

Summary of responses - Consultees - Sept 2023

Cllr James Pritchard – 8/9

- Its clear the new way of working has generated greater business interest. The rising satisfaction levels among attendees again demonstrates the strength of the new format.
- Holding the events in town centre locations has helped.
- The town centre team have done really well in contacting key businesses in each of the towns.
- I would support the abolishment of the TCMG as its clear we're now attracting more businesses, with less input from certain domineering councillors.

Cllr Teresa Parry – 11/9

I am happy with the new model of working, and see much more engagement from yourselves, taking a genuine interest in helping Ystrad Mynach town centre and the businesses, please keep up the good work it is still early days but I can see progress is being made.

Cllr Carol Andrews – 12/9

I am fully supportive of this model. I have only participated in the Bargoed events but they engage with businesses far more than the previous one where meetings were held at times that were not conducive for businesses but only elected members. Hopefully this model will strengthen our town centres and follow in Treorchy's footsteps!

Response from Helen Williams – Bargoed Town Council 26/9

At a meeting of Bargoed Town Council last week, I was instructed to provide the following feedback on the new town centre management model:

Members are supportive of the change in format for the town centre management model because they feel it brings the management of the town centre closer to the actual

traders: it encourages greater involvement and collaboration from local stakeholders.

I was also asked by the mayor to pass on his thanks for all your hard work to date.