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Minutes of the Events & Planning Committee held on 01/04/2026 6:30pm in Council Chamber, Welshpool Town Hall.

PRESENT:

Councillor Chris Davies (Chair)
Councillor Jackson Quarrell
Councillor Morag Bailey
Councillor Phil Owen
Councillor Revd William Rowell

Apologies for absence:

Councillor Nick Howells
Councillor Sally Fitzgerald

Absent:

Also in attendance:

Kimberly Wright - Events & Markets Manager
Wendy Lewis - Community Services Manager
1 member(s) of the public / press

EP010426/1. WELCOME, CODE OF CONDUCT AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chairman welcomed Councillors and residents to the meeting. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Sally Fitzgerald and Cllr Nick Howells.

EP010426/2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

None.

EP010426/3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

EP010426/4. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

EP010426/4.1 Previous Minutes

Cllr Jackson Quarell asked that the previous minutes be amended to reflect that he had received the information, not given it.

RESOLVED

To approve the minutes from the meeting of the Events & Planning Committee on 04/03/2026

WTCM609 - Proposed by Cllr Morag Bailey, seconded by Cllr Revd William Rowell

EP010426/4.2 Matters Arising

No comments received.

EP010426/5. TOURISM & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

EP010426/5.1 Tourist Information Centre

The Community Services Manager produced a report for Councillors, regarding the footfall, train tickets, holidays and other matters related to the Tourist Information Centre.

Lots of fishing permits are being collected.

New order of handbags due to lots of sales. Holiday sales are picking up.

Cllr Morag Bailey asked if the free car parking has made any difference to footfall. The Community Services Manager said they have not seen a difference yet.

EP010426/6. BUSINESS PLANNING & FINANCIAL MATTERS

EP010426/6.1 Interim Strategic Plan Action Plan

Cllr Morag Bailey remarked that some items had been moved into next year and most are Year 2 or 3.

EP010426/6.2 Budget and Committee Finance (Month 12)

Cllr Morag Bailey answered questions from members and explained the overspend on Christmas Lighting and NI payments.

EP010426/7. EVENTS

EP010426/7.1 Welshpool Fair Trade

Cllr William Rowell updated members and explained that re-establishing Welshpool Fair Trade will steer us in a direction of becoming a Fair Trade Town. Volunteers are needed for a market stall along with an event.

EP010426/7.2 Farmers market feasibility study April 2026

After the indoor market traders' meeting, held on Monday, 23rd March 2026, the response from traders was mixed; 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.

Members asked officers to continue to chase potential vendors and producers and a suggestion was made to run the market alongside the Continental Market.

RESOLVED

To ask officers to chase a response from local farmers and producers regarding a proposed Farmers Market and explore the possibility of holding an event alongside the Continental Market.

EP010426/7.3 Flicks in the Sticks

The Events & Markets Manager updated Councillors on the previous Flicks In The Sticks screening of 'One Chance', £106 Tea/Coffee sales, £42.34 donations - £18 cakes = £130.34. The next screening of 'Brassed Off' will take place on Monday, 13th April.

EP010426/7.4 Keep Wales Tidy / Spring Clean Cymru

Cllr Bill Rowell updated Councillors on the recent Keep Wales Tidy/Spring Clean Cymru litter picks that took place on 24th and 27th March 2026.

Two collections organised on Oldford estate and from the Welshpool Information Centre, however attendance not brilliant. The pick on Oldford saw residents help, and lots of cleaning took place. The pick at the Welshpool Information Centre saw less support but still managed to clear areas as intended.

Other littler picks took place during the week and litter picking equipment will be moving back to the library; some will stay at the Information Centre.

Councillors queried if litter had increased since the arrival of KFC and Starbucks and it was stated that McDonalds schedules regular litter picks and monitoring of KFC and Starbucks litter could be undertaken.

Councillor Bill Rowell would like the Events and Market Manager to arrange for Cllr Bill Rowell to visit schools and discuss the importance of litter picking and the dangers surrounding litter. Cllr Bill Rowell has asked for a litter/tidiness champion to be added to the next Full Council agenda.

EP010426/7.5 Walking Festival

Nothing to report.

