**COMMUNITY OF WELSHPOOL**

**WELSHPOOL MARKET BYELAWS 2026**

Welshpool Town Council, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 60 of the Food Act 1984, and having consulted such persons as they consider appropriate as required by the Local Government Byelaws (Wales) Act 2012, make the following Byelaws.

**Title and coming into force**

1. The title of these byelaws is the Welshpool Market Byelaws 2026.

2. They come into force on 30 November 2026.

**Interpretation**

3. In these byelaws:

"the Council" means Welshpool Town Council;

"goods" means anything brought into the market place for the purpose of sale;

"market" means the market maintained by the Council and listed in Schedule 1 to these byelaws;

"market hours" means the hours on a market day appointed by the Council for the holding of a market;

"market day" means a day appointed by the Council for the holding of a market;

"market officer" means the person or persons appointed by the Council to exercise general management, supervision and control of a market;

"invalid carriage" means a vehicle, whether mechanically propelled or not,

a) the unladen weight of which does not exceed 150 kilograms,

b) the width of which does not exceed 0.85 metres, and

c) which has been constructed or adapted for use for the carriage of a person suffering from a disability, and used solely by such a person.

"sell" and "sale" include exposing and exposure for sale;

"stall" includes any place or space used or intended to be used for the sale of goods;

"vehicle" means a mechanically propelled vehicle intended or adapted for use on roads but does not include an invalid carriage.

**Application**

4. These byelaws apply to the markets maintained by the Council and listed in the schedule to these byelaws.

**Market days and hours**

5. A person must not sell in a market place any goods other than during market hours.

**Prevention of obstruction**

6. A person must not bring a vehicle or a cycle into the market place during market hours without reasonable excuse.

7. A person in charge of a vehicle must not, during market hours allow it to be halted in the market place, or in its immediate approaches, for longer than is reasonably necessary for the loading or unloading of goods.

8. A person must not bring any goods into the market place more than one hour before the market hours begin or allow them to remain there more than one hour after the market hours end.

9. A person must not, without the consent of the Council, occupy, use or permit the occupation or use of any stall, pitch, trader vehicle space, loading area or other part of the market place designated for use by a tenant or occupiers of that stall.

**Authority to use space**

10. A person must not occupy any stall or deposit any goods on any stall without the permission of the market officer.

11. A person must not set up or attempt to set up a stall in the market place without the permission of the market officer.

12. Where the council:

    a) designates any part of the market place for the sale of particular goods or any class of goods, or for sales by auction, and

    b) displays in a conspicuous place a public notice to that effect,

    a person must not sell goods, or hold sales by auction, except in accordance with the terms of that designation.

13. Where any stall, goods or equipment are placed in the market place without permission, the Council may remove or arrange for the removal of such items.

**For maintaining cleanliness**

14. Every tenant or occupier of a stall must:

    a) ensure that the stall is properly cleansed before and after market hours and as often as may be necessary during those hours;

    b) ensure that all refuse accumulated in connection with the stall is placed in a receptacle provided or approved by the council for that purpose;

    c) as often as is necessary, ensure that the contents of the receptacle are removed to an area designated by the Council for that purpose.

**For prevention of spread of fire**

15. A person must not smoke or use an electronic cigarette or vaping device indoors.

16. A person must not light a fire in any part of the market place.

17. A person must not keep or sell any explosive or highly flammable substance in the market place.

**For preservation of order**

18. A person must not ring any bell or blow any horn or use any other noisy instrument to attract the attention or custom of any person.

19. A person must not post or display any bill, placard or poster, other than a description of goods advertised for sale, in any part of the market place except with the permission of the market officer.

20. Except with the permission of the market officer, no person may, except by way of sale, distribute or attempt to distribute to the public any printed matter in the market place or in its immediate approaches.

**Use of water taps**

21. Any person who uses a water tap in the market place must ensure that it is turned off immediately after use.

**Litter and waste**

22. No person shall, in any place to which these byelaws apply, deposit any litter, refuse, waste matter or substance otherwise than in a receptacle provided for that purpose by the Council.

23. Where receptacles are provided for different types of waste, no person shall deposit waste except in the receptacle provided for that category of waste.

24. No person shall place any waste in a receptacle in a manner likely to cause overflow, spillage, blockage or interference with its proper use.

**Animals**

25. A person must not bring into or allow to remain in the market any animal belonging to them or in their charge unless it is attached to a lead, or otherwise kept sufficiently secured, and kept at all times under his control.

26. Nothing in Byelaw 25 prevents a blind, partially sighted or deaf person from keeping with him any guide dog or hearing dog belonging to them or in their charge.

**Nuisance and behaviour**

27. No person shall in the market place:

    a) behave in a disorderly, abusive, threatening or indecent manner;

    b) cause or permit any nuisance, disturbance or annoyance to any other person;

    c) act in a manner likely to compromise public safety or the safe operation of the market.

28. No person shall obstruct, hinder or interfere with the free passage of persons in the market place or in its immediate approaches.

**Obstruction**

29. No person shall obstruct:

    a) any officer of the Council in the proper execution of their duties;

    b) any person carrying out an act which is necessary to the proper execution of any contract with the Council; or

    c) any other person in the proper use of the market.

30. A person in the market place shall comply with any reasonable direction given by the market officer for the purposes of maintaining order, safety, cleanliness or the proper operation of the market.

**Penalty**

31. Any person offending against any of these byelaws is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 2 on the standard scale.

## SCHEDULE 1 - MARKETS

1. The markets referred to as in byelaw 3 are:

    a) Outdoor Charter Market held in Broad Street, Welshpool, Powys in the areas as indicated on the plan in red in Schedule 2;

    b) Indoor Market held in Welshpool Town Hall, Broad Street, Welshpool, Powys, SY21 7JQ.

# SCHEDULE 2 – PLAN OF OUTDOOR CHARTER MARKET AREA



THE COMMON SEAL of WELSHPOOL TOWN COUNCIL was affixed to these Byelaws on the _____ day of _____ 20____ in the presence of:

Mayor

Town Clerk