

WREXHAM TOURISM FORUM – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2006

**Minutes of AGM held on Tuesday 28th November 2006
Llyndir Hall Hotel**

Present:

Allan Forrest	AF	-	Northern Marches Cymru
Bethan Vaughan	BV	-	Northern Marches Cymru
Colin Hyde	CH	-	Wrexham County Borough Council
Darryl Shaw	DS	-	Rossett Hall Hotel
Del Roberts Jones	DRJ	-	Wrexham County Borough Council
Della Brookshaw	DB	-	Plassey Leisure Park
Geoffrey Marshall	GM	-	St. Giles' Church / OCN
Gwyneth Forrester	GF	-	Gresford T.I.P
Michael Kagan	MK	-	Cross Lanes Hotel
Michelle Kozomara	Mkoz	-	British Waterways
Pat Bannon	PB	-	Ramada Plaza
Sue Kelly	SK	-	OCN

		Action
1./	<p>Welcome and Apologies Introductions were made. Apologies were received from John Newton Jones, Dawn Roberts, Dewi Davies, June Coope, and Erin Robinson.</p>	
2./	<p>Chairman's Report Vice Chairman DS provided the Chairman's Report in JNJ's absence. This outlined the new structure, primary aims and past successes of the Wrexham Tourism Forum (hereafter referred to as the Forum) and its partnership with WCBC. Thanks was given to the Forum members and WCBC staff for support provided over the years. <i>Copy attached</i> No questions were raised of the report.</p>	
3./	<p>Election of Officers Due to business commitments, JNJ has resigned as Chair of the Forum. He has requested that he continue in an advisory capacity.</p> <p>Nominations for vacancies took place as follows. Chair - DS Vice Chair - MK Motion seconded by PI.</p> <p>It was proposed that the role of secretary and treasurer would remain with WCBC. Motion seconded by SK.</p>	
4./	<p>Ratification of composition of the Executive Committees MK raised the issue that the departure of JNJ leaves Wrexham's attraction sector underrepresented within the Forum. DS assured that new members are constantly being sought with no exclusions applied. CH reported that the Exec. group attempts to represent all sectors.</p>	

<p>5.5./</p> <p>5.6./</p> <p>5.7./</p>	<p>Market Research Project The Forum were informed that WCBC's Exec. Board have approved a major market research study in 2007 to identify gaps in tourism provision in the Wrexham County Borough. This research will link into previous IQM exercises undertaken.</p> <p>Public Information CH reported that links to the Forum's minutes, dates of meetings and a discussion board can be found at www.wrexham.gov.uk/wtf .</p> <p>OCN GM reported how the OCN was being held as example of best practice, in regards to the spending of EU monies by Faith Groups. SK commended WCBC Tourism Officers at meetings.</p>	
<p>6./</p>	<p>Rural Development Plan 2007-2013 DRJ reiterated the importance of the Forum's opportunity for involvement in the RDP, in regards to receiving economic assistance for identified projects.</p> <p>The question of WAG timetables was raised. AF reported that the LDS is to be written by 18th December 2006. The Business Plan is to be submitted by Spring 2007.</p> <p>AF explained the two current Axes for the RDP being considered by Northern Marches Cymru.</p>	<p>ALL</p>
<p>7./</p>	<p>Date of next meetings AGM to be held during Business Week 2007.</p> <p>Next Forum meeting to be held 25th January 2007, at 10am at the Ramada Plaza.</p>	

Definition of acronyms used;

WCBC	Wrexham County Borough Council
TPNW	Tourism Partnership North Wales
TGA	Tourism Growth Area
NEW	North East Wales
OCN	Open Churches Network
IQM	Integrated Quality Management
RDP	Rural Development Plan
WAG	Welsh Assembly Government
LDS	Local Development Strategy