EP010426/7.6 Dance Festival

Cllr Phil Owen informed the Committee that he will require around 7/8 mannequins to display dresses etc - the Events and Market Manager to ask Majors / Museum and the Library.

EP010426/7.7 Hustings

The Events and Market Manager updated the Committee regarding the recent Hustings event. 26 public attendees and 6 candidates, Reform UK, Conservatives, Lib Dems, Labour, Plaid Cymru and Gwlad. Feedback suggests it was an enjoyable evening. The hustings event was live-streamed on Facebook, and the date/time was published on My Welshpool and County Times and our social media groups.

EP010426/7.8 Carnival update

The Committee reviewed the report received from the Events and Markets Manager from the Carnival Working Group meeting held on 23rd March 2026.

Cllr Phil Owen suggested contacting the British Bobsleigh team to see if they would provide a static display at the event.

The Events and Markets Manager was asked to recirculate the videos of the potential singer, Harvey Ralphs.

Councillors suggested the sports clubs hold team sports as the main event.
Cllr Morag Bailey has contacted the Rugby club to see if they would organise the tug-of-war competition.

RESOLVED

**To create an itinerary for the day so acts can be sorted and slotted, creating a full entertaining afternoon; and
To approach multiple MCs/PA/sound individuals for a quote.**

WTCM611 - Proposed by Cllr Morag Bailey, seconded by Cllr Jackson Quarrell

EP010426/7.9 Santa suit

Councillors considered the three Santa suits quotations.

RESOLVED

To purchase the Santa Suit from Amazon.

WTCM612 - Proposed by Cllr Morag Bailey, seconded by Cllr Revd William Rowell

EP010426/7.10 Upcoming events

Councillors highlighted that Community Awards and Welshpool's Civic Event are missing from the list.
Cllr Morag Bailey asked if the Committee could be provided with a list of monthly bookings on future agendas.

EP010426/8. PLANNING - NEW APPLICATIONS

EP010426/8.1 Proposed Planning Application on Land to the East of Pool Quay, Pool Quay, Welshpool, Powys

Members noted that they had previously strongly opposed this application.

RESOLVED

To respond to the pre-application that the Council has noted the proposals without comment.

WTCM613 - Proposed by Cllr Chris Davies, seconded by Cllr Revd William Rowell

EP010426/8.2 26/0331/REM

Members considered the planning application and provided the following response:

Response: Note

Comments:

No comment

RESOLVED

To respond to the planning authority in respect of 26/0331/REM with the above response and comments.

WTCM614 - Proposed by Cllr Morag Bailey, seconded by Cllr Revd William Rowell

EP010426/8.3 26/0267/FUL

Members considered the planning application and provided the following response:

Response: Support

Comments:

No comment

RESOLVED

To respond to the planning authority in respect of 26/0267/FUL with the above response and comments.

WTCM615 - Proposed by Cllr Revd William Rowell, seconded by Cllr Morag Bailey

EP010426/8.4 25/1881/REM

Members considered the planning application and provided the following response:

Response: Support

Comments:

No comment

RESOLVED

To respond to the planning authority in respect of 25/1881/REM with the above response and comments.

WTCM616 - Proposed by Cllr Morag Bailey, seconded by Cllr Revd William Rowell

EP010426/8.5 Planning decisions

Councillors asked for the Events and Market Manager to find out why application 26/0058/TPO was refused and let the Committee members know.

EP010426/9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Events & Planning Committee will be held on Wednesday 6th May at 6:30pm.

The meeting finished at 20:00.

Signed:

Dated:

Councillor Chris Davies (Chair)

Decision/Action Log

ID		Assigned
WTCM609	RESOLUTION EP010426/4.1 Previous Minutes To approve the minutes from the meeting of the Events & Planning Committee on 04/03/2026	Events & Markets Manager

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WTCM610	RESOLUTION EP010426/7.2 Farmers market feasibility study April 2026 To ask officers to chase a response from local farmers and producers regarding a proposed Farmers Market and explore the possibility of holding an event alongside the Continental Market.	Events & Markets Manager
WTCM611	RESOLUTION EP010426/7.8 Carnival update To create an itinerary for the day so acts can be sorted and slotted, creating a full entertaining afternoon; and To approach multiple MCs/PA/sound individuals for a quote.	Events & Markets Manager
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