



**Cyngor Tref Y Trallwng  
Welshpool Town Council  
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## **MINUTES**

Minutes of the Strategy, Policy, and Development Committee, held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>  
April 2025 at 7.15 pm in the Council Chamber, Welshpool Town Hall.

**Present: -**

Cllr Phil Pritchard – Chairman.  
Cllr Chris Davies.  
Cllr Estelle Bleivas.  
Cllr Morag Bailey.  
Cllr Phil Owen.  
Cllr Richard Church - Via Zoom.

**Also present:-**

Cllr Bill Rowell.  
Cllr Nick Howells - Via Zoom.  
Cllr Billy Spencer..  
Cllr Carol Robinson - Via Zoom.  
Kimberly Wright – Events, Planning and Market officer.  
Richard Williams - Welshpool Town Clerk.  
County Councillor Graham Breeze - Via Zoom  
Dave Williams - My Welshpool - Via Zoom

### **1. SPD82/2024 Chairman's Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed Councillors and residents to the meeting.

### **2. Apologies for absence**

There were no apologies received.

### **3. Declarations of Interest.**

No declarations of interest were made.

### **4. Public Question Time and Participation**

There were no questions from the public.

## **5. Minutes**

**RECOMMENDED** - Members confirmed the minutes of the Strategy, Policy, and Development Committee meeting on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2025.

### **i. Development**

Members were informed that the operations team are still awaiting quotations for the next phase in the Town Hall works.

There should be an update at the next Full Council meeting.

## **6. Car park barrier/card payment system**

Kimberly informed members that after some research, most organisations are not in favour of the barrier system, due to maintenance and staff costing issues.

One organisation recommended a camera system, (free of charge) by which visitors to the car park must pay a fee to use the car park, (all fee's would be given to Welshpool Town Council. Any person failing to pay that fee, will be fined (any fined fees are paid to the company supplying the camera system.)

Councillor Morag Bailey reminded councillors that this research was for information only and nothing is yet set in stone.

**RECOMMENDED** - Officers to look at all the data and bring back further information to the next meeting.

## **7. Zoom**

Kimberly informed members that after research into the safety of online meetings, it is impossible to stop future disruption, due to the councils statutory obligation of allowing members of the public to join and participate.

Cllr David France suggested not circulating the links on Facebook, and only uploading them to the website.

Cllr Phil Owen agreed to look into an independent online provider and report back to members on his findings at the next meeting.

## **8. Policies**

Members discussed and considered the following;

- **Staff appraisal**

**RECOMMENDED** - Members agreed to recommend the policy, with the following amendment,

- Make it more clear that it is the Mayor who conducts the Clerks appraisal.

- **Environmental Policy**

**Recommended** - Members agreed to the policy with the following added;

- 8.7 - Councillors must inform the office if they require hard copies of agendas etc.

## **9. Date and Time of next meeting**

Members noted that the next meeting of the Strategy, Policy and Development Committee will be held on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2025** at 7:15 pm

Signed:\_\_\_\_\_

Date:\_\_\_\_\_