

Town Centre Regeneration Meeting

Thursday 10th October 2013

In Attendance

Sarah Scourfield, James Parfitt, Stephanie Cross, Jane Phillips, Abigail Hallett, Miranda Rhys-Davies, Ben Blake (PCC Officer)

Apologies

Pamela George

Signage

Ben Blake the Traffic Engineer from the County Council met with members of the group to discuss possible signage changes, it was agreed the areas which needed improved signage are Meyrick Owen Way and London Road, as this tends to be the route for all ferry traffic.

It was commented that there needs to be more of a draw to bring visitors into the town when they are leaving the ferry, members of the group commented that they were planning on having flower towers placed on the maypole corner to make that entrance of the town more welcoming. Ben Blake commented that often areas can benefit from having town map signage in pedestrian areas, the group commented that the shutters on St Govans Centre could be a prime location for something like this, it was stated that the planning department would need to be contacted.

Ben Blake stated that the signage needs to be looked at in two sections, one being the highways and the other being pedestrian. He suggested that signage was looked at in the two areas to state clearly where the Town Centre is located, and the signs should then direct the visitors to a car park. Then he commented the pedestrian signage to the different amenities within the area should be looked at to ensure it is working to its full potential once in the Town Centre. It was agreed that Ben Blake would look at plans and costing's for such a scheme and present them back to the group.

Members questioned if the entrance from route 9 onto Lower Meyrick Street could be looked at to become a two way access, Ben Blake stated that this would be an expensive project to undertake and take a long time to be put into action, it was questioned if the new Marstons development would be able to help with this project with funding? It was commented that the plans would be checked to see if this was possible before contacting Marstons.

Car parking charges was an issue which was raised members questioned if these could be changed with the first 2 hours being free and then a higher charge after, Ben Blake stated that the group would need to contact Mark Owen of the County Council to discuss this issue.

Monthly Markets

Sarah provided the group with further information on the charges for monthly markets she informed members that stalls would cost approximately £150 each to purchase and the group would also need a location to store them. The group agreed something like this would need a lot of commitment from traders to erect and remove the stalls and collect the stall fees. It was agreed that the group would look at holding a car boot sale on a Saturday morning instead in the car park based below the Job centre. Sarah informed members that they would need permissions from the County Council before this could take place and there could be a closure fee.