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Agenda & Summons

Full Council - 28/10/2026 6:30pm

23rd October 2026

Dear Councillor,

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Full Council of Welshpool Town Council which will be held on Wednesday 28th October 2026 in the Council Chamber, Welshpool Town Hall at 6:30pm to transact the business outlined below.

Yours sincerely,



Richard T Williams LLB (Hons)
Town Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer

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Agenda

1. WELCOME, CODE OF CONDUCT AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To welcome Councillors and members of the public, to remind attendees to show respect for all throughout the meeting in line with the obligations of the Code of Conduct, and to receive and, if appropriate, approve apologies for absence. [Section 4(b), Code of Conduct; Section 85(1), Local Government Act 1972]

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

To receive declarations of interest and, if appropriate, consider any relevant dispensations. [Part III, Local Government Act 2000]

[Appendix A]

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

To receive members of the public who wish to address the meeting, in respect of any item of business included in the agenda. No resolutions may be made under this item and should relate only to matters of Council policy or practice, and not individual affairs of the questioner or any other named person. [Para. 27A, Sch 12, Local Government Act 1972]

4. GUEST: COREY EADSON

To welcome Corey Eadson to discuss the Council's support for foodbank provision this winter.

5. TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT - OCTOBER 26

To receive a written report from the Town Mayor, Cllr Revd William Rowell.

6. COUNTY COUNCIL AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR UPDATES

To welcome County Councillors and to receive a verbal update and exchange information on matters affecting Welshpool.

7. COMMITTEES - MINUTES & RECOMMENDATIONS

To invite Committee Chairs to present recommendations (if any) from meetings for Council to confirm.

7.1. Events & Planning Committee - October 2026

To consider the recommendations of the Events & Planning Committee on the 07/10/2026 and determine whether to adopt, amend or reject those recommendations, including the consideration and determination of alternative substantive resolutions relating to the matters identified below.

[Appendix B]

7.2. Operations & Development Committee - October 2026

To consider the recommendations of the Operations & Development Committee on the 14/10/2026 and determine whether to adopt, amend or reject those recommendations, including the consideration and determination of alternative substantive resolutions relating to the matters identified below.

Item 7.3 - Allotments

RECOMMENDED

To launch a review into allotment fees and charges as part of the 27/28 Budget Setting process.

[Appendix C]

7.3. Finance & Governance Committee - October 2026

To consider the recommendations of the Finance & Governance Committee on the 21/10/2026 and determine whether to adopt, amend or reject those recommendations, including the consideration and determination of alternative substantive resolutions relating to the matters identified below.

Item 5.3 - Scrutiny of Payments
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RECOMMENDED

To elect the following members to perform scrutiny of payments exercise:
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Cllr Morag Bailey - October 26 in November- Cllr Alison Davies - November 26 in December- TBC - December 26 in January- Cllr Revd William Rowell - January 27 in February |
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Item 6.1 - Draft Maternity & Family Friendly Policy
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RECOMMENDED

To adopt the draft Maternity & Family Friendly Policy, subject to the agreed amendment regarding contact during maternity leave and clarification of the annual leave provisions.

Item 6.2 - Draft AI Policy

RECOMMENDED

To adopt the draft AI Policy.

[Appendix D]

8. BUSINESS PLANNING & FINANCIAL MATTERS

8.1. Council Accounts (September - Period 6)

To consider the Income and Expenditure Reports and Cash and Bank Totals for September 2026 and note the bank balances as of 30th September 2026:

- General Fund - £18,908.70
- 30 Day Account - £250,614.77
- Petty Cash - £35.03
- Hub Community Account - £4,281.62

[Appendix E]
[Appendix F]

8.2. Payment of Invoices - October

To consider payment of invoices for October, including any additional payments tabled on the night.

[Appendix G]

8.3. Scrutiny of Payments

To hear the feedback from September 2026 (Cllr Phil Owen) for the scrutiny of payments exercise as set out in Financial Regulations.

8.4. Interim Strategic Plan Action Plan

To consider the approved committee Interim Strategic Plan action plan.

[Appendix H]

9. OTHER MATTERS

9.1. Bull Dingle

To receive an update on the Bull Dingle.

9.2. Byelaws

To consider the report from the Town Clerk on the outcome of the statutory Notice of Intention period, including representations received, and to determine whether to formally make the proposed Open Spaces, Market and Public Toilet Byelaws. [Section 8, Local Government Byelaws (Wales) Act 2012]

[Appendix I]
[Appendix J]
[Appendix K]
[Appendix L]

9.3. Condition and Appearance of Properties

To consider the report from the Town Clerk in respect of the condition and appearance of properties within the Town Centre.

[Appendix M]

9.4. Public Rights of Way - Obstructions

To consider the report from the Town Clerk in respect of obstructions on the Public Rights of Way in Welshpool.

[Appendix N]

10. OUTSIDE BODIES

10.1. OVW Innovative Practice Conference

To receive information regarding the One Voice Wales Innovative Practice Conference on the 30th September 2026 (Cllr Alison Davies).

10.2. PTHB Better Together Programme

To consider the correspondence from Powys Teaching Health Board re: Better Together Programme and to note the minutes of the Community Meeting held on the 22/10/26.

[Appendix O]
[Appendix P]

10.3. Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng - Increase in Places

To consider Powys County Council's consultation on the proposal to increase the capacity of Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng from 150 to 210 places and to agree the Town Council's response. [Section 48, School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013]

[Appendix Q]
[Appendix R]
[Appendix S]

10.4. Other Outside Bodies

To receive reports from the Council's representatives on other outside bodies, as available.

11. MOTIONS FOR DEBATE

11.1. White Ribbon Day

To consider the motion regarding White Ribbon Day (Cllr Morag Bailey).

[Appendix T]

11.2. Winter Gritting - Red Bank

To consider the removal of Red Bank from Powys County Council's precautionary winter gritting network following its review of the Winter Service, and concerns regarding the potential impact on road safety (Cllr Morag Bailey).

[Appendix U]

11.3. Governance - Planning Functions

To consider the motion as set out below to transfer the planning and enforcement functions to Full Council (Cllr William Rowell).

To transfer the Council's existing Planning and Enforcement functions, responsibilities and delegated powers from the Events & Planning Committee to Full Council and rename the Events & Planning Committee as the Events & Tourism Committee; and
To authorise the Town Clerk to make the necessary consequential amendments to the Council's Standing Orders, Committee Terms of Reference and other governing documents.

[Appendix V]

12. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA & DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To receive items for consideration by the Town Clerk for future agendas and to note that the next meeting of Full Council will be held on 25th November 2026 at 6:30pm.

13. CONFIDENTIAL SESSION - EXCLUSION

To resolve, if required, 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. [Section 1(2), Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960]

14. TOUR DE FRANCE SPECIAL COMMITTEE - SEPTEMBER 2026 - CONFIDENTIAL [CONFIDENTIAL]

To consider the recommendations of the Tour de France Special Committee on the 23/09/2026 and determine whether to adopt, amend or reject those recommendations, including the consideration and determination of alternative substantive resolutions relating to the matters identified below.

Item 9 - Tour de France Planning - Other

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.

Item 9 - Tour de France Planning - Other

RECOMMENDED

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

Item 9 - Tour de France Planning - Other

RECOMMENDED

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

Item 9 - Tour de France Planning - Other

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.

Item 9 - Tour de France Planning - Other

RECOMMENDED

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

Item 8 - Tour de France - Fanzones

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.

Confidential Document [Appendix W]

15. OPERATIONS & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - OCTOBER 2026 - CONFIDENTIAL [CONFIDENTIAL]

To consider the recommendations of the Operations & Development Committee on the 14/10/2026 and determine whether to adopt, amend or reject those recommendations, including the consideration and determination of alternative substantive resolutions relating to the matters identified below.

Item 11.1 - Welshpool Town Football Club

RECOMMENDED

To approve a renewed licence to Welshpool Town Football Club for use of the football pitch at Maes y Dre Recreation Ground for the same terms with a new definition of playing season negotiated with the Club.

Item 11.2 - Welshpool Town Bowling Club

RECOMMENDED

To agree that the option involving direct maintenance of the bowling greens by the Council's Operations Team is not pursued at this stage because the necessary staff capacity and specialist equipment are not available.

Item 11.2 - Welshpool Town Bowling Club

RECOMMENDED

To agree that the Council will not enter into any maintenance agreement and that rent should be set at 50% of the Welshpool Town Football Club fees per year.

Item 11.3 - Ponthowell Gardens

RECOMMENDED

To defer consideration of the offer until other matters have been progressed with Powys County Council.

Appendix A



Cyngor Tref y Trallwng | Welshpool Town Council Declaration of Interests Flowchart

What matters are being discussed at the meeting?

Do any relate to my interests?

- A Does it affect my entries in the Register of Interests?
- OR**
- B Does it affect the well being or financial position of me, my partner, my relatives or my friends or my, my partner's, my relatives' or my friends':
- jobs, employers or businesses;
 - companies in which I or they are a director or where I or they have a shareholding of more than £5,000 (nominal/face value);
 - business partnerships; and
 - the following organisations where I or they hold a position of general control or management:
 - other bodies where I or they represent the authority;
 - other public authorities;
 - companies, industrial and provident societies and charitable bodies;
 - bodies whose main purpose is to influence public opinion or policy; and
 - trade unions or professional associations

More than other people in the authority's area?

NO

YES

**Disclose the
existence & nature
of your interest**

You may have a
personal interest in
the matter

Would a member of the public – If he or she knew all the facts – reasonably think that personal interest was so significant that my decision on the matter would be affected by it?

NO

**You can
participate in
the meeting
and vote**

YES

You may have a
prejudicial interest

This matter relates to:

- another authority of which I am a member;
- another public authority in which I hold a position of general control or management;
- other bodies where I represent the authority;
- statutory sick pay where I am in receipt of, or are entitled to, such pay from my authority; or
- allowances or payments made under sections 141-160 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011

NO

**Also, withdraw from
the meeting by
leaving the room or
chamber. Do not try
to improperly
influence the decision**

**And, considering whether or not it is
appropriate I participate in the decision
making, do I regard myself as not
having a prejudicial interest?**

YES

Personal Interest

Prejudicial Interest

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000

MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT –PARAGRAPH 11 (4)
PARAGRAPH 14 (3) (b) (ii)

NOTIFICATION IN RESPECT OF:-

(1) PERSONAL INTEREST ORALLY DISCLOSED AT MEETING

[(2) DISPENSATION RELIED UPON AT MEETING]

1.	NAME OF MEMBER:	
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2. DATE AND DETAILS OF MEETING AT WHICH ORAL DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INTEREST MADE:

DATE:	
MEETING:	

3. AGENDA ITEM NUMBER AND BUSINESS TO WHICH THE PERSONAL INTEREST RELATES :

AGENDA ITEM:	
BUSINESS CONSIDERED:	

4. DETAILS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

(Insert ALL category number(s) referred to in the accompanying guidance notes that apply together with any Additional Detail): If this involves SENSITIVE information give details of the agreement of the Monitoring Officer allowing you to simply disclose the EXISTENCE of the interest

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5. PREJUDICIAL INTEREST

Complete sections (a), (b), (c) and (d) in the box below by deleting those sections and words in square brackets as appropriate.

The personal interest detailed in Section 4 above:-

[(a) Is NOT a prejudicial interest because the business concerned relates to [another relevant authority of which I am also a member] [another public authority or body exercising functions of a public nature in which I hold a position of general control or management] [a body to which I have been elected, appointed or nominated by my Council] [my role as a non LEA School Governor and the business does not relate to my school] [my role as a member of the Local Health Board] AND the business does not relate to the determination of any approval, consent, licence, permission or registration]

[(b) Is NOT a prejudicial interest because (under the objective, public perception test in Paragraph 12 (1) of the Members' Code of Conduct) it WOULD NOT be regarded as so significant that it is likely to prejudice my judgement of the public interest].

[(c) Is NOT a prejudicial interest because the business relates to a grant, loan or other form of financial assistance to community or voluntary organisations up to £500].

[(d) IS ALSO A PREJUDICIAL INTEREST because (under the objective, public perception test in Paragraph 12 (1) of the Members' Code of Conduct) it WOULD BE regarded as so significant that it is likely to prejudice my judgement of the public interest].

6. IF YOU HAVE A PREJUDICIAL INTEREST IN RESPECT OF WHICH YOU HAVE THE BENEFIT OF A DISPENSATION GRANTED BY THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE/SUB-COMMITTEE YOU MUST ALSO COMPLETE THE BOX BELOW.

DATE OF MEETING OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE/SUB-COMMITTEE	
EXACT WORDING OF DISPENSATION [As an alternative you may simply attach the letter (or a copy) from the Standards Committee/Sub-Committee notifying you of the grant of dispensation]	

7. DATE AND SIGNATURE:

DATE:	
SIGNATURE:	

This written notification, fully completed, dated and signed must be given BEFORE or IMMEDIATELY AFTER the close of the meeting to the Clerk.

V:\WLEGAL\CLARENCE\STANDARDS\TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCILS – DECLARATION OF INTEREST (VERSION 2)

Appendix B

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DRAFT

Minutes of the Events & Planning Committee held on 07/10/2026 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 Phil Owen
Cllr Revd William Rowell

Apologies for absence:

Cllr Estelle Bleivas
Cllr Nick Howells

Absent:

Also in attendance:

Cllr Phil Pritchard
Cllr Vix Davis
Kimberly Wright - Events & Markets Manager
Wendy Lewis - Community Services Manager
2 member(s) of the public / press

EP071026/1. WELCOME, CODE OF CONDUCT AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chair welcomed all those present to the meeting and reminded all attendees to show respect for all throughout the meeting. Apologies received by Cllr Nick Howells and Cllr Estelle Bleivas

EP071026/2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

The following interests were declared:

Item	Councillor	Type	Reason
7.7	Phil Owen	Personal	As a Trustee of Friends of Welshpool High School who are asking for the Corn Exchange kitchen at Winter Festival.

