**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF BAWTRY TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE NEW HALL ON TUESDAY 28th MARCH 2017 AT 7.00PM**

**Present:** Cllrs: D. Cartwright, G Budgen, J. Linsley, A. Claypole, A Cropley; S. Womack;

P. Holland; D. Kirkham; R Dickenson; C Lukey. G. Scott.

 Mrs. A Harrison - Clerk

In Attendance:1 member of the public

Public Discussion Period

Matters raised included

* Criteria to be applied to judge whether the trial was a success.
* Concerns that residents be given the opportunity to express their views as well as retailers.
* Recent MSF Incident noted.

**16/17/291** Receive Apologies and Approve Reasons for Absence

A. West (away), S Young (other commitment)

**16/17/292** Receive Declarations of Interest (other than standing interests**).**

 None

**16/17/293** Agree Confidential Items

None.

**16/17/294** Market Hill Car Park Trial

The Council had requested details re: remote monitoring and compensation if the trial was extended or became permanent. Unfortunately the questions raised had not yet been fully answered. However Excel had indicated that any extension would require the Council compensating them for the full amount of any income reduction (based on 2016 figures). This was despite the fact that income appeared to be down (by 16%) in 2017 on weekdays which the trial did not effect. It wasn’t clear therefore that the reduced income was as a direct result of the trial as opposed to a decline in use generally.

It was noted that the Council was unable to change the charging hours without Excels consent. No agreement had been reached and therefore inevitably the current trial would end on the 31st March.

It was proposed therefore not to seek an extension or permanent change at this time but to express dissatisfaction in respect of the information received and the inefficient operation of the trial with a further request for information to be supplied together with a meeting of Excel representatives with the newly formed car parking group.

It was counter proposed that in light of Excel not keeping to the terms of the trial, another 3 month trial be requested until a fair process had occurred and information requested had been received-

Counter proposal: Not carried- 4 in favour, 7 against.

**Resolved:** Original proposal carried: 8 in favour, 3 against

It was agreed that at the BRA meeting retailers be asked to publicise the end of the trial to their customers and to ask Excel to not issue penalty tickets up to and including the Easter weekend to allow for advertising on notice boards etc.

In order to allow for more transparency regarding the car park arrangements members again expressed a desire to disclose the Excel contract.

**Resolved**: That legal advice be sought from the Byrne Practice to ascertain the risks of implied confidentiality prior to any disclosure.

**16/17/295** Consider Community Forum Plans

The Chair circulated a proposed “agenda” for the initial meeting with the topics to be covered briefly before a question and answer session by the public.

Members considered the topics to be covered including differentiating between the roles of the Parish Council and DMBC and adding the taxi rank as part of the improvements envisaged.

Members agreed which areas they would cover and publicity material was distributed

There being no further business the meeting ended at 8.15pm

**Chair: ……………………………………………. Dated…………………………………………**