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1. Purpose

1. To update the Committee on the recent Carnival working group, after its meeting, held on Saturday, 25th April 2026 at 10 am in the Council Chamber, Welshpool Town Hall.

2. Background

1. This was the third working group meeting held.
2. There were 5 in attendance.

3. Discussions/ideas generated

1. To invite tractor run organisers to participate and advertise the 2026 tractor run.
2. Bowling Green has agreed to open for refreshments, and the bowling club is open for beverages and is organising a target bowls competition open to adults and juniors with prizes available, taking place from 2 pm to 4 pm. Anyone wishing to take part should wear appropriate footwear
3. Fancy dress competition the evening before the Carnival, with prizes for best dressed, possibly too late to organise this year, but something to look at going forward.
4. A P.A/sound person has been secured for £300 for the day.
5. Invite Active 8
6. Chase cricket club to organise someone to run the tug-of-war competition.
7. Approach Potters, Coed-y-dinas, McDonald's and other organisations for sponsorship.
8. Old memorabilia/photographs for Carnival, make into a fundraising coffee morning or bingo afternoon, to help raise funds. Memorabilia and photographs on display at Carnival.
9. Charge £5 for a wristband for all-day use of the inflatables—adult castle to change separately - Officers to decide on an appropriate charge. Use different coloured wristbands.
10. Barmouth drummers available for £700 - Extra sponsorship needed.
11. Parade participants best dressed categories - Mobility scooter/wheelchair, vehicle, lorry, tractor, walker, adult and child.

12. Speak to Country In Western organisers about attending, to advertise.

4. Recommendations from the Working Group

1. Book the Barmouth Drummers once additional funds have been secured.
2. Book headline act - Vintage strongman 2 x 18 minutes shows Fee: £950.00 + VAT
3. Book P.A/sound person (I. Tulloch) for £300 for the day.
4. Charges - £5 for a wristband for all-day use of the inflatables—adult castle to change separately - Delegate officers to decide on an appropriate charge. Use different coloured wristbands. Volunteers needed to take payment at the Welshpool Town Council gazebo.
5. Parade participants best dressed categories - Mobility scooter/wheelchair, vehicle, lorry, tractor, walker, adult and child.
6. Old memorabilia/photographs for Carnival, make into a coffee morning or bingo afternoon, to help raise funds. Memorabilia and photographs on display at Carnival.

5. Decision

1. To resolve to adopt the recommendations as above