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Market Trader meeting

MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting regarding Welshpool Town Council market, held on **Monday, 23rd March 2026 at 3:15 pm** in the Corn Exchange, Welshpool Town Hall

Present:
Sam - Handy Veg
Naomi – Lily's little things
Cat - Tarot
Cathy - Grandma's shop
Sue - Sue's stall
Phil - Furniture
Kimberly Wright – Market Manager
Paul McGrath – operations manager
Councillor Nick Howells

1. **Welcome.**

The Market Manager welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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- Saturday 28th March 2026 – Get Jerky Rally
- Saturday 4th April 2026 – Easter Egg hunt
- Saturday 2nd May 2026 - Quiz evening
- Saturday 27th June 2026 – Carnival
- Friday 3rd – Sunday 5th July 2026 – Continental market
- Saturday 25th – Sunday 27th September 2026 – 1940's weekend
- Saturday 31st October 2026 – Halloween parade and party
- Friday 6th November – Memorial garden service
- Saturday 7th November – Fireworks
- Sunday 8th November 2026 – Remembrance
- Wednesday 11th November – two-minute silence outside Town Hall
- Wednesday 25th November – White Ribbon Day
- Saturday 28th November 2026 – Winter Festival

Saturday 28th November 2026 – Winter Festival – **Late night opening on the Saturday and another late night opening in December.**
Kim to send Naomi copies of the Easter egg hunt poster and a booking form.

1. **Farmers' market**

The traders discussed the possibility of holding a Farmers Market in the Corn Exchange once a month.

Mixed opinions, some traders believe it to be a good idea, and a great way of encouraging trade. Other traders were concerned that it would have a negative impact on their business, as they are already selling produce such as milk, cheese, honey, chutneys, fruit, vegetables and jam.

2. **Any matter raised by a Trader.**

Cat raised an idea of holding a 'bra bank' in the indoor market. Cat is going to look into its feasibility and bring it back to the next meeting.

Issues with dogs urinating in the indoor market. New signs on entrances to say, 'dogs to be kept on a short leash, due to enclosed space'.

Naomi raised the idea of holding a 'rag day' clothes event in the Corn Exchange. Kim to send Naomi a booking form for hourly room hire costs.

Fire marshal x2 hi vis vests to be ordered.

Sue raised the idea of creating a Town Hall leaflet, with historical facts, etc., of the Town Hall and pictures of past events (such as Queen Elizabeth's visit)

Windows need cleaning, and some are in need of repair. The Operations manager informed the traders that he is waiting on the new budget to come through in April, and a window cleaner/repair works will be organised.

Can signs be placed on the roundabouts to advertise the indoor market? Kim is to research and find out if this is a possibility.

Naomi highlighted that the cigarette bins on the side of the Town Hall are overflowing and not being emptied enough.

Naomi also raised that market traders have been weeding the outside of the Town Hall, due to them overgrowing and looking untidy.

3. **Date and time of the next Market traders meeting.**

The date of the next market traders meeting will be held on Monday, 13th April at 3:15 pm. Traders agreed that this meeting would be more of an ideas session on how to help try to increase footfall.