EP071026/3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

EP071026/4. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

EP071026/4.1 Previous Minutes

RESOLVED

To approve the minutes from the meeting of the Events and Planning Committee, held on Wednesday, 2nd September 2026

WTCM936 - Proposed by Cllr Revd William Rowell, seconded by Cllr Jackson Quarrell

EP071026/4.2 Matters Arising

All items are on the agenda this evening or have been completed.

EP071026/5. TOURISM & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

EP071026/5.1 Information Centre

The Community Services Manager summarised the report and informed members that due to changes with the train ticket machine will mean a loss in sale of railcards directly however we will continue to sell them via a different mechanism.

EP071026/5.2 Visit Welshpool

Cllr Jackson Quarrell asked when the Voucher design would be selected. The Events and Planning Manager informed him that the deadline was 1st October, so the decision would take place soon.

EP071026/6. BUSINESS PLANNING & FINANCIAL MATTERS

EP071026/6.1 Interim Strategic Plan Action Plan

No comments received

EP071026/6.2 Budget and Committee Finance (Month 6)

Members were happy with the financial reports and had no comments to make.

EP071026/6.3 Lead Councillors

Councillors discussed the item at length and elected members as below.

RESOLVED

Carnival - Cllr Vix Davies and Cllr Chris Davies

WTCM909 - Proposed by Cllr Phil Owen, seconded by Cllr Jackson Quarrell

RESOLVED

Winter Festival - Cllr Bill Rowell and Cllr Morag Bailey

WTCM910 - Proposed by Cllr Jackson Quarrell, seconded by Cllr Phil Owen

RESOLVED

Halloween parade and party - Cllr Morag Bailey and Cllr Chris Davies

WTCM911 - Proposed by Cllr Phil Owen, seconded by Cllr Revd William Rowell

RESOLVED

Dance Festival - Cllr Phil Owen and Cllr Bill Rowell

WTCM912 - Proposed by Cllr Jackson Quarrell, seconded by Cllr Chris Davies

RESOLVED

Walking Festival - Cllr Bill Rowell and Cllr Phil Owen

WTCM913 - Proposed by Cllr Jackson Quarrell, seconded by Cllr Phil Owen

RESOLVED

Continental Market - Cllr Vix Davies and Cllr Bill Rowell

WTCM914 - Proposed by Cllr Jackson Quarrell, seconded by Cllr Phil Owen

RESOLVED

Book Sale - Cllr Chris Davies and Cllr Estelle Bleivas

WTCM915 - Proposed by Cllr Revd William Rowell, seconded by Cllr Jackson Quarrell

RESOLVED

Visit Welshpool - Branding, App/Web, Town Guide & Voucher scheme - Cllr Jackson Quarrell and Cllr Bill Rowell

WTCM916 - Proposed by Cllr Phil Owen, seconded by Cllr Chris Davies

RESOLVED

Visit Welshpool - Business Forum - Cllr Jackson Quarrell and Cllr Vix Davies

WTCM917 - Proposed by Cllr Revd William Rowell, seconded by Cllr Jackson Quarrell

EP071026/6.4 Draft 1 Budget 2027/28

Cllr Phil Pritchard left the meeting.

Councillors discussed the draft budget and a concern was expressed that the Tour De France budget should be increased.

EP071026/7. EVENTS

EP071026/7.1 Eisteddfod Maldwyn Meirionnydd

Cllr Bill Rowell left the meeting

Cllr Ben Gwalchmai left the meeting.

Peter addressed the Councillors.

Councillors agreed to support the event by way of promotion and by allowing officers to give support where they can (liaise).

EP071026/7.2 Continental Market 2027

Members discussed the Continental Market and agreed that it is a fantastic event for Welshpool and where we can expand the event to include local traders and music we should.

RESOLVED

To book the Continental Market from 16th to 18th July 2027 and to source local entertainment and local food suppliers to join in and enhance the event.

WTCM918 - Proposed by Cllr Jackson Quarrell, seconded by Cllr Phil Owen

EP071026/7.3 Remembrance 2026

Members noted the Remembrance report.

EP071026/7.4 Carnival

Members discussed the report and agreed to change the date of the Carnival 2027.

RESOLVED

To fix the date of the Annual Carnival day to Sunday 30th May, starting in 2027.

WTCM919 - Proposed by Cllr Morag Bailey, seconded by Cllr Jackson Quarrell

RESOLVED

To rename the Carnival King/Queen positions to Mini Mayor and to seek nominations.

WTCM920 - Proposed by Cllr Morag Bailey, seconded by Cllr Jackson Quarrell

RESOLVED

To ask officers to investigate the possibility of holding a dog show at the Carnival in 2027.

WTCM921 - Proposed by Cllr Kelly Meredith, seconded by Cllr Jackson Quarrell

RESOLVED

To begin publicising the Carnival 2027 and reaching out to possible stage acts/parade participants.

WTCM922 - Proposed by Cllr Morag Bailey, seconded by Cllr Kelly Meredith

RESOLVED

To set the next date of the Carnival Working Group as the 16th November 2026 at 6:30pm in the Royal Oak.

WTCM923 - Proposed by Cllr Kelly Meredith, seconded by Cllr Chris Davies

RESOLVED

To agree that the responsibilities for the Carnival as outlined in Appendix J be split as proposed with those responsibilities being jointly shared be delegated to the Events & Markets Manager in reference to the Committee and/or Lead Councillors for the Carnival.

WTCM924 - Proposed by Cllr Morag Bailey, seconded by Cllr Kelly Meredith

EP071026/7.5 Halloween Parade and Party 2026

The Events and Market Manager informed Councillors that the Halloween parade and party is now fully booked. Cllr Morag Bailey let Councillors know that the fancy dress competition will be judged based on the best effort made, and there will be two prizes awarded.

EP071026/7.6 Live Acts at Welshpool Town Hall

Members discussed the two quotes as set out in the paper.

RESOLVED

To book Built for Comfort for Saturday 14th November 2026 and House Band Band for February 2027 at a cost not exceeding £1750 and to ask officers to explore quotations for PA systems and to authorise officers to set a ticket price which would be appropriate.

WTCM925 - Proposed by Cllr Morag Bailey, seconded by Cllr Chris Davies

EP071026/7.7 Winter Festival

Live acts quotes deferred to the next meeting.

Cllr Phil Owen declared a personal interest on item 4, as he is a Trustee of Friends of Welshpool High School.

RESOLVED

To book 'Little Princess Parties' Elsa and Anna characters at £700 for 3 hours.

WTCM926 - Proposed by Cllr Morag Bailey, seconded by Cllr Chris Davies

RESOLVED

To allow Friends of Welshpool High School the use of the Corn Exchange kitchen during the event and to launch the Christmas window competition with a theme to be agreed by officers liaising with Lead Councillors.

WTCM927 - Proposed by Cllr Morag Bailey, seconded by Cllr Chris Davies

EP071026/7.8 Cuppa with a Councillor

The first Cuppa with a Councillor will be held in the Hub on Thursday, 22nd October 2026, 10.30 am - 11.30 am. The Councillors will be Cllr Morag Bailey and Cllr Bill Rowell.

EP071026/7.9 Book Sale 2026

Deferred until next month due to the absence of Cllr Estelle Bleivas.

EP071026/7.10 White Ribbon Day

The event will take place on Thursday, 26th November 2026. A motion will be taken to Full Council on Wednesday, 28th October, for Council to pledge its support to the cause.

EP071026/7.11 Flicks in the Sticks

Showing of Greenfingers on Monday, 5th October. £146.10 was raised in tea/coffee/cake sales and donations. The next screening of 'A Street Cat Called Bob' will take place on Monday, 2nd November 2026.

Councillors also discussed the survey results and agreed to charge an admission fee of £3 and keep refreshments at £2 for tea/coffee and a free piece of cake.

RESOLVED

To charge an admission fee for Flicks in the Sticks sessions from November 2026 at £3 per person.

WTCM928 - Proposed by Cllr Morag Bailey, seconded by Cllr Kelly Meredith

EP071026/8. PLANNING - NEW APPLICATIONS

Wendy Lewis left the meeting.

EP071026/8.1 P/26/0961/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 P/26/0961/FUL with the above response and comments.

WTCM929 - Proposed by Cllr Morag Bailey, seconded by Cllr Kelly Meredith

EP071026/8.2 P/26/0684/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 P/26/0684/FUL with the above response and comments.

WTCM930 - Proposed by Cllr Kelly Meredith, seconded by Cllr Jackson Quarrell

EP071026/8.3 P/26/0825/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 P/26/0825/FUL with the above response and comments.

WTCM931 - Proposed by Cllr Kelly Meredith, seconded by Cllr Jackson Quarrell

EP071026/8.4 P/26/0894/LBC

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 P/26/0894/LBC with the above response and comments.

WTCM932 - Proposed by Cllr Morag Bailey, seconded by Cllr Kelly Meredith

EP071026/8.5 P/26/0855/ADV

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 P/26/0855/ADV with the above response and comments.

WTCM937 - Proposed by Cllr Morag Bailey, seconded by Cllr Chris Davies

EP071026/8.6 P/26/0620/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 P/26/0620/FUL with the above response and comments.

WTCM933 - Proposed by Cllr Jackson Quarrell, seconded by Cllr Kelly Meredith

EP071026/8.7 P/26/0977/FUL

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 P/26/0977/FUL with the above response and comments.

WTCM934 - Proposed by Cllr Phil Owen, seconded by Cllr Morag Bailey

EP071026/8.8 P/26/1014/LBC

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 P/26/1014/LBC with the above response and comments.

WTCM935 - Proposed by Cllr Kelly Meredith, seconded by Cllr Chris Davies

EP071026/8.9 Planning decisions

EP071026/9. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA & DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Events & Planning Committee will be held on Wednesday, 4th November 2026, at 6:30 pm

The meeting finished at 20:59.

Signed:

Dated:

Councillor Chris Davies (Chair)

Decision/Action Log

ID		Assigned
WTCM909	RESOLUTION EP071026/6.3 Lead Councillors Carnival - Cllr Vix Davies and Cllr Chris Davies	Events & Markets Manager
WTCM910	RESOLUTION EP071026/6.3 Lead Councillors Winter Festival - Cllr Bill Rowell and Cllr Morag Bailey	Events & Markets Manager
WTCM911	RESOLUTION EP071026/6.3 Lead Councillors Halloween parade and party - Cllr Morag Bailey and Cllr Chris Davies	Events & Markets Manager
WTCM912	RESOLUTION EP071026/6.3 Lead Councillors Dance Festival - Cllr Phil Owen and Cllr Bill Rowell	Events & Markets Manager
WTCM913	RESOLUTION EP071026/6.3 Lead Councillors Walking Festival - Cllr Bill Rowell and Cllr Phil Owen	Events & Markets Manager
WTCM914	RESOLUTION EP071026/6.3 Lead Councillors Continental Market - Cllr Vix Davies and Cllr Bill Rowell	Events & Markets Manager
WTCM915	RESOLUTION EP071026/6.3 Lead Councillors Book Sale - Cllr Chris Davies and Cllr Estelle Bleivas	Events & Markets Manager
WTCM916	RESOLUTION EP071026/6.3 Lead Councillors Visit Welshpool - Branding, App/Web, Town Guide & Voucher scheme - Cllr Jackson Quarrell and Cllr Bill Rowell	Events & Markets Manager
WTCM917	RESOLUTION EP071026/6.3 Lead Councillors Visit Welshpool - Business Forum - Cllr Jackson Quarrell and Cllr Vix Davies	Events & Markets Manager
WTCM918	RESOLUTION EP071026/7.2 Continental Market 2027 To book the Continental Market from 16th to 18th July 2027 and to source local entertainment and local food suppliers to join in and enhance the event.	Events & Markets Manager

ID		Assigned
WTCM919	RESOLUTION EP071026/7.4 Carnival To fix the date of the Annual Carnival day to Sunday 30th May, starting in 2027.	Events & Markets Manager
WTCM920	RESOLUTION EP071026/7.4 Carnival To rename the Carnival King/Queen positions to Mini Mayor and to seek nominations.	Events & Markets Manager
WTCM921	RESOLUTION EP071026/7.4 Carnival To ask officers to investigate the possibility of holding a dog show at the Carnival in 2027.	Events & Markets Manager
WTCM922	RESOLUTION EP071026/7.4 Carnival To begin publicising the Carnival 2027 and reaching out to possible stage acts/parade participants.	Events & Markets Manager
WTCM923	RESOLUTION EP071026/7.4 Carnival To set the next date of the Carnival Working Group as the 16th November 2026 at 6:30pm in the Royal Oak.	Events & Markets Manager
WTCM924	RESOLUTION EP071026/7.4 Carnival To agree that the responsibilities for the Carnival as outlined in Appendix J be split as proposed with those responsibilities being jointly shared be delegated to the Events & Markets Manager in reference to the Committee and/or Lead Councillors for the Carnival.	Events & Markets Manager
WTCM925	RESOLUTION EP071026/7.6 Live Acts at Welshpool Town Hall To book Built for Comfort for Saturday 14th November 2026 and House Band Band for February 2027 at a cost not exceeding £1750 and to ask officers to explore quotations for PA systems and to authorise officers to set a ticket price which would be appropriate.	Events & Markets Manager
WTCM926	RESOLUTION EP071026/7.7 Winter Festival To book 'Little Princess Parties' Elsa and Anna characters at £700 for 3 hours.	Events & Markets Manager
WTCM927	RESOLUTION EP071026/7.7 Winter Festival To allow Friends of Welshpool High School the use of the Corn Exchange kitchen during the event and to launch the Christmas window competition with a theme to be agreed by officers liaising with Lead Councillors.	Events & Markets Manager
WTCM928	RESOLUTION EP071026/7.11 Flicks in the Sticks To charge an admission fee for Flicks in the Sticks sessions from November 2026 at £3 per person.	Events & Markets Manager

ID		Assigned
WTCM929	RESOLUTION EP071026/8.1 P/26/0961/FUL To respond to the planning authority in respect of P/26/0961/FUL with the above response and comments.	Events & Markets Manager
WTCM930	RESOLUTION EP071026/8.2 P/26/0684/FUL To respond to the planning authority in respect of P/26/0684/FUL with the above response and comments.	Events & Markets Manager
WTCM931	RESOLUTION EP071026/8.3 P/26/0825/FUL To respond to the planning authority in respect of P/26/0825/FUL with the above response and comments.	Events & Markets Manager
WTCM932	RESOLUTION EP071026/8.4 P/26/0894/LBC To respond to the planning authority in respect of P/26/0894/LBC with the above response and comments.	Events & Markets Manager
WTCM933	RESOLUTION EP071026/8.6 P/26/0620/FUL To respond to the planning authority in respect of P/26/0620/FUL with the above response and comments.	Events & Markets Manager
WTCM934	RESOLUTION EP071026/8.7 P/26/0977/FUL To respond to the planning authority in respect of P/26/0977/FUL with the above response and comments.	Events & Markets Manager
WTCM935	RESOLUTION EP071026/8.8 P/26/1014/LBC To respond to the planning authority in respect of P/26/1014/LBC with the above response and comments.	Events & Markets Manager
WTCM936	RESOLUTION EP071026/4.1 Previous Minutes To approve the minutes from the meeting of the Events and Planning Committee, held on Wednesday, 2nd September 2026	Events & Markets Manager
WTCM937	RESOLUTION EP071026/8.5 P/26/0855/ADV To respond to the planning authority in respect of P/26/0855/ADV with the above response and comments.	Events & Markets Manager

Appendix C



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DRAFT

Minutes of the Operations & Development Committee held on 14/10/2026 6:30pm in Council Chamber, Welshpool Town Hall.

