



**Cyngor Tref Y Trallwng
Welshpool Town Council
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Market Trader meeting

MINUTES

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

Present:

Sam - Handy Veg
Corrine – Art – Flowers by Coz
Cathy - Grandma's shop
Sue - Sue's stall
Phil - Furniture
Kimberly Wright – Market Manager
Paul McGrath – operations manager
Alex Jones – operations
Councillor Phil Pritchard
Councillor Estelle Bleivas

1. Welcome.

The Market Manager welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Events in 2026

Market traders noted the scheduled events for 2026.

- Saturday 28th March 2026 – Get Jerky Rally
- Saturday 4th April 2026 – Easter Egg hunt
- Saturday 27th June 2026 – Carnival
- Friday 3rd – Sunday 5th July 2026 – Continental market – **Market traders would like to be open on the Sunday alongside this event.**
- Saturday 25th – Sunday 27th September 2026 – 1940's weekend - **Market traders would like to be open on the Sunday alongside this event.**
- Friday 6th November – Memorial garden service
- Saturday 7th November – Fireworks
- Sunday 8th November 2026 – Remembrance
- Wednesday 11th November – two-minute silence outside Town Hall
- Saturday 28th November 2026 – Winter Festival – **Late night opening on the Saturday and another late night opening in December.**

1. Byelaws consultation.

The market manager updated the market traders regarding the recent byelaws consultation. If authorised by the Full Council, the Town Clerk will prepare and publish the second written statement for open spaces, markets and public toilets, and the Town Clerk will prepare draft byelaws taking into account the consultation feedback for presentation at a future meeting.

The market manager informed the market traders that they will have the chance to input during the next stage.

2. Seating area in the centre of the market

The market manager informed market traders that the seating area in the middle of the market and the display tables must be removed by the end of February (end of this week).

Most market traders were not happy about this and brought up the following;

- Market traders felt this area is well utilised by traders and members of the public
- Many members of the public have said how lovely the market looks recently.
- One of the market traders uses this area to make cards, which cannot be done anywhere else.

The market manager reminded market traders about some of the comments raised in the recent Town Hall consultation, where the market was described as having 'poor quality and atmosphere, described as dull, drab, depressing, shabby, uninspiring and run down. Atmosphere seen as empty and lifeless – stall holders often chatting, few customers.

The market traders highlighted that the condition of the building has nothing to do with them, and the windows are in desperate need of cleaning.

The operations manager informed the market traders that new glass needs to be ordered for the broken windows, but this cannot be ordered until the new budget is received in April.

The operations team also mentioned that the current display tables and seating area this creates a shield for possible theft.

The market manager agreed to review the seating area in two months.

3. Parking

The operations manager explained that due to the operations vehicles receiving a parking ticket, the vehicles will now need to be kept in the car park adjacent to the Town Hall.

Some of the market traders expressed their concerns, having to pay for parking as well as paying for their units.

The market manager reminded them of their Terms of Agreement, which states, 'There are 6 vehicle spaces available at the Town Hall. Welshpool Town Council vehicles take priority. The remaining spaces are on a first-come, first-served basis. If no spaces are available, traders must find alternative means of parking. **Under no circumstances should any trader park on the double yellow lines** surrounding the spaces.'

4. Any matter raised by a Trader.

Saturdays – Cleaner opened up the market. No flags were put out on Saturday, 21st February, due to them being too heavy for one person.

The market manager agreed to inform the Town Clerk.

5. Date and time of the next Market traders meeting.

The next market traders meeting will be held on Monday, 23rd March 2026, at 3:15 pm in the Corn Exchange.