

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ON SMALL SHOPS 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

1. GROUP MEMBERSHIP AND OFFICE HOLDERS

Chair: Russell George MS

Members:

Russell George MS, Sioned Williams MS, Janet Finch-Saunders MS, Mark Isherwood MS, Tom Giffard MS, Llyr Gruffydd MS, Samuel Kurtz MS, James Evan MS, Hefin David MS.

2. PREVIOUS GROUP MEETINGS SINCE LAST AGM

Meeting 1 (Virtual): Retail Crime in Wales

Date: Wednesday 21st February 2024, 12:30 – 13:30

Name	Organisation	Minutes
Edward Woodall	ACS	EW
Daniel Askew	ACS	DA
Willem Van De Ven	ACS	WV
Vikki Howells	MS for Cynon Valley	VH
Robin Lewis	MS Support Staff for Vikki Howells	RL
Vince Malone	Tenby Stores Retailer	VM
Ioan Bellin	MS Support Staff for Delyth Jewell	IB
Jenny Rathbone	MS for Cardiff Central	JR
Gwen Patterson	NFRN	GP
Dennis Clarke	Councillor for Centre of Barry	DC
Sam Whiteside	N/A	SW
Nicky Ryan	MS Support Staff for	NR
Peter Robinson	Robinson Retail	PR
Sue Jude	NFSP	SJ
Tom Perry	MS Support Staff for Tom Giffard	PR
Kiera Marshall	MS Support Staff	KM
Laura McCormack	Booksellers Association	LM
John Parkinson	N/A	JP
Alun Michael	South Wales Police and Crime Commissioner	AM
Russell George	MS for Montgomeryshire	RG

Summary of issues discussed:

Ed Woodall, ACS (Association of Convenience Stores) Government Relations Director, provided an overview of new findings on Retail Crime & the launch of Stop Shop Theft Campaign

Vince Malone, Tenby Stores Retailers, described his experience of retail crime and recommendations that should be undertaken to address the issue.

Alun Michael, South Wales Police and Crime Commissioner, outlined what work is being done to tackle retail crime on a local level and outlined future plans for addressing the issue.

Meeting 2 (Virtual): Access to Cash in Wales

Date: Wednesday 6th November, 12:30 – 13:30

Attendees:

Name	Organisation	Minutes
Edward Woodall	ACS	EW
Daniel Askew	ACS	DA
Jordan Newfield	ACS	JN
Anna Moreno	ACS	AM
David Hefin	MS for Caerphilly	DH
Sarah McKenzie	FCA	SM
Russell George	MS for Montgomeryshire	RG
Tom Giffard	MS for South Wales West	TG
Gwen Patterson	The Fed	GW
Andrew Jenkins	Support Staff for	AJ
Jenny Bates	FCA	JB
John Halliday	Bira	JH
Kieron Haley	FCA	KH
Rosina Robson	NHBF	RR
Ruth Buckley-Salmon	NFSP	RBS
Ellis Smith	MS Support Staff for Russell George MS	ES
Vince Malone	Tenby Stores	VM
Mark Isherwood	MS for North Wales	MI

Summary of issues discussed

Jordan Newfield, ACS Public Affairs Manager, presented an overview of why access to cash is important to local communities, the latest data on ATM provision in Wales and support businesses need.

Sarah McKenzie, Head of Department, Retail Banking Market Analysis and Policy, provided an overview of FCA's role, how access to cash provision has changed over time and how the FCA is supporting local communities by protecting access to cash via their new cash rules.

Vince Malone, Tenby Stores, panellist, provided information on how banking hubs can be set up and applied for by businesses and some of their differences compared to traditional Post Offices.

3. PROFESSIONAL LOBBYISTS, VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS AND CHARITIES WITH WHOM THE GROUP HAS MET DURING THE PRECEDING YEAR

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4. ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

11/11/2024

Cross Party Group on Small Shops

Chair: Russell George MS

Secretary: Daniel Askew, Association of Convenience Stores

Group's Expenses.	None.	£0.00
Costs of all goods.	No goods purchased.	£0.00
Benefits received by the group or individual Members from outside bodies.	No benefits received.	£0.00
Any secretariat or other support.	No financial support received.	£0.00
Services provided to the Group such as hospitality.		
Virtual meetings hosted by Association of Convenience Stores' Teams account.		
Date	Description and name of provider	Cost
Total cost		£0