PRESENT:

Cllr Chris Davies
Cllr David France
Cllr Estelle Bleivas
Cllr Kelly Meredith
Cllr Nick Howells
Cllr Phil Pritchard
Cllr Revd William Rowell

Apologies for absence:

Cllr Phil Owen

Absent:

Also in attendance:

Richard Williams - Town Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer
Paul McGrath - Operations Manager
1 member(s) of the public / press

OD141026/1. WELCOME, CODE OF CONDUCT AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllr Phil Owen. Cllr David France joined the meeting.

OD141026/2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

None.

OD141026/3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

OD141026/4. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

OD141026/4.1 Previous Minutes

Cllr David France queried why his apologies had not been recorded - Town Clerk to check with officer who took last meeting and update.

RESOLVED

To approve, as amended, the minutes from the meeting of the Operations & Development Committee on 09/09/2026.

WTCM938 - Proposed by Cllr Estelle Bleivas, seconded by Cllr Chris Davies

OD141026/4.2 Matters Arising

The Town Clerk reported that the following was outstanding/needed updating:

- WTCM850 - oil replacement has not taken place due to some other advice received.
- WTCM484 - paint has not been provided as we do not have any.

OD141026/5. LAND, BUILDINGS & ASSETS

OD141026/5.1 General Update

Cllr Kelly Meredith joined the meeting.

The Chair welcomed the Operations Manager back following a period of absence. The Operations Manager thanked the Council, Town Clerk and Operations Team for their support.

The Operations Manager provided an update on the following:

- Town Hall: The Longest Yarn exhibition had taken place throughout the month, alongside a book sale, wedding reception, 18th birthday party and regular bookings. The hanging baskets had now been removed for the season, with positive comments received regarding their appearance.
- Maes y Dre: End of season works had been completed, with the pitches looking in good condition. The new scarifier had been delivered and was being put into use, alongside the Grillo machine and grass collector, to improve pitch maintenance.
- Grounds Maintenance: The new Grillo machine was already making a significant difference to the maintenance of areas including Burgess Lands, the Country Park and Maes y Dre. Works were also planned for Dol y Felin. Grass cutting continued across the Council's open spaces and playgrounds due to the continued growing conditions.
- Playgrounds: The bongo drum play panel had been repaired. Following vandalism to the gate at Maes y Dre, an inspection indicated that the gate could be reused, with only the fence post likely to require replacement.
- Public Toilets: Vandalism had occurred involving the removal of toilet roll holders, which had subsequently been replaced.
- Biodiversity: One Voice Wales Biodiversity Team had undertaken an inspection of the Council's outdoor areas in relation to biodiversity obligations, with positive initial feedback reported.
- Memorial Gardens: Hedge cutting and clearance of flower beds had commenced in preparation for Remembrance.
- Burgess Lands: The Council had written to adjoining residents seeking their views on trees growing close to their property boundaries, with responses awaited.

OD141026/5.2 Booking Performance - Q1 & Q2 2026

The Town Clerk summarised the report, highlighting that total recorded booking value for the first half of the financial year reached £10,951 - representing a 3.9% increase compared to the preceding six months - with Quarter 2 performance improving by 15.7% against Quarter 1.

The Town Clerk further noted that virtually all of this income arose from the Town Hall, driven by consistent regular utilisation of the Corn Exchange and larger functions in the Assembly Room, and invited the Committee to note the booking performance and agree to continued quarterly reporting.

OD141026/6. BUSINESS PLANNING & FINANCIAL MATTERS

OD141026/6.1 Interim Strategic Plan Action Plan

The Town Clerk summarised updates in the paper. No questions received.

OD141026/6.2 Budget and Committee Finance (Month 6)

The Town Clerk summarised the report. No questions received.

OD141026/6.3 Lead Councillors

Members considered the appointment of Lead Councillors to the areas identified in the report. During discussion, the Chair proposed the inclusion of additional areas. The Town Clerk advised that the identification of areas was governed by the Lead Councillor Scheme approved by Full Council and that the additional areas had not been included on the published agenda. Accordingly, no decisions were taken in respect of those additional areas.

Note: the Town Clerk was asked what provision prevented the Council from voting on matters not on the agenda, the relevant provisions are para 26(2D), Sch 12 of the Local Government Act 1972, the case of Longfield Parish Council v Wright (1918) 88 LJ Ch 119 and Standing Orders 9(b) and 10(a).

RESOLVED

To elect the following lead councillors to the respective areas:

- **Markets - Cllr Phil Pritchard & Cllr Nick Howells**
- **Allotments - Cllr William Rowell**
- **Community Fridge - Cllr William Rowell & Cllr David France**
- **Maes y Dre Alternative Premises - Cllr Phil Pritchard & Cllr Estelle Bleivas**

WTCM939 - Proposed by Cllr Phil Pritchard, seconded by Cllr Nick Howells

OD141026/6.4 Draft 1 Budget 2027/28

The Town Clerk summarised the report, outlining the initial expenditure and income proposals for the 2027/28 financial year to help committees review service needs and identify any necessary amendments before Draft 2 is prepared. Specifically focusing on the areas within the Committee's remit, the Town Clerk detailed utility reprofiling for the Town Hall with updated electricity, gas, water, and maintenance figures alongside income adjustments like the expected end of the telecommunications mast lease.

Queries were received regarding Christmas Lights and potential sponsorship which the Town Clerk will take forward.

OD141026/7. SERVICES

OD141026/7.1 Markets

On behalf of the Events & Markets Manager, the Town Clerk summarised the report noting updates on the programme of upcoming events scheduled through the end of the year, including the 1940's Weekend, Halloween, Remembrance events, and the Winter Festival, where traders agreed to extend opening hours until 6:00pm.

A query was received regarding the fire escape routes in the Corn Exchange which was confirmed that due to only having 1 fire escape via the front of the building the capacity of the room is limited to only 65. A further query was received regarding the outdoor market and promotion. The Town Clerk will raise this with the Events & Markets Manager.

OD141026/7.2 The Hub - July & August 2026

On behalf of the Community Services Manager, the Town Clerk summarised the report noting that the Hub had welcomed 254 visitors during September and provided 149 meals. A recent donation of £100 per month from Jack's Tyres was celebrated and thanks given to Jack.

OD141026/7.3 Allotments

On behalf of the Community Services Manager, the Town Clerk provided an update that 53% of allotment plots had now been filled and that the budget for the year had been met, however due to legislation around allotments, it is proposed that a review of fees and charges take place as part of the 27/28 budget setting process and for any changes to go into effect in 28/29.

RECOMMENDED

To launch a review into allotment fees and charges as part of the 27/28 Budget Setting process.

WTCM940 - Proposed by Cllr Estelle Bleivas, seconded by Cllr Revd William Rowell

OD141026/7.4 Community Fridge

On behalf of the Community Services Manager, the Town Clerk provided an update that donations were still being recieved from Starbucks and Costa but that a recent meeting of volunteers had decided to not take up the offer from Newtown Food Surplus to go and collect food which has been collected from Welshpool supermarkets. The Fridge also has received a very generous donation from West Brom Building Society and a private donation. The volunteers are also looking into local shops again.

OD141026/8. PROJECTS & NEW DEVELOPMENTS

OD141026/8.1 Welshpool Town Centre Improvement

The Town Clerk reported that the Project Board had met to discuss awarding the contract for installations in line with the resolution from Full Council and that a decision had been made. Delivery of items is to start in October with Welsh Government permissions still outstanding.

OD141026/8.2 Changing Places

The Town Clerk gave an update and reported that the toilet is set for its official opening on the 28th October 2026 at 10:30am and that it had now been registered on the Changing Places website and is operational.

OD141026/8.3 Maes y Dre Alternative Premises

The Town Clerk reported that the planning application is still in consultation with Events & Planning Committee giving its support last week.

OD141026/9. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA & DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Operations & Development Committee will be held on 11th November 2026 at 6:30pm.

OD141026/10. CONFIDENTIAL SESSION - EXCLUSION

Following the passing of the resolution, Cllr William Rowell left the meeting as he was attending virtually and was not alone.

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.

WTCM941 - Proposed by Cllr Phil Pritchard, seconded by Cllr Estelle Bleivas

OD141026/11. LEASES & LAND

OD141026/11.1 Welshpool Town Football Club [CONFIDENTIAL]

The Town Clerk summarised the report and answered queries.

RECOMMENDED

To approve a renewed licence to Welshpool Town Football Club for use of the football pitch at Maes y Dre Recreation Ground for the same terms with a new definition of playing season negotiated with the Club.

WTCM942 - Proposed by Cllr Phil Pritchard, seconded by Cllr Estelle Bleivas

OD141026/11.2 Welshpool Town Bowling Club [CONFIDENTIAL]

The Town Clerk summarised the report and answered queries.

RECOMMENDED

To agree that the option involving direct maintenance of the bowling greens by the Council's Operations Team is not pursued at this stage because the necessary staff capacity and specialist equipment are not available.

WTCM943 - Proposed by Cllr Phil Pritchard, seconded by Cllr Nick Howells

RECOMMENDED

To agree that the Council will not enter into any maintenance agreement and that rent should be set at 50% of the Welshpool Town Football Club fees per year.

WTCM944 - Proposed by Cllr Phil Pritchard, seconded by Cllr Chris Davies

OD141026/11.3 Ponthowell Gardens [CONFIDENTIAL]

The Town Clerk summarised the report and answered queries. Following discussion, a motion to defer consideration of the offer pending progress on other matters with Powys County Council was put to the vote. The vote was tied, with three votes in favour and three against. The Chair exercised their casting vote in favour of the motion, which was therefore carried.

RECOMMENDED

To defer consideration of the offer until other matters have been progressed with Powys County Council.

WTCM945 - Proposed by Cllr Phil Pritchard, seconded by Cllr Estelle Bleivas

The meeting finished at 20:13.

Signed:

Dated:

Councillor (Chair)

Decision/Action Log

ID		Assigned
WTCM938	RESOLUTION OD141026/4.1 Previous Minutes To approve, as amended, the minutes from the meeting of the Operations & Development Committee on 09/09/2026.	Town Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer
WTCM939	RESOLUTION OD141026/6.3 Lead Councillors To elect the following lead councillors to the respective areas: - Markets - Cllr Phil Pritchard & Cllr Nick Howells - Allotments - Cllr William Rowell - Community Fridge - Cllr William Rowell & Cllr David France - Maes y Dre Alternative Premises - Cllr Phil Pritchard & Cllr Estelle Bleivas	Town Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer
WTCM940	RECOMMENDATION OD141026/7.3 Allotments To launch a review into allotment fees and charges as part of the 27/28 Budget Setting process.	Town Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer
WTCM941	RESOLUTION OD141026/10 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
WTCM942	RECOMMENDATION OD141026/11.1 Welshpool Town Football Club To approve a renewed licence to Welshpool Town Football Club for use of the football pitch at Maes y Dre Recreation Ground for the same terms with a new definition of playing season negotiated with the Club.	Town Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer
WTCM943	RECOMMENDATION OD141026/11.2 Welshpool Town Bowling Club To agree that the option involving direct maintenance of the bowling greens by the Council's Operations Team is not pursued at this stage because the necessary staff capacity and specialist equipment are not available.	Town Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer
WTCM944	RECOMMENDATION OD141026/11.2 Welshpool Town Bowling Club To agree that the Council will not enter into any maintenance agreement and that rent should be set at 50% of the Welshpool Town Football Club fees per year.	Town Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer
WTCM945	RECOMMENDATION OD141026/11.3 Ponthowell Gardens To defer consideration of the offer until other matters have been progressed with Powys County Council.	Town Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer

Appendix D



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DRAFT

Minutes of the Finance & Governance Committee held on 21/10/2026 6:30pm in Council Chamber, Welshpool Town Hall.

PRESENT:

Cllr Alison Davies
Cllr David France
Cllr Morag Bailey (Chair)
Cllr Phil Pritchard
Cllr Richard Church
Cllr Revd William Rowell

Apologies for absence:

Cllr Carol Robinson

Absent:

Also in attendance:

Cllr Phil Owen
Richard Williams - Town Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer

FG211026/1. WELCOME, CODE OF CONDUCT AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting and reminded attendees to show respect for all throughout the meeting, in line with the obligations of the Code of Conduct. Apologies were received from Cllr Carol Robinson.

FG211026/2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

None.

FG211026/3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

FG211026/4. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

FG211026/4.1 Previous Minutes

RESOLVED

To approve the minutes from the meeting of the Finance & Governance Committee on 16/09/2026.

