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Minutes of the Events & Planning Committee held on 01/07/2026 6:30pm in Council Chamber, Welshpool Town Hall.

PRESENT:

Cllr Dr Ben Gwalchmai
Cllr Chris Davies (Chair)
Cllr Jackson Quarrell
Cllr Kelly Meredith
Cllr Morag Bailey
Cllr Nick Howells
Cllr Phil Owen
Cllr Revd William Rowell

Apologies for absence:

Cllr Estelle Bleivas

Absent:

Also in attendance:

Cllr Phil Pritchard
Kimberly Wright - Events & Markets Manager
Wendy Lewis - Community Services Manager

EP010726/1. WELCOME, CODE OF CONDUCT AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chair welcomed all attendees to the meeting and reminded them to show respect for everyone throughout the meeting. Apologies received by Cllr Estelle Bleivas.

EP010726/2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

None.

EP010726/3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

EP010726/4. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

EP010726/4.1 Previous Minutes

RESOLVED
To approve the minutes from the meeting of the Events & Planning Committee on

03/06/2026

WTCM780 - Proposed by Cllr Morag Bailey, seconded by Cllr Revd William Rowell

EP010726/4.2 Matters Arising

Matters are on the agenda for discussion.

EP010726/5. TOURISM & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

EP010726/5.1 Information Centre

The Community Services Manager summarised the report and explained that the recent hot weather affected train services, and people cancelled day trips.

Cllr Morag Bailey asked whether the free parking initiative had increased footfall to the Information Centre. The Community Services Manager explained that there was no increased footfall into the Information Centre, but it is often full, and the public often give their thanks to staff.

EP010726/5.2 Visit Welshpool - Voucher

Councillors discussed the voucher scheme and agreed it was a good initiative.

RECOMMENDED
To approve the implementation of the Welshpool Voucher Scheme with a review after twelve months.

WTCM781 - Proposed by Cllr Morag Bailey, seconded by Cllr Nick Howells

EP010726/6. BUSINESS PLANNING & FINANCIAL MATTERS

EP010726/6.1 Interim Strategic Plan Action Plan

To continue with progress.

EP010726/6.2 Budget and Committee Finance (Month 3)

Cllr Morag Bailey asked for the final total of the bouncy castles at the Carnival. Events Manager to circulate.
Cllr Morag Bailey asked for costs to be locked in for 2027 to generate more income from Town Hall events.

EP010726/7. EVENTS

EP010726/7.1 Carnival

Councillors discussed at length the positives and negatives of the Carnival.

The Events Manager encouraged all to attend the public meeting in the Town Hall on Tuesday, 14th July 2026 at 6pm in the Town Hall.

EP010726/7.2 Walking Festival

Cllr William Rowell explained that there was nothing further to report.

EP010726/7.3 Dance Festival

Cllr Phil Owen explained that there was nothing further to report.

EP010726/7.4 Summer Cinema & Craft Session

The Events Manager updated the Committee and explained that the date of the cinema and craft session will be Saturday 22nd August 2026 for up to 40 children for £2 per child.

EP010726/7.5 Flicks in the Sticks

Cllr Morag Bailey explained that a consultation will take place in September, asking the audience for their views. Councillors agreed that the option to increase the fee for cake/tea/coffee should also be included as an option.

EP010726/7.6 Farmers Market

Councillors agreed that the imitative had been exhausted.

RESOLVED
To stop the project and remove from future agendas.

WTCM782 - Proposed by Cllr Morag Bailey, seconded by Cllr Revd William Rowell

EP010726/7.7 Upcoming Events

Cllr Ben Gwalchmai left the meeting.
Events Manager to obtain quotes for bands/live acts in the Town Hall for the meeting in September.

Members asked could terms be added to the booking form, and anyone cancelling an event must inform the office, so a notice can be circulated on social media and displayed on the notice board - Events Manager to investigate.

EP010726/8. PLACE PLAN

Cllr Phil Pritchard expressed an interest in attending the working group meetings and it was explained that Full Council would have to elect him to the group.

EP010726/9. PLANNING - NEW APPLICATIONS

EP010726/9.1 P/26/0350/FUL

Members considered the planning application and provided the following response:

Response: Note
Comments:
Councillors note the existing shortage of parking provision within Welshpool. The Committee is not persuaded by the argument that the availability of public transport would sufficiently mitigate the demand for parking associated with the development.

RESOLVED
To respond to the planning authority in respect of P/26/0350/FUL with the above response and comments.

WTCM783 - Proposed by Cllr Revd William Rowell, seconded by Cllr Morag Bailey

EP010726/9.2 Planning decisions

Members noted the attached planning decisions.

EP010726/10. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA & DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Cllr Morag Bailey asked for basic financial projections for future events to be added next to the future events list.
To have the Tour De France as an ongoing agenda item for the Committee to receive regular updates.

The meeting finished at 20:30.

Signed: Dated:

Councillor Chris Davies (Chair)

Decision/Action Log

ID		Assigned
WTCM780	**RESOLUTION** **EP010726/4.1 Previous Minutes** To approve the minutes from the meeting of the Events & Planning Committee on 03/06/2026	Events & Markets Manager
WTCM781	**RECOMMENDATION** **EP010726/5.2 Visit Welshpool - Voucher** To approve the implementation of the Welshpool Voucher Scheme with a review after twelve months.	Events & Markets Manager
WTCM782	**RESOLUTION** **EP010726/7.6 Farmers Market** To stop the project and remove from future agendas.	Events & Markets Manager
WTCM783	**RESOLUTION** **EP010726/9.1 P/26/0350/FUL** To respond to the planning authority in respect of P/26/0350/FUL with the above response and comments.	Events & Markets Manager