

# Cross-Party Group Annual Report.

[18/09/2014]

## Cross Party Group on Small Shops

### 1. Group membership and office holders.

Janet Finch-Saunders AM (Chair)

Keith Davies AM

Elin Jones AM

William Powell AM

Secretariat: Sophie Mew (Association of Convenience Stores)

Support to the Group is provided by a range of trade associations representing small shops across Wales.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ActSmart</li> <li>• Booksellers Association</li> <li>• British Independent Retailers Association</li> <li>• Entertainment Retailers Association</li> <li>• Federation of Wholesale Distributors</li> <li>• Guild of Fine Food Retailers</li> <li>• Pet Industry Federation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Independent Retailers Confederation</li> <li>• National Association of Goldsmiths</li> <li>• National Federation of Meat and Food Traders</li> <li>• National Federation of Retail Newsagents</li> <li>• Rural Shops Alliance</li> <li>• Horticultural Trade Association</li> </ul>
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### 2. Previous Group Meetings since the last AGM.

#### Meeting 1.

15<sup>th</sup> October

#### *Attendees:*

Janet Finch-Saunders AM (JFS)	Chair
Elin Jones AM (EJ)	Cross Party Group Member
Rhodri Glyn Thomas AM (RGT)	
Eluned Parrott AM (EP)	
Russell George AM (RG)	
Simon Stranks (SS)	Janet Finch-Saunders AM
Mair Roberts (MRR)	Secretary
Shane Brennan (SB)	ACS
Laura Doel (LD)	Alun Davies AM
Phil Bale (PB)	Julie Morgan AM
Alexander Phillips (AP)	William Powell AM
Mark Roberts (MR)	The Co-operative Group

David Yates (DY)	Blakemore
Janet Read (JR)	National Skills Academy for Retail
Sophie Traherne (ST)	Conservative Group Office

Economic contribution of local shops. At this meeting the group received a presentation on the economic contribution of local shops to the Welsh economy and held a discussion on the future programme of activity.

### **Meeting 2.**

*29<sup>th</sup> January*

Janet Finch-Saunders AM (JFS)	Chair
Keith Davies AM (KD)	Member
Mark Isherwood AM (MI)	
Tom Evans (TE)	Newport BID
Alan Edwards (AE)	Newport Chamber Trade
Adrian Roper (AR)	National Federation of Retail Newsagents
Mair Roberts (MRR)	Secretary
Shane Brennan (SB)	ACS
Neil Moss (NM)	National Skills Academy for Retail
William Lloyd Williams (WLW)	National Federation of Meat and Food Traders
Nathan Walmsley	Filco Supermarkets
Mark Roberts (MR)	The Co-operative Group
Michael Weedon	British Independent Retailers Association
Craig Lawson (CL)	Suzy Davies AM
Sophie Traherne (ST)	Conservative Group Office
Owen Davies (OD)	Owen Davies Consulting
Chris Jones (CJ)	Chris Jones Regeneration
Chris Wade (CW)	Action for Market Towns
Mike Cisuelo (MC)	Booker Wholesale

Championing best practice in management of high streets across Wales. A presentation from experts from Towns Alive provided examples of excellent work being done in Bangor, Dolgellau, Neath and Ystradgynlais to meet the challenges faced by these three very different towns. Following this meeting the Group circulated a report to all AMs showcasing the best practice.

### **Meeting 3.**

**2nd April**

The group heard from Officials leading the reform of planning policy for the Welsh Assembly Government. The group was able to feed in views into the ongoing development of policy.

Janet Finch-Saunders AM (JFS)	Chair
Keith Davies AM (KD)	Member
Russell George AM (RG)	
Rhodri Glyn Thomas AM (RGT)	
Edward Woodall (EW)	ACS
Rosemary Thomas (RT)	Welsh Government
Jon Fudge (JF)	Welsh Government
Mair Roberts (MRR)	Secretary
Rhodri Evans (RE)	FSB Wales
Ian Hunt	Filco Supermarkets
Mark Roberts (MR)	The Co-operative Group
Emma Sands (ES)	Conservative Group Office
Craig Lawson (CL)	Suzy Davies AM
Sophie Traherne (ST)	Conservative Group Office

**3. Professional lobbyists, voluntary organisations and charities with whom the Group has met during the preceding year.**

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# Annual Financial Statement.

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## Cross Party Group on Small Shops

Janet Finch-Saunders AM, Chair

Sophie Mew, Association of Convenience Stores, Secretariat

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.		
All refreshments paid for by Association of Convenience Stores		
15 <sup>th</sup> October	Charlton House Catering	£197.60
29 <sup>th</sup> January		£129.80
2 <sup>nd</sup> April		£112.50
15 <sup>th</sup> July		£790.50
		£0.00
	<b>Total cost</b>	<b>£1230.40</b>