WTCM946 - Proposed by Cllr Alison Davies, seconded by Cllr Revd William Rowell

FG211026/4.2 Matters Arising

The Town Clerk is still yet to respond to the query raised regarding archiving. The recommendations were all agreed by Full Council.

FG211026/5. BUSINESS PLANNING & FINANCIAL MATTERS

FG211026/5.1 Council Accounts (September - Period 6)

Members scrutinised the Council's accounts for September 2026 (Period 6) and welcomed the positive financial performance at the halfway point of the financial year.

Members observed that overall income was ahead of budget expectations, while expenditure remained slightly below the anticipated level. The Committee particularly welcomed improvements in income generated through the Town Hall, Welshpool Information Centre and Council events.

It was noted that Welshpool Information Centre had achieved approximately 81.6% of its annual income budget by the end of Period 6, while Carnival income had significantly exceeded expectations, supported by fees and donations.

Members raised queries regarding expenditure, including:

- Open Spaces – Consumables: The Town Clerk confirmed that expenditure related to the bulk purchase of line-marking paint for sports pitches.
- Open Spaces – Legal Fees: The Town Clerk explained that the expenditure related to legal work undertaken in connection with the Rugby and Cricket Club clubhouse agreement.
- Town Transformation – Legal Fees: The Town Clerk confirmed that expenditure of approximately £1,700 related to the first registration of the Town Hall with HM Land Registry.

Members thanked the Town Clerk and staff for their work in improving the Council's financial position and welcomed the increased income being generated across Council services.

RESOLVED

To note the bank balances, accounts and overspends for Period 6.

WTCM947 - Proposed by Cllr Alison Davies, seconded by Cllr Revd William Rowell

FG211026/5.2 Payment of Invoices - October

Members scrutinised the schedule of invoices presented for October 2026.

A query was raised regarding expenditure associated with the Open Doors heritage initiative, particularly the passport booklet and the overall value of the event. The Town Clerk explained that the initiative had been a positive first experience, enabling residents and visitors to access parts of the Town Hall not normally open to the public. However, there were lessons to be learned regarding the organisation of the passport scheme, staffing arrangements and the involvement of volunteers.

RECOMMENDED

To approve payment of invoices for October 2026.

WTCM948 - Proposed by Cllr Alison Davies, seconded by Cllr Richard Church

FG211026/5.3 Scrutiny of Payments

As Cllr Phil Owen was not in attendance at this point, no update was given but Members discussed electing for October, November and December.

RECOMMENDED

To elect the following members to perform scrutiny of payments exercise:

- **Cllr Morag Bailey - October 26 in November**
- **Cllr Alison Davies - November 26 in December**
- **TBC - December 26 in January**
- **Cllr Revd William Rowell - January 27 in February**

WTCM949 - Proposed by Cllr Morag Bailey, seconded by Cllr Alison Davies

FG211026/5.4 Interim Strategic Plan Action Plan

Cllr Phil Owen joined the meeting.

Members reviewed the progress made against the Interim Strategic Plan Action Plan and welcomed the number of actions completed or progressing.

The Town Clerk reported that costings remained outstanding in relation to action FS1, despite regular requests for an update. Members expressed concern regarding the delay and the importance of progressing the matter before July 2027.

FG211026/5.5 Draft 1 Budget 2027/28

The Town Clerk presented Draft 1 of the Council's budget for 2027/28, outlining the main changes and assumptions across the Council's services.

Members were advised that the draft remained at an early stage and would be subject to further consideration by the relevant committees, alongside the results of the ongoing public budget consultation.

The Town Clerk highlighted several changes, including:

- **Town Hall:** Utility budgets had been reprofiled to reflect actual consumption, with adjustments to anticipated income, including the telecommunications mast lease and Assembly Room bookings.
- **Operations and Open Spaces:** Staffing and overtime provisions had been reviewed, with changes to maintenance, equipment servicing, sports pitch works and waste disposal budgets.
- **Biodiversity and Street Furniture:** Additional provision had been included for the ongoing maintenance of new planting, street furniture and public realm improvements.
- **Public Toilets:** Savings were anticipated from revised staffing arrangements and reduced electricity consumption following the installation of solar panels, although other operating costs had increased.
- **Events:** Increased provisional budgets had been included for Carnival, the Winter Festival, Christmas lighting and preparations for the Tour de France in July 2027, subject to further consideration.
- **Town Transformation:** Provision had been included for the Council's anticipated commitments associated with the Town Hall regeneration project.

Members discussed the adequacy of the proposed budgets and raised several matters for further consideration, including the level of provision for repairs to street furniture, the use of the heading Biodiversity and Ecosystem Resilience, and the anticipated financial implications of inflation and changes to the Council Tax base.

The Town Clerk confirmed that a report concerning the proposed Town Centre Ranger would be considered by both the Finance & Governance Committee and Operations & Development Committee in November.

Members also discussed the financial provision for Carnival and other events, recognising the need to balance public expectations, the increasing cost of delivering events and opportunities to secure additional income.

The Town Clerk confirmed that the comments received would inform the preparation of Draft 2, which would be presented in November 2026.

FG211026/5.3 Scrutiny of Payments

As Cllr Phil Owen had joined the meeting, the Chair allowed this item to be continued. Cllr Phil Owen reported that he had undertaken the quarterly scrutiny of payments, examining four transactions against the relevant accounting records and supporting documentation. He confirmed that all transactions examined were satisfactory and no discrepancies had been identified.

FG211026/6. POLICY

FG211026/6.1 Draft Maternity & Family Friendly Policy

Members considered the draft Maternity & Family Friendly Policy, which had been prepared following the Council's assessment against the Financial Governance Toolkit.

Members welcomed the comprehensive nature of the policy and discussed two areas requiring clarification.

Firstly, Members considered the arrangements for annual leave accrued during maternity leave, including whether outstanding leave could be carried forward into a subsequent leave year. The Town Clerk agreed to seek clarification from the Council's HR advisers regarding the applicable contractual provisions and to ensure the policy provided appropriate clarity.

Secondly, Members discussed the importance of maintaining supportive contact with employees during maternity leave. It was agreed that the wording should be amended from "may contact" to "will contact", while retaining the employee's ability to request that contact be limited.

RECOMMENDED

To adopt the draft Maternity & Family Friendly Policy, subject to the agreed amendment regarding contact during maternity leave and clarification of the annual leave provisions.

WTCM950 - Proposed by Cllr Morag Bailey, seconded by Cllr Revd William Rowell

FG211026/6.2 Draft AI Policy

Members considered the draft Artificial Intelligence (AI) Policy, which had been developed to establish appropriate safeguards for the use of AI tools in Council business.

Members welcomed the concise nature of the policy and discussed the importance of ensuring that information generated through AI was checked for accuracy and that confidential or sensitive information was appropriately protected.

The Town Clerk explained that the Council already utilised certain AI facilities within its existing software systems, including Microsoft 365 Copilot, and that appropriate safeguards were necessary when using publicly available AI platforms.

Members also discussed the potential implications of AI for staffing and employment. It was acknowledged that AI could improve efficiency and support staff in their duties, but that there was no current intention to replace employees through its use. Members agreed that a specific provision regarding replacement of staff was not required at this stage.

The Committee recognised that AI technology was developing rapidly and that the policy would require periodic review.

During the discussion, Members also raised the need for a dedicated Cyber Security Policy, including appropriate awareness and training for staff and councillors. The Town Clerk agreed to investigate this further, including opportunities to incorporate cyber security awareness into the Council's training arrangements.

RECOMMENDED

To adopt the draft AI Policy.

WTCM951 - Proposed by Cllr Revd William Rowell, seconded by Cllr Alison Davies

FG211026/7. OTHER MATTERS

FG211026/7.1 Digital Engagement - Q2 2026

Cllr Phil Pritchard left the meeting.

Members received the Digital Engagement Report for Quarter 2 of 2026 and welcomed the significant level of engagement achieved across the Council's digital platforms, with content receiving almost one million views during the reporting period.

Members particularly welcomed the engagement generated by communications relating to town centre improvements and regeneration proposals.

FG211026/7.2 Our Welshpool Newsletter

The Town Clerk provided an update on the distribution arrangements for the latest edition of the Our Welshpool newsletter.

Members were advised that the 12-page newsletter had been prepared for distribution by Royal Mail during the week commencing 2 November 2026, in accordance with the Committee's previous instructions.

The Town Clerk confirmed that the newsletter would also be made available online, with a social media announcement scheduled to coincide with distribution. Residents who did not receive a copy would be encouraged to contact the Council so that delivery issues could be reported to Royal Mail within the relevant reporting period.

Members discussed the distribution of surplus copies and suggested that these could be made available through local estate agents and community facilities to help reach residents and prospective newcomers to Welshpool.

FG211026/8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA & DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Items for future agenda include a Cyber Security Policy, a discussions on politically restricted posts and Saturday employment opportunities for young people. The next meeting of Finance & Governance Committee will be held on 18th November 2026 at 6:30pm. Cllr Alison Davies gave her apologies for the next meeting.

FG211026/9. 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.

WTCM952 - Proposed by Cllr Revd William Rowell, seconded by Cllr Alison Davies

FG211026/10. STAFFING [CONFIDENTIAL]

The Town Clerk summarised the report and updated the committee on staffing matters. Members also had sight of the Town Clerk's appraisal.

The meeting finished at 20:37.

Signed:

Dated:

Councillor Morag Bailey (Chair)

Decision/Action Log

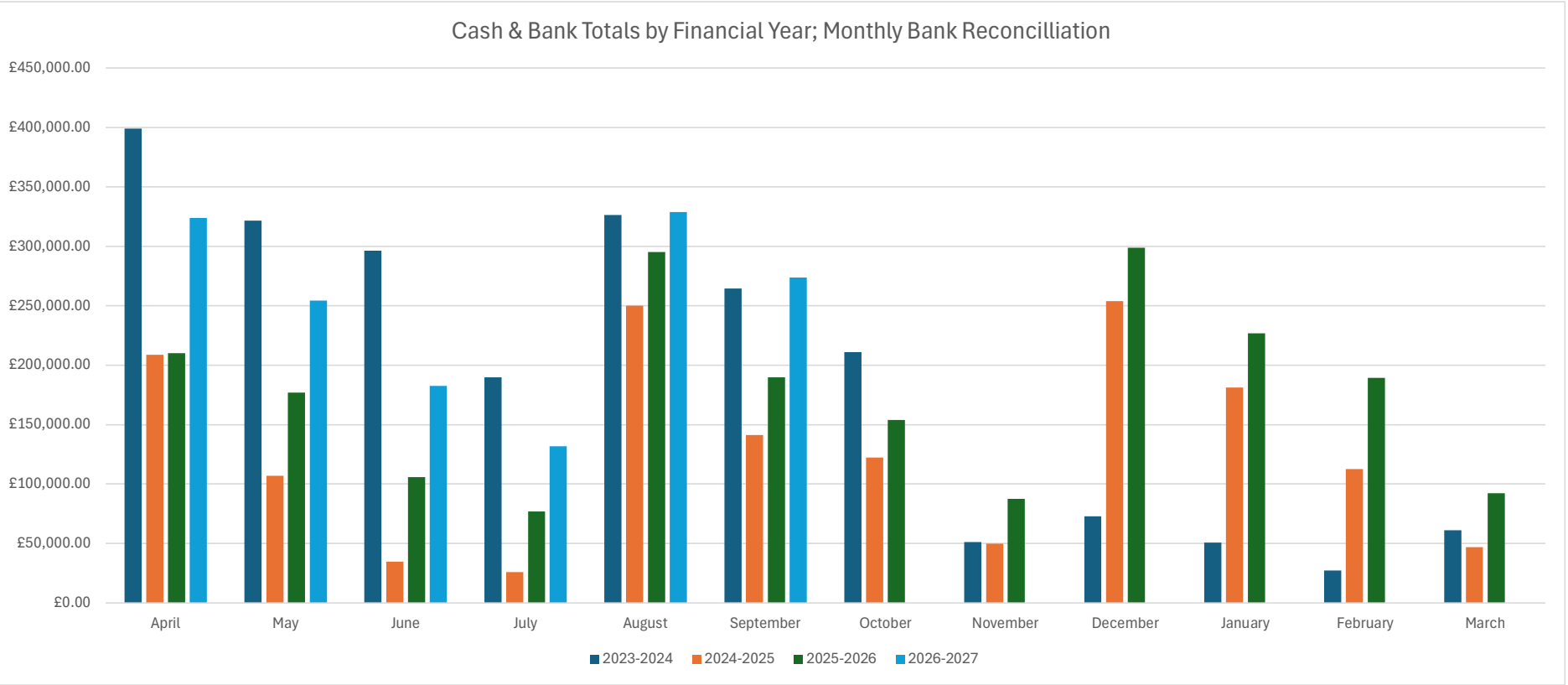
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WTCM946	RESOLUTION FG211026/4.1 Previous Minutes To approve the minutes from the meeting of the Finance & Governance Committee on 16/09/2026.	Town Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer
WTCM947	RESOLUTION FG211026/5.1 Council Accounts (September - Period 6) To note the bank balances, accounts and overspends for Period 6.	Town Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer
WTCM948	RECOMMENDATION FG211026/5.2 Payment of Invoices - October To approve payment of invoices for October 2026.	Town Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer
WTCM949	RECOMMENDATION FG211026/5.3 Scrutiny of Payments To elect the following members to perform scrutiny of payments exercise: - Cllr Morag Bailey - October 26 in November - Cllr Alison Davies - November 26 in December - TBC - December 26 in January - Cllr Revd William Rowell - January 27 in February	Town Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer
WTCM950	RECOMMENDATION FG211026/6.1 Draft Maternity & Family Friendly Policy To adopt the draft Maternity & Family Friendly Policy, subject to the agreed amendment regarding contact during maternity leave and clarification of the annual leave provisions.	Town Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer
WTCM951	RECOMMENDATION FG211026/6.2 Draft AI Policy To adopt the draft AI Policy.	Town Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer
WTCM952	RESOLUTION FG211026/9 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

