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Minutes of the Tour de France Special Committee held on 23/09/2026 9:00am in Council Chamber, Welshpool Town Hall.

PRESENT:

Cllr Alison Davies
Cllr Dr Ben Gwalchmai
Cllr Jackson Quarrell
Cllr Phil Owen (Chair)
Cllr Phil Pritchard
Cllr Richard Church
Tony Brookes
Cllr Revd William Rowell

Apologies for absence:

Shane Logan

Absent:

Also in attendance:

Richard Williams - Town Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer

TDF230926/1. WELCOME, CODE OF CONDUCT AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies for absence were received from Shane Logan.

TDF230926/2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

The following interests were declared:

Item	Councillor	Type	Reason
9	Phil Owen	Personal	As a member of Guilsfield Singers, one of the partner groups on the Choral Event.
9	Revd William Rowell	Personal	As a member of Guilsfield Singers, one of the partner groups on the Choral Event.
9	Alison Davies	Personal	As a member of Welshpool Repair Cafe, one of the partner groups on the Repair Cafe event.

TDF230926/3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

TDF230926/4. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

TDF230926/4.1 Previous Minutes

RESOLVED
To approve the minutes from the meeting of the Tour de France Special Committee on 17/06/2026.

WTCM871 - Proposed by Cllr Revd William Rowell, seconded by Cllr Alison Davies

TDF230926/4.2 Matters Arising

The Town Clerk reported that County Cllr Graham Breeze had declined the invitation to sit on the committee.

TDF230926/5. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA & DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Tour de France Special Committee will be held TBC

TDF230926/6. CONFIDENTIAL SESSION - EXCLUSION

RESOLVED
That members of the public and press be requested to leave the meeting by reason of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted.

WTCM872 - Proposed by Cllr Alison Davies, seconded by Cllr Revd William Rowell

TDF230926/8. TOUR DE FRANCE - FANZONES [CONFIDENTIAL]

The Chair, Cllr Phil Owen and the Town Clerk reported on a meeting held yesterday with Powys County Council, the National Trust and Powis Estates in relation to the fan zone planning for Welshpool and a debate was held regarding the preferred location. It was agreed to forward our comments made to Powys County Council for their final decision on location.

Discussions were had around other potential work on fan zones which the Town Council could undertake and it was agreed to explore other venues also.

RECOMMENDED
To agree in principle with the decision to place the fan zone at the compromise location along with second/third screens and to also explore other venues which could act as other spectator areas.

WTCM873 - Proposed by Cllr Alison Davies, seconded by Cllr Revd William Rowell

TDF230926/9. TOUR DE FRANCE PLANNING - OTHER [CONFIDENTIAL]

Cllr Richard Church, Cllr Jackson Quarrell and Cllr Dr Ben Gwalchmai left the meeting during this item.

The Town Clerk summarised the last three Powys CC workstream meetings which had been circulated to members of the committee prior to the meeting. A discussion also took place regarding the successful EOI for the Croeso i Feicwyr Fund which the Town Council will be preparing a full application and the Town Clerk asked for endorsement of that project so far.

Discussions also took place regarding the proposed Choral Event on Saturday 3rd July and a Repair Cafe event on the same date, both of which were adopted by the Town Council as events. Discussions were also had regarding other events and it was asked that members keep thinking about what other community

events and initiatives would be helpful. A discussion also took place regarding a brand/logo/mascot for Welshpool TdF which will be designed by Welshpool High School students. It was also agreed that it would be helpful to close Broad Street on the 3rd July with an event to be thought up in due course.

RECOMMENDED
To endorse the Town Clerk???s submission to the Croeso i Feicwyr Fund application for three Cycle Hubs, cycling infrastructure, hire bike scheme and cycling improvements as outlined in the successful Expression of Interest and to agree to match fund the required £11,237.60 across the 2026/27 and 2027/28 financial years.

WTCM874 - Proposed by Cllr Phil Owen, seconded by Cllr Alison Davies

RECOMMENDED
To agree that the Town Council be the lead organisation for the Choral Event taking place on 3rd July 2027.

WTCM875 - Proposed by Cllr Alison Davies, seconded by Cllr Revd William Rowell

RECOMMENDED
To agree the use of Town Council resources for the Repair Cafe event taking place on 3rd July 2027.

WTCM876 - Proposed by Cllr Alison Davies, seconded by Cllr Revd William Rowell

RECOMMENDED
To agree the logo/mascot design competition where the winning design will form part of the branding used in Welshpool for Tour de France.

WTCM877 - Proposed by Cllr Alison Davies, seconded by Cllr Revd William Rowell

RECOMMENDED
To agree to apply for a road closure for Broad Street and High Street on 3rd July 2027.

WTCM878 - Proposed by Cllr Alison Davies, seconded by Cllr Revd William Rowell

The meeting finished at 10:43.

Signed: Dated:

Councillor Phil Owen (Chair)

Decision/Action Log

ID		Assigned
WTCM871	**RESOLUTION** **TDF230926/4.1 Previous Minutes** To approve the minutes from the meeting of the Tour de France Special Committee on 17/06/2026.	Town Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer
WTCM872	**RESOLUTION** **TDF230926/6 Confidential Session - Exclusion** That members of the public and press be requested to leave the meeting by reason of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted.	Town Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer

ID		Assigned
WTCM873	**RECOMMENDATION** **TDF230926/8 Tour de France - Fanzones** To agree in principle with the decision to place the fan zone at the compromise location along with second/third screens and to also explore other venues which could act as other spectator areas.	Town Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer
WTCM874	**RECOMMENDATION** **TDF230926/9 Tour de France Planning - Other** To endorse the Town Clerk???s submission to the Croeso i Feicwyr Fund application for three Cycle Hubs, cycling infrastructure, hire bike scheme and cycling improvements as outlined in the successful Expression of Interest and to agree to match fund the required £11,237.60 across the 2026/27 and 2027/28 financial years.	Town Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer
WTCM875	**RECOMMENDATION** **TDF230926/9 Tour de France Planning - Other** To agree that the Town Council be the lead organisation for the Choral Event taking place on 3rd July 2027.	Town Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer
WTCM876	**RECOMMENDATION** **TDF230926/9 Tour de France Planning - Other** To agree the use of Town Council resources for the Repair Cafe event taking place on 3rd July 2027.	Town Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer
WTCM877	**RECOMMENDATION** **TDF230926/9 Tour de France Planning - Other** To agree the logo/mascot design competition where the winning design will form part of the branding used in Welshpool for Tour de France.	Town Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer
WTCM878	**RECOMMENDATION** **TDF230926/9 Tour de France Planning - Other** To agree to apply for a road closure for Broad Street and High Street on 3rd July 2027.	Events & Markets Manager