> <p>134 Park Mark Awards in Wales:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - North Wales – 33 - Dyfed / Powys – 85 - South Wales – 16 	
9.0	<p>The BPA’s Welsh Master Plan for 2015/2016 by Patrick Troy (BPA Chief Executive)</p> <p>This year’s themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Urban Mobility 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Keeping Towns & Cities moving - Growth - Innovation & Investment - Delivering fairness in Parking <p>Launch Date: 29.06.15 at the BPA AGM</p> <p>Comments from the Group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Master plan should be linked to Safety as core principles of TMA - Education – Training & Development should feature – Know your Rights Campaign, Driving Tests don't feature parking or parking knowledge, and Blue Badge Ignorance should be addressed - Consistency – different rule and signs for different car parks across the country – should be common rules and signs. Also needs more consistency across the private and public car park operators - ANPR/CCTV – Deregulation bill goes against proven customer benefits of CCTV & ANPR – legal to use on & off street but not to enforce 	
10.0	<p>BPA Governance Structure</p> <p>Requires review, as concerns that there is little opportunity to properly feedback to the order of meetings:</p> <p>Annually there are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 4 Board of Directors Meetings - 2 Council of Representatives - 3 Welsh group Meetings <p>Meetings not coordinated to fit into board meetings and concerns raised about the opportunity to represent all the Wales group members.</p> <p>PT agreed to review the schedule of meetings and purpose – a flow diagram would also be produced to explain the governance structure.</p>	
11.0	<p>Update on Blue Badge Fraud by Paul Slowey (BBFI Ltd)</p> <p>Please click here to view the slides from this presentation.</p>	
12.0	<p>Any Other Business (AOB)</p> <p>Peter Lowe called for AOB, which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Motability Finance – LA's could contact Motability Finance if they have multiple tickets outstanding for a customer with a motability car. It's against the terms and conditions of their agreement to have outstanding PCN's. There were a few examples in the group where Motability had intervened and discussed the matter with their vehicle holder. - Higher Education Meetings – would be a good initiative to encourage higher education and NHS organisations to attend the regional group - Peter Lowe reminded the group that to contact him should there be any articles available for the Parking News Magazine 	

13.0	Meeting Close 3pm – Thanks to all speakers and sponsor Date of Next Meeting – 8 th July 2015 – Venue to be confirmed – any member who can host the next meeting please contact Katerina.p@britishparking.co.uk	
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