Appendix E

Welshpool Town Council

Cash & Bank Totals

Financial Year	Precept				Precept				Precept			
	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March
2023-2024	£399,121.99	£321,647.77	£296,433.69	£189,914.84	£326,258.67	£264,348.29	£211,024.10	£51,135.99	£72,844.79	£50,699.32	£27,240.37	£61,019.31
2024-2025	£208,734.21	£106,997.97	£34,705.68	£25,891.75	£250,077.35	£141,333.30	£122,216.78	£49,808.97	£254,001.96	£181,224.01	£112,555.29	£46,939.39
2025-2026	£210,022.16	£176,995.40	£105,878.21	£76,986.30	£295,361.13	£189,828.72	£153,808.65	£87,449.58	£298,931.13	£226,926.34	£189,252.43	£92,375.72
2026-2027	£323,737.35	£254,328.70	£182,667.83	£131,616.25	£328,831.35	£273,840.12						



Appendix F

Detailed Income & Expenditure by Budget Heading 12/10/2026

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	Actual Current Mth	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent	Transfer to/from EMR
Finance & Governance								
210 Administration & Management								
1076 Precept	0	538,616	807,924	269,308			66.7%	
1080 Income - Interest	56	416	700	284			59.4%	
1365 Income - Other	0	1	0	(1)			0.0%	
Administration & Management :- Income	56	539,033	808,624	269,591			66.7%	0
4000 Salary	10,097	47,480	99,890	52,410		52,410	47.5%	
4005 HMRC	1,106	6,260	12,550	6,290		6,290	49.9%	
4010 Pension Payments	106	3,383	7,000	3,617		3,617	48.3%	
4011 PCC Pension Shortfall	0	6,100	6,100	0		0	100.0%	
4020 Training Staff	75	741	4,500	3,759		3,759	16.5%	
4021 Training Councillors	88	384	1,250	866		866	30.7%	
4025 Uniforms	0	0	200	200		200	0.0%	
4065 Mobile Phones	0	49	200	151		151	24.6%	
4205 Marketing	19	319	1,000	681		681	31.9%	
4330 Special Projects	1,678	2,528	16,000	13,472		13,472	15.8%	
4340 Equipment	0	0	500	500		500	0.0%	
4445 Conferences	0	535	750	215		215	71.4%	
4470 Bank Charges	43	344	1,000	656		656	34.4%	
4725 Stationery	44	393	1,500	1,107		1,107	26.2%	
4850 Insurance	0	34,541	33,000	(1,541)		(1,541)	104.7%	
4855 Audit	0	1,979	2,500	521		521	79.1%	
4860 Professional Fees	0	1,844	2,500	656		656	73.8%	
4861 Legal Fees	360	2,958	2,500	(458)		(458)	118.3%	
4875 Health & Safety	0	7,704	7,250	(454)		(454)	106.3%	
4880 Electrical Testing	0	0	500	500		500	0.0%	
4885 Elections	260	260	5,000	4,740		4,740	5.2%	
4890 Welsh Language	0	0	250	250		250	0.0%	
4895 Subscriptions	0	2,264	2,500	236		236	90.6%	
4900 Miscellaneous Costs	5	510	500	(10)		(10)	102.0%	
4915 Archives	0	0	500	500		500	0.0%	
5170 Newsletters	0	0	3,303	3,303		3,303	0.0%	
5501 Transfer to General Reserve	0	0	20,000	20,000		20,000	0.0%	
Administration & Management :- Indirect Expenditure	13,880	120,576	232,743	112,167	0	112,167	51.8%	0
Net Income over Expenditure	(13,824)	418,457	575,881	157,424				

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211 Office								
4055 Rates	0	2,824	2,824	0		0	100.0%	
4061 Electricity	85	1,491	6,000	4,509		4,509	24.9%	
4085 Repairs & Maintenance	0	890	0	(890)		(890)	0.0%	
4100 Cleaning & Materials	0	0	250	250		250	0.0%	
4340 Equipment	0	504	3,618	3,114		3,114	13.9%	
Office :- Indirect Expenditure	85	5,709	12,692	6,983	0	6,983	45.0%	0
Net Expenditure	(85)	(5,709)	(12,692)	(6,983)				
212 Members Allowances								
1450 Income - Donations	0	182	0	(182)			0.0%	
Members Allowances :- Income	0	182	0	(182)				0
4870 Mayoral & Senior Allowance	0	0	1,500	1,500		1,500	0.0%	
4871 Councillor Allowances	0	0	3,120	3,120		3,120	0.0%	
Members Allowances :- Indirect Expenditure	0	0	4,620	4,620	0	4,620		0
Net Income over Expenditure	0	182	(4,620)	(4,802)				
213 IT Costs								
4095 Licenses	0	282	240	(42)		(42)	117.5%	
4340 Equipment	0	868	2,500	1,632		1,632	34.7%	
4865 Web Site	45	154	500	346		346	30.9%	
4920 Accounts Software	0	4,844	4,000	(844)		(844)	121.1%	
4921 IT Support	270	1,641	3,156	1,515		1,515	52.0%	
4922 Photocopier	1,400	4,200	5,600	1,400		1,400	75.0%	
4923 Telephone & Broadband	702	3,651	6,855	3,204		3,204	53.3%	
IT Costs :- Indirect Expenditure	2,417	15,641	22,851	7,210	0	7,210	68.4%	0
Net Expenditure	(2,417)	(15,641)	(22,851)	(7,210)				
Finance & Governance :- Income	56	539,215	808,624	269,409			66.7%	
Expenditure	16,382	141,926	272,906	130,980	0	130,980	52.0%	
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(16,326)	397,289	535,718	138,429				

Operations & Development

100 Town Hall								
1100 Income - Corn Exchange	498	3,402	5,000	1,598			68.0%	
1103 Refreshments - Corn Exchange	0	60	0	(60)			0.0%	

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1105 Income - Assembly Rooms	2,280	3,188	3,500	312			91.1%	
1110 Income - Other Rooms	62	465	1,250	785			37.2%	
1120 Income - Telephone Mast Rental	1,250	2,500	5,000	2,500			50.0%	
1206 Income - Utilities Recharge	0	340	600	260			56.7%	
Town Hall :- Income	4,090	9,955	15,350	5,395			64.9%	0
4055 Rates	0	31,877	31,877	0		0	100.0%	
4061 Electricity	1,659	14,756	25,000	10,244		10,244	59.0%	
4062 Gas	387	7,410	30,000	22,590		22,590	24.7%	
4063 Water	0	1,566	2,500	934		934	62.6%	
4064 Hygiene Contract	1,673	5,642	4,500	(1,142)		(1,142)	125.4%	
4066 Statutory Testing	1,085	4,181	4,500	319		319	92.9%	
4085 Repairs & Maintenance	5,999	11,233	10,500	(733)		(733)	107.0%	
4095 Licenses	0	295	1,000	705		705	29.5%	
4098 Community Fridge	0	6	250	244		244	2.5%	
4100 Cleaning & Materials	145	579	1,375	796		796	42.1%	
4200 Waste Collection	298	661	2,750	2,089		2,089	24.0%	
4202 Consumeables	0	63	250	187		187	25.2%	
4340 Equipment	0	277	250	(27)		(27)	110.7%	
4900 Miscellaneous Costs	14	258	1,000	742		742	25.8%	
5126 Soft Play Trial	0	0	3,000	3,000		3,000	0.0%	
Town Hall :- Indirect Expenditure	11,259	78,805	118,752	39,947	0	39,947	66.4%	0
Net Income over Expenditure	(7,170)	(68,850)	(103,402)	(34,552)				
101 Town Hall Transformation								
1450 Income - Donations	0	184	0	(184)			0.0%	
Town Hall Transformation :- Income	0	184	0	(184)				0
4097 Borrowing	0	0	24,000	24,000		24,000	0.0%	
4861 Legal Fees	1,741	1,741	0	(1,741)		(1,741)	0.0%	
4900 Miscellaneous Costs	0	200	250	50		50	80.0%	
4930 Fundraiser/Consultants	0	6,376	5,000	(1,376)		(1,376)	127.5%	
5458 TH2 - Fundraising Campaign	6	423	500	77		77	84.7%	
Town Hall Transformation :- Indirect Expenditure	1,747	8,740	29,750	21,010	0	21,010	29.4%	0
Net Income over Expenditure	(1,747)	(8,556)	(29,750)	(21,194)				
102 Town Centre								
5453 TC1 - Shopfront Scheme	0	0	500	500		500	0.0%	
Town Centre :- Indirect Expenditure	0	0	500	500	0	500	0.0%	0
Net Expenditure	0	0	(500)	(500)				

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110 Markets								
1200 Income - Market Stalls	1,173	7,885	13,000	5,115			60.7%	
1205 Income - Outdoor Markets	72	551	1,000	449			55.1%	
1300 Income - Rent	0	843	5,980	5,137			14.1%	
Markets :- Income	1,245	9,279	19,980	10,701			46.4%	0
4000 Salary	767	3,933	8,070	4,137		4,137	48.7%	
4005 HMRC	99	604	1,030	426		426	58.6%	
4010 Pension Payments	54	309	570	261		261	54.2%	
4095 Licenses	0	0	500	500		500	0.0%	
4205 Marketing	0	0	1,000	1,000		1,000	0.0%	
Markets :- Indirect Expenditure	920	4,846	11,170	6,324	0	6,324	43.4%	0
Net Income over Expenditure	325	4,434	8,810	4,377				
130 Recreation								
4085 Repairs & Maintenance	0	2,277	0	(2,277)		(2,277)	0.0%	
Recreation :- Indirect Expenditure	0	2,277	0	(2,277)	0	(2,277)		0
Net Expenditure	0	(2,277)	0	2,277				
131 Operations								
4000 Salary	13,849	64,267	126,630	62,363		62,363	50.8%	
4002 Overtime	0	0	3,000	3,000		3,000	0.0%	
4005 HMRC	1,569	9,556	15,460	5,904		5,904	61.8%	
4010 Pension Payments	(431)	4,463	8,620	4,157		4,157	51.8%	
4020 Training Staff	0	526	3,000	2,474		2,474	17.5%	
4025 Uniforms	0	0	400	400		400	0.0%	
4026 PPE	43	43	500	457		457	8.6%	
4065 Mobile Phones	0	147	200	53		53	73.7%	
4202 Consumeables	0	0	500	500		500	0.0%	
4400 Vehicles	489	2,933	5,865	2,933		2,933	50.0%	
4401 Vehicle Running Costs	342	577	1,200	623		623	48.1%	
4875 Health & Safety	0	0	250	250		250	0.0%	
4900 Miscellaneous Costs	0	0	300	300		300	0.0%	
Operations :- Indirect Expenditure	15,861	82,513	165,925	83,412	0	83,412	49.7%	0
Net Expenditure	(15,861)	(82,513)	(165,925)	(83,412)				
132 Playparks								
4085 Repairs & Maintenance	779	779	8,000	7,221		7,221	9.7%	

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4342 Play Area Fencing	0	0	10,000	10,000		10,000	0.0%	
Playparks :- Indirect Expenditure	779	779	18,000	17,221	0	17,221	4.3%	0
Net Expenditure	(779)	(779)	(18,000)	(17,221)				
133 Open Spaces								
1340 Income - Rec Club Rents etc	0	(29)	3,700	3,729			(0.8%)	
Open Spaces :- Income	0	(29)	3,700	3,729			(0.8%)	0
4063 Water	0	1,041	2,600	1,559		1,559	40.1%	
4085 Repairs & Maintenance	64	4,172	7,000	2,828		2,828	59.6%	
4087 Tree Surveys / Works	0	0	1,500	1,500		1,500	0.0%	
4202 Consumables	291	424	500	76		76	84.8%	
4340 Equipment	0	1,542	5,000	3,458		3,458	30.8%	
4345 End of Season Works	0	15,400	23,000	7,600		7,600	67.0%	
4355 Country Park Lease	500	500	500	0		0	100.0%	
4360 Outer Park Lease	0	1,500	1,500	0		0	100.0%	
4365 STRI/ROSPA	0	538	1,500	962		962	35.9%	
4400 Vehicles	1,130	3,389	6,778	3,389		3,389	50.0%	
4401 Vehicle Running Costs	36	72	500	428		428	14.5%	
4515 Buttington Cemetery	0	1,358	1,400	42		42	97.0%	
4861 Legal Fees	531	531	0	(531)		(531)	0.0%	
Open Spaces :- Indirect Expenditure	2,551	30,468	51,778	21,310	0	21,310	58.8%	0
Net Income over Expenditure	(2,551)	(30,497)	(48,078)	(17,581)				
135 Waste Collection								
4200 Waste Collection	442	2,152	2,750	598		598	78.2%	
4400 Vehicles	590	3,541	7,082	3,541		3,541	50.0%	
4401 Vehicle Running Costs	15	114	1,200	1,086		1,086	9.5%	
5455 DO3 - Dog Waste Bins	163	789	1,000	211		211	78.9%	
5456 DO2 - Campaign Dog Friendly	0	0	250	250		250	0.0%	
Waste Collection :- Indirect Expenditure	1,210	6,595	12,282	5,687	0	5,687	53.7%	0
Net Expenditure	(1,210)	(6,595)	(12,282)	(5,687)				
136 Allotments								
1350 Income - Allotments	75	775	750	(25)			103.3%	
Allotments :- Income	75	775	750	(25)			103.3%	0
4063 Water	0	197	500	303		303	39.4%	
4085 Repairs & Maintenance	0	102	250	148		148	41.0%	
Allotments :- Indirect Expenditure	0	299	750	451	0	451	39.9%	0
Net Income over Expenditure	75	476	0	(476)				

