



**Cyngor Tref Y Trallwng
Welshpool Town Council
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MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Events and Tourism Committee held on **Wednesday 9th April 2025 at 7:15 p.m. In the Council Chamber, Welshpool Town Hall.**

Present – Cllr C. Davies – Chairman
Cllr Morag Bailey
Cllr Phil Pritchard
Cllr Estelle Bleivas
Cllr Julie Arnold - Via Zoom
Cllr Phil Owen
Cllr Bill Rowell
Cllr Sally Fitzgerald

Also present – Richard Williams - Town Clerk and Proper Officer.
Kimberly Wright – Events Officer.
Wendy Lewis - Tourist Information centre manager.

ET24/102. Chairman's Welcome.

The Chairman welcomed Councillors and members of the public to the meeting.

ET24/103. Apologies for absence.

Members received and approved apologies of absence for this meeting from the following Councillors:

- Cllr Billy Spencer

ET24/104. Declarations of Interest.

Cllr Bill Rowell declared an interest on item 9 BMX Stunt show at Carnival

ET24/105. Public Question Time and Participation.

There were no questions from members of the public.

ET24/106. Minutes.

RECOMMENDED - Members approved the minutes from the previous Events and Tourism meetings held on Wednesday 12th March 2025

ET24/107. Report from the Tourist Information Centre (TIC)

Wendy Lewis gave an update on the footfall and the sales at the T.I.C.

March footfall - local visitors 722

Uk visitors 573

Overseas visitors 31

Trains have been cancelled in March, so people have been using the bus service.

Trains are back up and running again.

ET24/108. Flicks in the Sticks.

Members were updated on the attendance and takings of 'Keeping mum' held on Monday 7th April 2025.

There were 56 in attendance.

Total takings of donations and tea/coffee/cake sales were £123.62.

Members noted that the next Flicks In The Sticks, will be a VE-Day special, held on Monday 12th May 2025 and we will be showing 'A Royal Night Out'.

Cllr Estelle Bleivas and Cllr Sally Fitzgerald offered to help at the next Flicks in the sticks.

ET24/109. Wedding ceremonies re-renewal licence

The licence to hold Civil Ceremonies at Welshpool Town Hall is due to expire on **27th July 2025**. Powys County Council have agreed they can split the fee over three years.

'I am pleased to inform you that we are able to split the payment over three years for you.

- £404 at time of application, £403 due exactly 1 year after first payment and £403 due exactly 1 year after second payment.

RECOMMENDED - Members agreed to recommend to pay for the renewal of the wedding licence over three years, at a cost of £404 at time of application, £403 due exactly 1 year after first payment and £403 due exactly 1 year after second payment.

ET24/110. BMX Stunt show at Carnival

Cllr Bill Rowell declared an interest on this item.

Members were informed that despite sending a letter asking for donations/sponsorship for the cost of the headline act, not one response has been received.

RECOMMENDED - Members agreed to book the headline act, and for Kimberly to continue to try and find sponsorship. If no sponsorship is received, then Cllr Bill Rowell is happy to cover the cost.

ET24/111. Cllr Bill Rowell abstained form the vote.

ET24/112. Anchor point testing.

Members received two quotations for the anchor point testing.

RECOMMENDED - Members recommend booking Derand to test the anchor points at a cost of £2,300.98 inc VAT

ET24/113. Christmas party

Cllr Sally Fitzgerald informed members that Ms Tracey Shooker of Boot Street barbers has agreed to fund the Christmas party

RECOMMENDED - Members agreed to book the Children's Christmas party on Saturday 20th December 2025 at 6:00pm

Cllr Julie Arnold left the meeting.

ET24/114. Birds of prey display

RECOMMENDED - Members recommend booking the birds of prey display for this year's carnival at a cost of £300.00.

ET24/115. Return of the Jerseys

Members were informed that there is no cost for the Jerseys to perform, the Council receives payment for the hire of the room.

RECOMMENDED - Members agreed to allow the Jersey's to return in January 2026.

Members asked Kimberly to look into booking Bongo's Bingo and to look into rock bands for 2026.

ET24/116. Events in 2025

Members noted the scheduled events for 2025

- Saturday 19th April - Easter Egg Hunt
- Sunday 4th May - VE-Day parade and church service at Saint Mary's
- Monday 5th May - VE-Day street party
- Thursday 8th May - VE-Day afternoon tea in the Corn Exchange
- Saturday 24th May - Young Traders Market - Regional heat
- Sunday 1st June - Mayor's Sunday and Community Awards

- Saturday 7th June 2025 - Tina Turner tribute act
- Sunday 22nd June - Welshpool Carnival
- Friday 4th – Sunday 6th July 2025- Continental market
- Saturday 23rd August - Monday 25th August - WTC Book sale event
- Friday 26th - Sunday 28th September 2025 - Welshpool 1940's weekend
- Friday 31st October - Halloween parade and party
- Saturday 1st November - Fireworks night
- Sunday 9th November - Remembrance Sunday
- Saturday 29th November - Winter Festival
- Date TBC - Children's Christmas party

Cllr Phil Owen informed members that Welshpool High School would like to get involved at our planned events.

Kimberly asked for a contact email to liaise with Welshpool High School.

ET24/117. Date and time of next meeting.

Members noted that the next Events and Tourism Committee meeting is scheduled to take place on **Wednesday 14th May 2025** at 7:15 pm in the Council Chamber.

ET24/118. Exclusion of Public and Press

COMMITTEE IN PRIVATE SESSION

ET24/119. Parkinson's coffee morning

RESOLVED - This item will be discussed at the Finance Committee and to liaise with the Events Committee members. The Committee will look at the current cost of room hire and charitable rates.

Kimberly and the Clerk to obtain figures of room hire charges in the area.

ET24/120. Budget Report

Cllr Estelle Bleivas asked if the Book Sale event could have its own budget line.

Signed: _____

Date: _____