



**Notes from the Wales Group Regional Meeting
Held on 11 November 2014 at Canolfan Rheidol, Ceredigion, Aberystwyth**

Item	Notes	Action Points
1.	<p>Apologies Ian Gamble Owen Jones – Williams Chris Willis Kelvin Reynolds Patrick Troy Katy Spain Keith Miller Tony Caine Lucinda Cheshire</p>	
2.	<p>Welcome and notes from previous meeting Peter Lowe welcomed all to the Wales Group Regional Meeting in particular Ashley Bjister (for the second time!) and Chas Cannon both attending on behalf of the BPA.</p> <p>PL indicated that there would be 1 minutes silence at 11am for Remembrance Day</p> <p>Sincere thanks were expressed to Jacobs for sponsoring today’s meeting and to Katy Spain for making the necessary meeting/catering arrangements. Gerwyn Jones completed housekeeping details in case of fire and arrangements for lunch.</p> <p>Previous meeting notes were discussed. No comments/issues were raised. No ‘burning issues’ were raised at this stage however AOB if attendees want to raise later.</p>	
3.	<p>Presentation from Ashley Bjister – BPA President</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Glad to be at second Welsh meeting – delighted to be here today • BPA focused on driving up standards and raising customer awareness • Important discussion about the Approved Operator Scheme later in meeting 	
4.	<p>Presentation from Alyn Lewis – Jacobs Enforcement Service A short presentation was given by AL summarising the 6 months since the change to the legislation in April 2014.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early indication is everything going ok • Modernisation of the industry has been welcomed • Simplified fee structure very positive • Indications that most people are paying at the compliance stage of the process • Must consider vulnerable persons <p>Contact Alyn Lewis or any of the Bailiff companies for more information</p>	
5.	<p>Presentation from Peter Lowe – vice chair of Welsh group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 nomination of Vice Chair position received from Alyn Lewis • All group supported nomination and Alyn was officially welcomed as Group Vice Chair 	
6.	<p>Presentation from Chas Cannon – Parkmark A short presentation was given by CC regarding 10 year anniversary of Parkmark</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Video on You Tube – shown to group • New website and mobile phone versions • Considering expanding into Marina’s/meet and greet car parks and bus stations <p>Contact Chas Cannon for more details</p>	

7.	<p>Presentation from Chas Cannon – BPA business</p> <p>A short presentation was given by CC regarding various aspects of BPA business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Know your parking rights (BPA site) for public • BPA website being revamped – more public focused and members pages will be more technical • BPA blog • Annual conference – well attended • Members dinner sold out • Council representative meeting December 2014 • Parkex/Trafex – April 2015 at Birmingham • BPA responded to a number of consultations i.e. technical consultation on planning / new £1 coin & polymer note 	
8.	<p>Presentation from Ashley Bjister – BPA Approved Operator Scheme</p> <p>AJ shared with the group that there is a proposal to change the AOS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Separate AOS from BPA • Would allow AOS to complete with other trade associations • Likely to have financial implications to BPA • BPA will consult with stakeholders and all service boards • If approved deliver in October 2015 <p>Any views on this proposal please contact BPA public affairs team on media@britishparking.co.uk</p>	
9.	<p>Presentation from James Wright – Retro Fitting with LED's</p> <p>A short presentation was given by JW regarding options for retro fitting lights in car parks and the savings that can be realised.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saalex Funding available in Wales • Asset upgrade strategy • Flexible technology • Allows maximisation of existing fitting • Number of pitfalls / ways to do it / common misconceptions • More expensive to buy initially but last longer <p>Contact James Wright for more details</p>	
10.	<p>Presentation from Russell Simmons – Chair of SAMSIG</p> <p>A short presentation was given by RS regarding special interest group for car parks structures and lifecare plans.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of group • Lifecare plans are critical to ensure car park structures are sound • Various ways to produce • ICE 2015 – updated guidance <p>Contact Russell Simmons for more details</p>	
11..	<p>Any Other Business (AOB)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PL indicated that Eric Pickles is progressing a number of matters - basically ignored consultation - issue with Deregulation bill (clause 78a and 87) in relation to CCTV footage • TSRGD – still not clear when going to 'go live' in 2015. Aware of a number of issues and challenges to the proposals. Update in due course. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welsh group to pursue Welsh Government about enforcement on private land and also need to pursue the matter suggested for enforcement of pavement parking• Wales Penalty Processing Partnership started using EPC for European collections. Collected £700 to date from a number of countries <p>Thanks again to Jacobs and Ceredigion for venue/sponsorship and to all presenters for their time.</p>	
12.	<u>Date of Next BPA Wales Group Regional Meeting:</u> March / July and November 2015 – exact dates and venues to be confirmed	