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137 Biodiversity & Horticulture								
4383 Flowers & Gardens	0	584	1,000	416		416	58.4%	
5457 EN2 - Biodiversity Action	0	0	2,000	2,000		2,000	0.0%	
Biodiversity & Horticulture :- Indirect Expenditure	0	584	3,000	2,416	0	2,416	19.5%	0
Net Expenditure	0	(584)	(3,000)	(2,416)				
138 Bus Shelters/Street Furniture								
4085 Repairs & Maintenance	0	0	250	250		250	0.0%	
Bus Shelters/Street Furniture :- Indirect Expenditure	0	0	250	250	0	250	0.0%	0
Net Expenditure	0	0	(250)	(250)				
139 The Hub								
1455 Income - Warm Hub Donations	480	2,431	0	(2,431)			0.0%	
The Hub :- Income	480	2,431	0	(2,431)				0
5450 Warm Hub Expenditure	179	1,618	0	(1,618)		(1,618)	0.0%	
The Hub :- Indirect Expenditure	179	1,618	0	(1,618)	0	(1,618)		0
Net Income over Expenditure	301	813	0	(813)				
150 Toilets								
1365 Income - Other	0	0	500	500			0.0%	
1450 Income - Donations	0	18	0	(18)			0.0%	
Toilets :- Income	0	18	500	482			3.6%	0
4000 Salary	1,638	10,224	21,120	10,896		10,896	48.4%	
4005 HMRC	113	863	1,670	807		807	51.7%	
4010 Pension Payments	13	362	1,480	1,118		1,118	24.4%	
4061 Electricity	27	152	2,000	1,848		1,848	7.6%	
4063 Water	0	1,622	5,000	3,378		3,378	32.4%	
4064 Hygiene Contract	0	0	4,500	4,500		4,500	0.0%	
4085 Repairs & Maintenance	205	355	1,000	645		645	35.5%	
4100 Cleaning & Materials	0	694	1,500	806		806	46.2%	
4991 Capital Works	0	714	1,000	286		286	71.4%	
Toilets :- Indirect Expenditure	1,996	14,985	39,270	24,285	0	24,285	38.2%	0
Net Income over Expenditure	(1,996)	(14,967)	(38,770)	(23,803)				

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160 Domen Castell								
4055 Rates	0	1,481	779	(702)		(702)	190.1%	
4061 Electricity	1	75	200	125		125	37.7%	
4063 Water	0	0	100	100		100	0.0%	
4085 Repairs & Maintenance	37	192	1,500	1,308		1,308	12.8%	
4500 CCTV	0	659	1,000	341		341	65.9%	
4550 Rent Private Land	0	3,000	3,000	0		0	100.0%	
4555 Rent Powis Estates	0	0	1,350	1,350		1,350	0.0%	
4860 Professional Fees	0	0	1,000	1,000		1,000	0.0%	
Domen Castell :- Indirect Expenditure	38	5,407	8,929	3,522	0	3,522	60.6%	0
Net Expenditure	(38)	(5,407)	(8,929)	(3,522)				
190 Ann Holloway Centre								
1300 Income - Rent	93	343	1,000	658			34.3%	
1365 Income - Other	0	1,397	1	(1,396)			139710.0	
Ann Holloway Centre :- Income	93	1,740	1,001	(739)			173.8%	0
4085 Repairs & Maintenance	0	450	450	0		0	100.0%	
Ann Holloway Centre :- Indirect Expenditure	0	450	450	0	0	0	100.0%	0
Net Income over Expenditure	93	1,290	551	(739)				
200 Meals on Wheels								
4000 Salary	0	0	250	250		250	0.0%	
4005 HMRC	0	0	225	225		225	0.0%	
4100 Cleaning & Materials	0	0	100	100		100	0.0%	
4400 Vehicles	211	2,509	2,904	395		395	86.4%	
4710 Meal Costs	0	0	500	500		500	0.0%	
Meals on Wheels :- Indirect Expenditure	211	2,509	3,979	1,470	0	1,470	63.0%	0
Net Expenditure	(211)	(2,509)	(3,979)	(1,470)				
239 Pride in Place								
1370 Income - Grant	0	0	83,000	83,000			0.0%	
Pride in Place :- Income	0	0	83,000	83,000			0.0%	0
4991 Capital Works	3,868	4,277	86,000	81,723		81,723	5.0%	
5454 TC2 - Planting	0	0	2,000	2,000		2,000	0.0%	
Pride in Place :- Indirect Expenditure	3,868	4,277	88,000	83,723	0	83,723	4.9%	0
Net Income over Expenditure	(3,868)	(4,277)	(5,000)	(723)				
Operations & Development :- Income	5,982	24,352	124,281	99,929			19.6%	
Expenditure	40,619	245,151	552,785	307,634	0	307,634	44.3%	
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(34,637)	(220,799)	(428,504)	(207,705)				

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Events & Planning								
<u>103</u> <u>Place Plan</u>								
4661 Commission Costs	0	0	1,500	1,500		1,500	0.0%	
Place Plan :- Indirect Expenditure	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Expenditure	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(1,500)</u>	<u>(1,500)</u>				
<u>180</u> <u>Information Centre</u>								
1500 Income - Commission Sales	4,702	39,047	42,000	2,953			93.0%	
1505 Income - Rail Ticket	1,288	5,077	8,000	2,923			63.5%	
1510 Income - Direct Sales	1,208	6,479	12,000	5,521			54.0%	
Information Centre :- Income	<u>7,198</u>	<u>50,602</u>	<u>62,000</u>	<u>11,398</u>			<u>81.6%</u>	<u>0</u>
4000 Salary	6,236	31,914	67,390	35,476		35,476	47.4%	
4005 HMRC	691	3,789	7,860	4,071		4,071	48.2%	
4010 Pension Payments	34	2,589	7,030	4,441		4,441	36.8%	
4055 Rates	0	2,824	2,824	1		1	100.0%	
4061 Electricity	27	307	2,000	1,693		1,693	15.3%	
4085 Repairs & Maintenance	95	725	1,500	775		775	48.3%	
4100 Cleaning & Materials	0	229	250	21		21	91.7%	
4205 Marketing	0	263	500	237		237	52.5%	
4470 Bank Charges	55	349	1,000	651		651	34.9%	
4660 Direct Stock	1,087	3,157	7,500	4,343		4,343	42.1%	
4661 Commission Costs	14,020	37,969	35,000	(2,969)		(2,969)	108.5%	
4662 Train Tickets / Other Tourism	0	0	650	650		650	0.0%	
4875 Health & Safety	0	40	500	460		460	8.0%	
4900 Miscellaneous Costs	25	139	500	361		361	27.8%	
Information Centre :- Indirect Expenditure	<u>22,270</u>	<u>84,294</u>	<u>134,504</u>	<u>50,210</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>50,210</u>	<u>62.7%</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Income over Expenditure	<u>(15,071)</u>	<u>(33,692)</u>	<u>(72,504)</u>	<u>(38,812)</u>				
<u>182</u> <u>Tourism</u>								
5451 VW1 - Tourism Brand	475	724	3,000	2,276		2,276	24.1%	
5452 VW2 - Promotion Tourism	0	529	1,500	971		971	35.3%	
Tourism :- Indirect Expenditure	<u>475</u>	<u>1,254</u>	<u>4,500</u>	<u>3,246</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,246</u>	<u>27.9%</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Expenditure	<u>(475)</u>	<u>(1,254)</u>	<u>(4,500)</u>	<u>(3,246)</u>				
<u>230</u> <u>Events</u>								
1450 Income - Donations	630	685	0	(685)			0.0%	

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1895 Income - Other Events	0	60	1,500	1,440			4.0%	
Events :- Income	630	746	1,500	754			49.7%	0
4000 Salary	1,533	7,714	16,140	8,426		8,426	47.8%	
4005 HMRC	199	1,185	2,050	865		865	57.8%	
4010 Pension Payments	107	607	1,130	523		523	53.7%	
4065 Mobile Phones	0	49	200	151		151	24.6%	
4205 Marketing	0	55	1,000	945		945	5.5%	
4900 Miscellaneous Costs	0	50	250	200		200	20.0%	
5175 Bunting & Flags	0	241	2,000	1,759		1,759	12.1%	
5180 Road Closure	0	550	600	50		50	91.7%	
5190 Community Events	123	143	2,650	2,507		2,507	5.4%	
Events :- Indirect Expenditure	1,962	10,594	26,020	15,426	0	15,426	40.7%	0
Net Income over Expenditure	(1,332)	(9,848)	(24,520)	(14,672)				
<u>231 Carnival</u>								
1345 Income - Casual Recreation	0	732	0	(732)			0.0%	
1450 Income - Donations	0	540	0	(540)			0.0%	
1850 Income - Carnival	(80)	883	800	(83)			110.4%	
Carnival :- Income	(80)	2,156	800	(1,356)			269.5%	0
4001 Staffing Cost	0	1,004	1,000	(4)		(4)	100.4%	
4340 Equipment	0	343	650	308		308	52.7%	
5192 Carnival	0	2,593	2,400	(193)		(193)	108.0%	
Carnival :- Indirect Expenditure	0	3,939	4,050	111	0	111	97.3%	0
Net Income over Expenditure	(80)	(1,783)	(3,250)	(1,467)				
<u>232 Winter Festival</u>								
1880 Income - Winter Festival	463	433	1,000	568			43.3%	
Winter Festival :- Income	463	433	1,000	568			43.2%	0
4001 Staffing Cost	0	0	1,000	1,000		1,000	0.0%	
4340 Equipment	0	0	650	650		650	0.0%	
5120 Winter Festival	200	227	2,200	1,973		1,973	10.3%	
5123 Gifts for Santa	0	0	300	300		300	0.0%	
5180 Road Closure	0	0	600	600		600	0.0%	
Winter Festival :- Indirect Expenditure	200	227	4,750	4,523	0	4,523	4.8%	0
Net Income over Expenditure	263	206	(3,750)	(3,956)				

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233	<u>Flicks in the Sticks</u>								
1860	Income - Flicks in the Sticks	113	292	1,000	708			29.2%	
	Flicks in the Sticks :- Income	113	292	1,000	708			29.2%	0
5100	Flicks in the Sticks	450	450	1,350	900		900	33.3%	
	Flicks in the Sticks :- Indirect Expenditure	450	450	1,350	900	0	900	33.3%	0
	Net Income over Expenditure	(337)	(158)	(350)	(192)				
234	<u>Fireworks</u>								
1870	Income - Fireworks Display	340	340	2,500	2,160			13.6%	
	Fireworks :- Income	340	340	2,500	2,160			13.6%	0
4001	Staffing Cost	0	0	500	500		500	0.0%	
4340	Equipment	0	0	250	250		250	0.0%	
5105	Fireworks Display	0	108	2,500	2,392		2,392	4.3%	
	Fireworks :- Indirect Expenditure	0	108	3,250	3,142	0	3,142	3.3%	0
	Net Income over Expenditure	340	232	(750)	(982)				
235	<u>Civic Events</u>								
1450	Income - Donations	0	880	0	(880)			0.0%	
	Civic Events :- Income	0	880	0	(880)				0
5115	Remembrance	0	300	1,450	1,150		1,150	20.7%	
5145	Community Awards	0	274	300	26		26	91.3%	
5146	Civic & Hospitality	0	150	250	100		100	60.0%	
	Civic Events :- Indirect Expenditure	0	724	2,000	1,276	0	1,276	36.2%	0
	Net Income over Expenditure	0	156	(2,000)	(2,156)				
236	<u>Christmas Lights</u>								
4086	Installation	0	0	10,000	10,000		10,000	0.0%	
4880	Electrical Testing	0	0	600	600		600	0.0%	
5121	Christmas Lights	0	2,840	2,000	(840)		(840)	142.0%	
	Christmas Lights :- Indirect Expenditure	0	2,840	12,600	9,760	0	9,760	22.5%	0
	Net Expenditure	0	(2,840)	(12,600)	(9,760)				
238	<u>Car Parking</u>								
1361	Income - Car Park Donations	11	110	0	(110)			0.0%	
	Car Parking :- Income	11	110	0	(110)				0
	Net Income	11	110	0	(110)				

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Events & Planning :- Income	8,675	55,557	68,800	13,243			80.8%	
Expenditure	25,357	104,429	194,524	90,095	0	90,095	53.7%	
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(16,682)	(48,873)	(125,724)	(76,851)				
Tour de France								
237 Tour de France								
5461 Tour de France	0	0	5,000	5,000		5,000	0.0%	
Tour de France :- Indirect Expenditure	0	0	5,000	5,000	0	5,000		0
Net Expenditure	0	0	(5,000)	(5,000)				
240 Croeso i Feicwyr								
1370 Income - Grant	0	0	6,400	6,400			0.0%	
Croeso i Feicwyr :- Income	0	0	6,400	6,400				0
4991 Capital Works	0	0	8,000	8,000		8,000	0.0%	
Croeso i Feicwyr :- Indirect Expenditure	0	0	8,000	8,000	0	8,000		0
Net Income over Expenditure	0	0	(1,600)	(1,600)				
Tour de France :- Income	0	0	6,400	6,400			0.0%	
Expenditure	0	0	13,000	13,000	0	13,000	0.0%	
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	0	0	(6,600)	(6,600)				
Grand Totals:- Income	14,713	619,124	1,008,105	388,981			61.4%	
Expenditure	82,357	491,506	1,033,215	541,709	0	541,709	47.6%	
Net Income over Expenditure	(67,644)	127,618	(25,110)	(152,728)				
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(67,644)	127,618	(25,110)	(152,728)				

Appendix G

Invoices / Payments for Approval - Month 26-7

Date	Invoice No.	Ref No.	Detail & Power	Net	VAT	Total	Status
Arts Alive [ARTS]							
13/04/2026	FP-852	7016	Brassed Off screening N: 230/5100 P: LGA 1972 s145	£150.00	£30.00	£180.00	Pd 25/09/2026
11/05/2026	FP-938	7017	SongSongBlue screening N: 230/5100 P: LGA 1972 s145	£150.00	£30.00	£180.00	Pd 25/09/2026
07/10/2026	FP-1197	7092	Greenfingers Screening 05OCT26 N: 233/5100 P: LGA 1972 s145	£150.00	£30.00	£180.00	
Autorama Vanarama [AUTORAMA] - paid by Direct Debit							
15/09/2026	EMACSEPT26	7071	EmAC Service Plan Sept 26 N: 131/4400 P: LGA 1972 s111	£44.85	£8.97	£53.82	Pd 15/09/2026
British Gas Trading Limited [BGAS] - paid by Direct Debit							
01/10/2026	16444532	7103	Electricity Motte&B SEPT26 N: 160/4061 P: LGA 1972 s111	£12.00	£0.60	£12.60	Pd 15/10/2026
Border Janitorial Supplies LTD [BORDER]							
23/09/2026	247831	7030	Toiletp/Blueroll/cleaner/soap N: 100/4100 P: LGA 1972 s111	£144.80	£28.96	£173.76	
Boys & Boden Ltd [BOYS]							
30/09/2026	W/399236	7052	Sealant and glue for TIC sign N: 180/4085 P: LGA 1972 s111	£37.79	£7.56	£45.35	
Broxap [BROXAP]							
14/10/2026	0000355627	7117	Recycling bins N: 239/4991 P: LA 1983 ss5-6	£1,438.00	£287.60	£1,725.60	
20/10/2026	0000355868	7120	20 LITTER BINS N: 239/4991 P: LA 1983 ss5-6	£6,810.00	£1,362.00	£8,172.00	
Charlies AG &Turf Limited [CHARLIESAG]							

