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Title	Paranormal Evening proposal
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OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION

1. **Whether to proceed with a paranormal investigation evening at Welshpool Town Hall from 9:00pm till 2:00am.**
2. **To decide on an appropriate date (The organisers have suggested that October, around Halloween, would be an ideal time to hold the event).**
3. **Whether the event should be operated as a ticketed fundraising event at approximately £40 per person, with the proposed attendance being approximately 30–32 people.**

1. Purpose

1. To consider hosting a paranormal investigation evening at Welshpool Town Hall, potentially as a special Halloween event in October 2026, run by the business owners of *The Witch of the Willows*, to raise funds for the Town Hall Transformation Fund.
2. The proposed event would provide visitors with an unusual opportunity to explore the historic Town Hall after dark, including areas that are not normally accessible as part of an organised paranormal investigation.

2. Proposed event format

1. The business owners have advised that their usual event format is:
    1. 30-32 people
    2. Arrive at 8:30pm
    3. Investigation 9pm till 2am
    4. Break: 30 minutes for tea, coffee and snacks
    5. 5 hours of investigation.

2. The investigation would initially begin with a group vigil for the first hour. Guests would then be divided into smaller groups and rotated through different areas of the building.
3. The areas of the Town Hall would include the basement, cells, courtroom, chamber and other rooms.
4. Each group would be allocated a team leader who would facilitate the investigation. Team leaders would also be rotated throughout the evening so that each group has the opportunity to work with all of the investigators.
5. The business owners would provide all equipment required.

3. Guest Conduct and Safety

1. The organisers operate a strict Respect Policy covering respect for guests, the property and the investigation team. Alcohol and drugs are not permitted and anyone under the infulence of alcohol or drugs would be refused entry.

4. Prices and income

1. The organisations look to book between 30 and 32 guests at a proposed price of £40 per person.
2. As the event is a fundraising event there would be no charge to the Town Council to host.
3. The Town Council would sell tickets online and via the Information Centre.

5. Promotion

1. The organisers have advised that they have approximately 39,000 followers on Facebook and would be able to promote the event through their social media channels, as well as through the Town Council's own social media channels.

6. Date/Timings

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7. Recommendations

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8. Decision

1. To resolve to adopt the recommendations as above.