

Cross-Party Group Annual Report.**20 January 2016****Cross Party Group on Small Shops****1. Group membership and office holders.****Janet Finch Saunders AM****Keith Davies AM****Elin Jones AM****William Powell AM****Steve Dowling, Association of Convenience Stores****2. Previous Group Meetings.****Annual Reception*****Meeting date:* 1st July 2015*****Attendees:***

Rhodri	Ab-Owen	Positif
Mohammad	Asghar	Assembly Member
Mike	Ash-Edwards	Co-Op Group
Morgan	Brobyn	ACS
Hayley	Came	Camelot Books
Deborah	Came	Camelot Books
Matthew	Clark	NFRN
Bethan	Cook	Food Standards Agency
Owen	Davies	Blakemore Retail
Rachel	Evans	Countryside Alliance
Rhodri	Evans	FSB
Janet	Finch-Saunders	Assembly Member
Russell	George	Assembly Member
Mel	Griffin	Griffin Books
Edwina	Hart	Assembly Member
Andrew	Highway	Caerphilly County Borough Council
Rob	Holdaway	NFRN
Peter	James	Bira
Haworth	Janet	Assembly Member
James	Lowman	ACS
James	Mark	James and Jenkins

John	Murray	Blakemore Retail
Peter	O'Toole	Retail Merchandising Services
Daniel	O'Toole	Retail Merchandising Services
John	Parkinson	NFRN
Ken	Parsons	Rural Shops Alliance
Matthew	Phipps	TLT Solicitors
Mark	Podmore	Blakemore Retail
Adrian	Roper	NRFN
Vyas	Sharma	NFRN
Sam	Whiteside	NFRN
Steve	Willcox	Caerphilly County Borough Council
Naomi	Williams	Positif
Edward	Woodall	ACS

Summary of issues discussed: The important role of small shops on high streets

Business Rates and Small Shops

Meeting date: 11th March 2015

Attendees:

Janet Finch-Saunders	AM
Philippa Green	JFS
William Graham	AM
Jenny Rathbone	AM
Russell George	AM
Mohammad Asghar	AM
Keith Davies	AM
Mick Antoniw	AM
Edward Woodall	ACS
Sophie Mew	ACS
Chris Sutton	JLL
Dylan Jones-Evans	UWE
Josh Miles	FSB
Ken Parsons	RSA
	Conservative Group
Elizabeth Flowers	Office
Matthew Clark	NFRN
Dev Afwani	NFRN

Summary of issues discussed: The impact of business rates on small shops and the importance of small business rate relief.

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

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National Federation of Retail Newsagents,
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British Independent Retail Associations
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Annual Financial Statement.

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Cross Party Group on Small Shops

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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		
Date	Description and name of provider	Cost
11 th March 2015	Catering for business rates meeting, ACS (CH &Co Catering Limited)	£118.26
1 st July 2015	Catering for Reception, ACS (CH &Co Catering Limited)	£275.16
Total cost		£393.42