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13/10/2026	144873	7098	Stihl Strimmer Service N: 133/4085 P: LGA 1972 s111	£63.50	£12.69	£76.19	
13/10/2026	144875	7099	Stihl Hedge Cutter Blade Service N: 133/4085 P: LGA 1972 s111	£32.40	£6.48	£38.88	
D & R Corfield [CORFIELD]							
28/09/2026	RENT2627	7036	Rent of Country Park 2025/26 N: 133/4355 P: PHAAA 1890 s44	£500.00	£0.00	£500.00	Pd 29/09/2026
Nicholas Dodd [DISCODADDY]							
14/09/2026	SI-21	7019	Disco Daddy Party 28NOV26 N: 232/5190 P: LGA 1972 s145	£200.00	£0.00	£200.00	Pd 29/09/2026
Professional Heating Solutions [DJ PLUMB]							
17/09/2026	238	7015	TH gents toil infrared flushval N: 100/4085 P: LGA 1972 s111	£369.00	£0.00	£369.00	Pd 29/09/2026
07/08/2026	232	7074	Repair to foul pipe TH N: 100/4085 P: LGA 1972 s111	£740.00	£0.00	£740.00	Pd 02/10/2026
DM Payroll Services Ltd [DMPAYROLL]							
16/10/2026	INV-5589	7115	Payroll 07-09/2026 N: 210/4860 P: LGA 1972 s111	£144.00	£28.80	£172.80	
Enconvo UK Ltd [ENREACH] - paid by Direct Debit							
30/09/2026	468769	7093	Telephone Broadband OCT2026 N: 213/4923 P: LGA 1972 s111	£528.18	£105.64	£633.82	
Gilbert Davies Solicitors [GDAVIES]							
14/09/2026	25208	7020	Legal Fees N: 133/4861 P: LGA 1972 ss124,126,127	£530.70	£100.30	£631.00	Pd 15/10/2026
Grenke Leasing Ltd [GRENKE] - paid by Direct Debit							
22/09/2026	0000445406/2026	7035	Telephone Rental OCT 2026 N: 213/4923 P: LGA 1972 s111	£68.00	£13.60	£81.60	Pd 05/10/2026
22/09/2026	0000405701/2026	7037	Q3 Photocopier 01/10-31/12/26 N: 213/4922 P: LGA 1972 s111	£1,400.01	£280.00	£1,680.01	Pd 05/10/2026
Hafren Dyfrdwy Cyfyngedig [HAFREN] - paid by Direct Debit							
01/04/2026	5790121112	7102	Water Motte & Bailey OCT25-APR26 N: 160/4060 P: LGA 1972 s111	£32.33	£0.00	£32.33	

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12/10/2026	30259	7116	Dog Poo Bags N: 135/5455 P: LA 1983 ss5-6	£119.77	£23.95	£143.72	
Legal & General (Pensions) [LEGALGEN] - paid by Direct Debit							
07/10/2026	LGOCT26	7082	L&G Pension Oct 26 N: 131/4000 P: LGA 1972 s111	£2,331.58	£0.00	£2,331.58	
Lex Autolease Limited [LEXAUTO] - paid by Direct Debit							
16/09/2026	MIN8664670	7024	Van Lease Oct26 N: 131/4400 P: LGA 1972 s111	£443.90	£88.78	£532.68	Pd 01/10/2026
16/09/2026	MIN8718102	7025	Tipper Lease OCT26 N: 135/4400 P: LGA 1972 s111	£590.15	£118.03	£708.18	Pd 01/10/2026
16/09/2026	RFI1306811	7026	Tipper Road Tax 01/10/26 N: 135/4401 P: LGA 1972 s111	£15.00	£3.00	£18.00	Pd 02/10/2026
Lloyds Bank Cardnet [LLOYDS1] - paid by Direct Debit							
14/09/2026	CNSEPT26	7072	CardNet Sept Charges N: 180/4470 P: LGA 1972 s111	£30.01	£6.00	£36.01	Pd 14/09/2026
Lloyds Bank Charges [LLOYDS3] - paid by Direct Debit							
10/08/2026	494224021	7073	Bank Charges Sept 26 N: 210/4470 P: LGA 1972 s111	£38.68	£0.00	£38.68	Pd 25/09/2026
10/09/2026	496732417	7094	Bank Charges SEPT2026 N: 210/4470 P: LGA 1972 s111	£67.34	£0.00	£67.34	
Lloyds Bank Debit Card [LLOYDS4]							
03/09/2026	FBADS-479-106476078	7048	Parking & OD Ads N: 210/4205 P: LGA 1972 s142	£13.20	£0.00	£13.20	Pd 30/09/2026
07/09/2026	FBADS-479-106494780	7049	Parking & OD Ads N: 210/4205 P: LGA 1972 s142	£5.38	£0.00	£5.38	Pd 30/09/2026
07/09/2026	04012823207	7050	Bin Bags etc N: 135/4200 P: LGA 1972 s111	£60.97	£12.19	£73.16	Pd 30/09/2026
21/09/2026	ZAP2720869	7051	Server Hosting Sept 26 N: 213/4865 P: LGA 1972 s111	£19.28	£0.00	£19.28	Pd 30/09/2026
30/09/2026	5407508	7053	VW Branding Materials Pt1 N: 182/5451 P: LGA 1972 s144	£474.94	£94.99	£569.93	
Lloyds Bank Charge Card [LLOYDS5]							

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09/09/2026	IINV00048308	7014	Archive boxes/labels/stickynot N: 210/4725 P: LGA 1972 s111	£40.93	£8.19	£49.12	Pd 30/09/2026
13/09/2026	5054	7021	BAGS SEPT26 N: 180/4660 P: LGA 1972 s144	£212.25	£42.45	£254.70	
21/09/2026	24020	7022	SCARF STOCK SEPT26 N: 180/4660 P: LGA 1972 s144	£90.30	£18.06	£108.36	
18/09/2026	124900	7031	Jewellery stock Sept26 N: 180/4660 P: LGA 1972 s144	£129.01	£25.80	£154.81	
28/09/2026	SAB2601834	7041	MYD SAB N: 210/4330 P: LGA 1972 s111	£420.00	£0.00	£420.00	
07/08/2026	GB60056Q1RVB9I	7054	NO PARKING sign N: 160/4085 P: LGA 1972 s111	£9.96	£1.99	£11.95	Pd 30/09/2026
07/08/2026	GB600KD6N5NB9I	7055	Safety Signs 2 N: 160/4085 P: LGA 1972 s111	£9.60	£1.92	£11.52	Pd 30/09/2026
07/08/2026	GB676KXOABEI	7056	SAFETY SIGN N: 160/4085 P: LGA 1972 s111	£9.83	£1.96	£11.79	Pd 30/09/2026
13/08/2026	GB600047XJ2ONI	7057	USBC cable N: 101/5458 P: LGA 1972 s111	£5.82	£1.16	£6.98	Pd 30/09/2026
09/08/2026	GB6783SBABEI	7058	CCTV Signs N: 160/4085 P: LGA 1972 s111	£7.49	£1.50	£8.99	Pd 30/09/2026
07/08/2026	10200020951BH	7059	Safety Trainers N: 131/4026 P: LGA 1972 s111	£42.94	£0.00	£42.94	Pd 30/09/2026
03/08/2026	100033790	7060	New Baby Changing N: 150/4085 P: LGA 1972 s111	£165.00	£33.00	£198.00	Pd 30/09/2026
06/08/2026	315050	7061	Clips for Bins N: 135/5455 P: LGA 1972 s111	£66.65	£13.33	£79.98	Pd 30/09/2026
06/08/2026	315059	7062	Clips for Bins 2 N: 130/5455 P: LGA 1972 s111	£58.32	£11.66	£69.98	Pd 30/09/2026
22/08/2026	02D0FD9A-0014	7063	AI Tools Aug 26 N: 213/4865 P: LGA 1972 s111	£16.67	£0.00	£16.67	Pd 30/09/2026
03/08/2026	BYL26	7064	Byelaws Notice CT N: 210/4861 P: LGA 1972 s111	£360.25	£0.00	£360.25	Pd 30/09/2026
03/08/2026	BB85C996-0013	7065	API AI Charges Aug 26 N: 213/4865 P: LGA 1972 s111	£9.22	£0.00	£9.22	Pd 30/09/2026

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12/08/2026	18607	7066	Bags House of Milano N: 180/4660 P: LGA 1972 s144	£105.00	£21.00	£126.00	Pd 30/09/2026
12/10/2026	26A-692	7100	CharacterBooking WF2026 N: 232/5120 P: LGA 1972 s145	£700.00	£140.00	£840.00	
Mid Wales Sign & Print Ltd [MWSIGN]							
06/03/2026	INV-13842N	7121	Advertising Mats N: 231/5192 P: LGA 1972 s145	£49.02	£9.80	£58.82	
National Express Ltd [NATEXP]							
30/09/2026	B442-20260930	7078	NationalExpTickets Sept26 N: 180/4661 P: LGA 1972 s111	£154.45	£0.00	£154.45	Pd 08/10/2026
31/08/2026	B442-20260831	7079	NatExpress tickets Aug2026 N: 180/4661 P: LGA 1972 s111	£321.11	£0.00	£321.11	Pd 15/10/2026
One Voice Wales [ONEVOICE]							
30/09/2026	11071	7043	26/08/26 K.Meredith Mod20 N: 210/4021 P: LGEWA 2021 s67	£44.00	£0.00	£44.00	
30/09/2026	11060	7044	25/08/26 A.Davies Mod31 N: 210/4021 P: LGEWA 2021 s67	£44.00	£0.00	£44.00	
02/10/2026	11146	7087	TrainingA.Davies MOD12 15/09 N: 210/4021 P: LGEWA 2021 s67	£44.00	£0.00	£44.00	
05/10/2026	11173	7090	TrainingB.Rowell Mod18 21/09 N: 210/4021 P: LGEWA 2021 s67	£44.00	£0.00	£44.00	
06/10/2026	11184	7091	TrainingB.Rowell Mod17 22/09 N: 210/4021 P: LGEWA 2021 s67	£44.00	£0.00	£44.00	
Otis Ltd [OTIS]							
29/09/2026	26054375/U1	7075	DisabLiftMaint 10-12/2026 N: 100/4066 P: LGA 1972 s111	£845.10	£169.02	£1,014.12	Pd 08/10/2026
29/09/2026	26054390/U1	7076	RearGoodsLiftMaint 10-12/2026 N: 100/4066 P: LGA 1972 s111	£239.85	£47.97	£287.82	Pd 15/10/2026
Owen???s of Oswestry Coaches Ltd. [OWENC]							
23/09/2026	OAUG2026	7029	Owens Aug 2026 N: 180/4661 P: LGA 1972 s111	£13,544.10	£0.00	£13,544.10	Pd 08/10/2026
14/10/2026	OSEPT26	7104	Owens Sept 2026 N: 180/4661 P: LGA 1972 s111	£1,608.50	£0.00	£1,608.50	Pd 20/10/2026

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15/10/2026	OSEPT26A	7108	OWENS SEPT2026 N: 180/4661 P: LGA 1972 s111	£1,457.50	£0.00	£1,457.50	
Ray Parry Playground Services Ltd [PARRY]							
29/09/2026	3107-26	7042	Replace Bongo Panel N: 132/4085 P: LGMPA 1976 s19	£779.00	£155.80	£934.80	
Powys County Council [PCC1]							
29/09/2026	21050588	7038	Uncontested Elections 2026 N: 210/4885 P: LGA 1972 s111	£260.00	£0.00	£260.00	
29/09/2026	21050794	7039	Trade Recycling JUL26 N: 100/4200 P: LGA 1972 s111	£125.97	£0.00	£125.97	
05/10/2026	21053682	7089	Trade Recycling AUG2026 N: 100/4200 P: LGA 1972 s111	£125.97	£0.00	£125.97	
12/10/2026	21055284	7105	Trade Recycling SEPT 2026 N: 100/4200 P: LGA 1972 s111	£152.63	£0.00	£152.63	
Phils Tool Hire [PHILSTOO]							
18/09/2026	74462	7027	ScissorLiftHire3days09/26 N: 100/4085 P: LGA 1972 s111	£265.00	£53.00	£318.00	Pd 08/10/2026
POS Terminal Rent [POS] - paid by Direct Debit							
15/08/2026	POSAUG26	7070	POS Rental Aug 26 N: 180/4900 P: LGA 1972 s111	£24.50	£4.90	£29.40	Pd 01/09/2026
15/10/2026	MRI0000096125	7119	POSTERMINALRENT OCT26 N: 180/4470 P: LGA 1972 s111	£24.50	£4.90	£29.40	
G F Potter [POTTERS]							
30/09/2026	63592	7077	General Waste 21/28 Sept 26 N: 135/4200 P: LGA 1972 s111	£118.78	£23.76	£142.54	
18/10/2026	63658	7113	GenWaste 05/12 OCT2026 N: 135/4200 P: LGA 1972 s111	£131.07	£26.21	£157.28	
RCI Financial Services Ltd [RCI] - paid by Direct Debit							
03/06/2025	83466126	7107	Van Lease July 2025 N: 200/4400 P: LGA 1972 s111	£210.71	£42.14	£252.85	Pd 14/10/2026
A1 Security Print Ltd [SECUREVOUC]							
14/10/2026	2698	7109	Welshpool Vouchers N: 182/5451 P: LGA 1972 s111	£180.00	£36.00	£216.00	

