

COMMUNITY OF WELSHPOOL

DRAFT WELSHPOOL PUBLIC TOILET BYELAWS 2026

Welshpool Town Council, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 117(1) of the Public Health (Wales) Act 2017, and having consulted such persons as they consider appropriate as required by the Local Government Byelaws (Wales) Act 2012, make the following Byelaws.

Title and coming into force

1. The title of these byelaws is the Welshpool Public Toilet Byelaws 2026.
2. They come into force on 5 October 2026.

Interpretation

3. In these byelaws:

“the Council” means Welshpool Town Council;

“authorised officer” means an officer or contractor authorised in writing by the Council;

“toilet” means toilet facilities provided for public use by the Council and includes urinals and changing facilities for young children;

Application

4. These byelaws apply to the toilets provided and maintained by the Council.

Payment of fees

5. No person shall enter or use any toilet where the Council has imposed a charge, unless that charge has been paid in accordance with the Council’s arrangements.

For maintaining cleanliness and order

6. No person shall:
 - a) wilfully or negligently damage, deface, soil or mark any part of the building, structure, fittings, furniture or equipment;
 - b) tamper with, misuse, obstruct, remove or interfere with any sanitary fitting, pipe, lock, door, lighting, alarm, water supply, waste system or other installation;
 - c) deposit any substance or object otherwise than in a manner for which the convenience is intended, where that act is likely to cause damage, blockage or malfunction.

7. No person shall write, draw, paint, spray, carve, mark or affix any sign, symbol, notice, picture, printed or written matter on any part of a toilet without the written consent of the Council.
8. No person shall misuse the toilet in a manner likely to cause damage, nuisance, danger to health, or disruption to its normal operation.

Litter and waste

9. No person shall, in any place to which these byelaws apply, deposit any litter, refuse, waste matter or substance otherwise than in a receptacle provided for that purpose by the Council.
10. Where receptacles are provided for different types of waste, no person shall deposit waste except in the receptacle provided for that category of waste.
11. No person shall place any waste in a receptacle in a manner likely to cause overflow, spillage, blockage or interference with its proper use.

Smoking and substances

12. No person shall, in any toilet:
 - a) smoke or use any electronic cigarette or vaping device;
 - b) take or prepare any controlled drug;
 - c) inhale, inject or otherwise administer any substance in a manner likely to cause danger to health, damage or nuisance.

Use of water taps

13. Any person who uses a water tap must ensure that it is turned off immediately after use.

Obstruction

14. No person shall obstruct:
 - a) any officer of the Council in the proper execution of their duties;
 - b) any person carrying out an act which is necessary to the proper execution of any contract with the Council; or
 - c) any other person in the proper use of the toilet.
15. An authorised officer of the Council may require any person who appears to be contravening these byelaws to leave the toilet.

16. Any person who, without reasonable excuse, fails to leave when required to do so commits an offence.

Penalty

17. Any person offending against any of these byelaws is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 2 on the standard scale.

THE COMMON SEAL of WELSHPOOL TOWN COUNCIL was affixed to these Byelaws on the ____ day of _____ 20____ in the presence of:

Mayor

Town Clerk