Date	Invoice No.	Ref No.	Detail & Power	Net	VAT	Total	Status
Sefe Energy [SEFE] - paid by Direct Debit							
14/09/2026	INV04356658	7040	Gas TH AUG26 N: 100/4062 P: LGA 1972 s111	£386.53	£19.33	£405.86	Pd 28/09/2026
Staff Salaries [STAFF]							
07/10/2026	STAFFOCT26	7080	Staff Salaries Oct 26 N: 131/4000 P: LGA 1972 s112	£21,981.49	£0.00	£21,981.49	
Total Energies Gas & Power Limited [TOTAL E] - paid by Direct Debit							
01/10/2026	KI-51B8145A-007	7085	TH Electric SEPT2026 N: 100/4061 P: LGA 1972 s111	£2,086.73	£417.35	£2,504.08	Pd 15/10/2026
02/10/2026	KI-A844469A-007	7086	Electricity TIC/Toilets SEPT26 N: 180/4061 P: LGA 1972 s111	£58.98	£2.95	£61.93	Pd 16/10/2026
Linked Technology Limited [UMICRO] - paid by Direct Debit							
01/10/2026	INV-008038	7083	AP Management OCT26 N: 213/4921 P: LGA 1972 s111	£22.32	£4.46	£26.78	
01/10/2026	INV-008037	7084	IT Support OCT2026 N: 213/4921 P: LGA 1972 s111	£247.72	£49.54	£297.26	
WPG Ltd [WPG]							
15/09/2026	173328	7106	Open Doors Passports 2026 N: 182/5454 P: LGA 1972 s145	£92.00	£18.40	£110.40	
16/10/2026	174187	7112	Newsletter Printing Oct 26 N: 210/5170 P: LGA 1972 s142	£908.00	£0.00	£908.00	

Total to Approve £86,356.76 / Net Cost: £81,096.45

Appendix H



Interim Strategic Plan - Action Plan - FC

The below actions form part of the adopted Interim Strategic Plan. Each committee is required each month to monitor progress against each action.

Town Centre & Regeneration

Ref	Committee	Action	Resource	Timescale	Progress	Comments
Develop a Place Plan to be adopted by Powys County Council						
PP1	EP	Explore appetite from PCC to adopt as SPG / learn more about RLDP process	TC/EO £	Year 1-2	Not started	Powys RLDP process is now further understood. Officers still obtaining quotes for works.
PP2	EP	If appropriate, launch workshops with residents, businesses, and community groups	TC/EO/CM £	Year 2	In progress	FC appointed Working Group at end of June which met in July, August and September.
PP3	EP	Draft plan including town centre, housing, transport, parking, and open space priorities	TC/EO/CM £	Year 2-3	In progress	Site visits started to be held to gather evidence.
PP4	EP	Submit to Powys County Council for adoption into planning framework	TC/EO/CM £	Year 3	Not started	
Enhance the town centre environment						
TC1	OD	Roll out shopfront/window dressing scheme for empty premises in partnership with landlords	TC/EO/CM £	Year 2	In progress	O&D and FC approved roll out of scheme, officers now investigating empty shop owners.

Ref	Committee	Action	Resource	Timescale	Progress	Comments
TC2	OD	Pilot town centre planting and hanging basket sponsorship scheme	TC/OM/CM £	Year 2	In progress	WTCIP moving forward with planting areas (72m2). Hanging Basket scheme needs moving into Year 3.
TC3	OD	Develop long-term "clean and green" action plan for pavements, signage and public spaces	TC/OM/CM £	Year 2-3	In progress	WTCIP moving forward with planting areas (72m2). O&D and F&G to jointly consider appropriate action for Year 3 around pavements, signage and public spaces.
Redevelop the Town Hall as a modern community and civic hub						
TH1	OD	Progress existing Expression of Interest to full National Lottery Heritage Fund application (??4.2m project)	TC £4200000.00	Year 1	Completed	EOI approved and full bid submitted. Awaiting HLF update.
TH2	OD	Launch community fundraising campaign and sponsorship scheme alongside grant bid	TC £1000.00	Year 2	Ongoing	Equipment purchased and digital donation box installed.
TH3	OD	Begin phased transformation works as required by lottery application	ALL £4200000.00	Year 3	Not started	
Revitalise the indoor and outdoor markets						
MA1	OD	Trial themed markets (e.g. farmers, crafts, seasonal) and promote through social media and newsletters	MO/CM £	Year 2	In progress	E&P have been discussing about themed markets, need to continue to have discussions with traders. Paused for this year but continue to explore.
MA2	OD	Improve signage to both markets from car parks, train station and main areas	TC/MO £	Year 1-2	In progress	Signage work now taking place across the town to enhance provision, also ties into the Welshpool Town Centre Improvement Project.

Ref	Committee	Action	Resource	Timescale	Progress	Comments
MA3	OD	Support traders with joint marketing and promotion campaigns	MO/CM £	Year 1-3	In progress	Officers have visited local markets and produced marketing materials to encourage further traders to attend. Publicity on the website for current market traders has begun. Launching Trader of the Week w/c 22nd June 2026.
MA4	OD	Assess financial sustainability of Monday market and explore feasibility of adding a second trading day	TC/MO £	Year 2	In progress	Assessment taken place during August and found that second trading day not feasible. O&D to consider in October.

Open Spaces

Ref	Committee	Action	Resource	Timescale	Progress	Comments
Improve facilities for dog owners						
DO1	OD	Audit existing dog waste bins and identify priority locations for additional bins across parks, recreation grounds and key walking routes.	TC/OM £	Year 1-2	Completed	Assets now mapped and audit session taken place with team - O&D discussed in April and approved by Council.
DO2	OD	Launch a public campaign on responsible dog ownership, including posters, social media messaging and signage in parks.	TC/CM £	Year 1-2	Not started	To be launched in Autumn 2026.
DO3	OD	Introduce new dog waste bins in under-served areas and ensure they are clearly signposted.	OM/CM £	Year 2	In progress	Approved changes being implemented at the moment with installation of dispensers and waste bins at key locations as approved by Council.
DO4	OD	Explore the creation of a designated dog-friendly zone or enclosed dog exercise area within one of the open spaces.	TC/OM £	Year 2-3	Not started	To begin in Q4.

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Ref	Committee	Action	Resource	Timescale	Progress	Comments
MB1	OD	Produce concept designs with heritage groups, schools and local community	ALL £	Year 1-2	In progress	Working Group examined plan to bid for ??50k from Landfill Disposals Tax for enhanced events space. To discuss with Powis Estates regarding lease lengths.
MB2	OD	Explore funding options via Cadw, National Lottery, heritage tourism and Public Sector Works Board borrowing	TC £	Year 1-2	In progress	Current funding opportunities still being explored.
MB3	OD	Begin phased works	TC/OM/CM £	Year 3	Not started	

Community Services

Ref	Committee	Action	Resource	Timescale	Progress	Comments
Maintain and protect public toilets						
PT1	OD	Promotion and marketing with enhanced signage around the town along with data capture technology to measure usage	TC/OM/CM £	Year 1-2	Delayed	Quotes obtained for IOT devices however funding was pulled as not eligible. Need to explore alternative solutions.
PT2	OD	Resolve outstanding repairs to enable full use of Changing Places facility	OM/CM £	Year 1-2	In progress	Hygiene bins approved in July and due to be installed asap. To chase Initial.
PT3	OD	Explore sponsorship and community toilet scheme with local businesses	TC/OM/EO £	Year 2-3	Ongoing	New donation signage has gone up in toilets.
Secure the future of the Ann Holloway Day Centre						
DC1	OD	Continue negotiations with charity and health board on leases	TC/TICM/OM £	Year 1	Completed	Leases signed off and executed.

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Ref	Committee	Action	Resource	Timescale	Progress	Comments
EV1	EP	Strengthen Carnival Committee/Working Group with more community and business representation	EO £0.00	Year 1-2	Ongoing	E&P approved creation of Carnival Working Group to feed into process. Carnival PR has gone out and large response received. Working Group meet three times with varying levels of support. Public meeting held on for 14th July 2026. E&P considered findings and another public meeting held on 30th Sept. E&P to discuss in October.
EV2	EP	Develop events in partnership with local groups and organisations to share ideas, costs and resources and ensure that Council-organised community events, if possible, remain free to attend, while seeking sponsorship and grant funding to cover costs	EO £	Year 1-3	In progress	As above EV1.
EV3	EP	Improve event marketing with banners, signage and earlier social media promotion	EO/CM £1000.00	Year 1-2	In progress	Budget allocated and materials ordered. Need to expand nearer Open Doors, Winter Festival etc.
EV4	EP	Expand Winter Festival with competitions, music, family activities and more following 2025 event	EO £	Year 2	In progress	E&P to consider in October.
EV5	EP	Trial new event formats (e.g. 1960s weekend, musical festival, storytelling sessions, heritage events, arts etc)	EO/CM/TICM £	Year 2-3	Not started	Most likely Year 3
Improve the Tourist Information Centre						
TIC1	EP	Review current operations, opening hours and promotion of service	TC/TICM £	Year 1	Completed	Audit Committee considered report and Council approved recommendations.
TIC2	EP	Update offering and explore digital resourcing	TC/TICM/CM £	Year 2	Ongoing	Offer now updated to include WLLR tickets and merchandise (books and bags).

Ref	Committee	Action	Resource	Timescale	Progress	Comments
TIC3	EP	Develop TIC into a booking and information hub for events, attractions, trails and more	TICM/CM £	Year 2-3	In progress	Offer now updated to include WLLR tickets and merchandise (books and bags). Continuing conversations with other providers.

Improving the Council

Ref	Committee	Action	Resource	Timescale	Progress	Comments
Ensure financial sustainability						
FS1	FG	Continue disposal of unused assets such as Berriew St toilets	TC £	Year 1-2	In progress	Work is in progress to dispose of the asset. FC approved discussions on next steps. In negotiations with third party. Awaiting costings over summer.
FS2	FG	Benchmark administration costs against other towns and identify efficiencies	TC £	Year 1-2	Completed	Review of all Band D precepts across Wales completed. Efficiencies identified in 26/27 budget.
FS3	FG	Complete staffing review	TC £	Year 1	Completed	Full Council approved new structure to go live on 1st January.
FS4	FG	Develop a three year budget to balance savings with new income generation	TC £	Year 2-3	Completed	Council considered 3 year budget in January 2026.
Improve communication, transparency and accountability						
CO1	EP	Publish details of upcoming planning applications to be discussed by the Council so that residents are better informed and able to engage in the planning process	TC/EO £	Year 1	Ongoing	Now complete and operational

Ref	Committee	Action	Resource	Timescale	Progress	Comments
CO2	FG	Build on existing platforms & continue with broadcasting meetings and update new democracy platform with more open data	TC £	Year 1	Ongoing	Live streaming for Council meetings now active and built into procedures. Democracy platform is established and updated twice weekly with payment information - all other information is provided in real time.
CO3	FG	Launch printed newsletter to every household and continue every sixth months	TC/EO/CM £	Year 1-3	Ongoing	Work has commenced on newsletter and name 'Our Welshpool' topped the online poll. Booked in for Royal Mail Door 2 Door (Boundary Matched) for 27th October 2025.
CO4	FG	Publish simple infographics of finances, projects and performance	TC £	Year 1-2	Ongoing	Work on Budget 2627 friendly page launched and new explorable graphs added. More work to continue to publish this.
CO5	FG	Consider business case around expanding team to include dedicated communications resource	TC £	Year 1-2	Completed	Full Council approved new structure to go live on 1st January.
Strengthen engagement with the community						
EN1	FG	Run community workshops linked to Place Plan, Town Hall transformation and events	TC/EO/CM £	Year 1-3	In progress	Community workshops around Town Hall held in January. Place Plan working group now established. See EV1 regarding Carnival.
EN2	All	Establish regular working groups e.g. Carnival, Markets, Open Spaces	EO £	Year 2	In progress	See EV1 - Carnival Working Group created.
EN3	All	Create a volunteer strategy and explore possible coordination roles to support more structured involvement	ALL £	Year 2-3	In progress	Volunteer Policy created but strategy now needs working alongside new Comm Engagement Officer.

Appendix I

COMMUNITY OF WELSHPOOL

WELSHPOOL MARKET BYELAWS 2026

Welshpool Town Council, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 60 of the Food Act 1984, 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 Market Byelaws 2026.
2. They come into force on 30 November 2026.

Interpretation

3. In these byelaws:

“the Council” means Welshpool Town Council;

“goods” means anything brought into the market place for the purpose of sale;

“market” means the market maintained by the Council and listed in Schedule 1 to these byelaws;

“market hours” means the hours on a market day appointed by the Council for the holding of a market;

“market day” means a day appointed by the Council for the holding of a market;

“market officer” means the person or persons appointed by the Council to exercise general management, supervision and control of a market;

“invalid carriage” means a vehicle, whether mechanically propelled or not,

- a) the unladen weight of which does not exceed 150 kilograms,
- b) the width of which does not exceed 0.85 metres, and
- c) which has been constructed or adapted for use for the carriage of a person suffering from a disability, and used solely by such a person.

“sell” and “sale” include exposing and exposure for sale;

“stall” includes any place or space used or intended to be used for the sale of goods;

“vehicle” means a mechanically propelled vehicle intended or adapted for use on roads but does not include an invalid carriage.

Application

4. These byelaws apply to the markets maintained by the Council and listed in the schedule to these byelaws.

Market days and hours

5. A person must not sell in a market place any goods other than during market hours.

Prevention of obstruction

6. A person must not bring a vehicle or a cycle into the market place during market hours without reasonable excuse.
7. A person in charge of a vehicle must not, during market hours allow it to be halted in the market place, or in its immediate approaches, for longer than is reasonably necessary for the loading or unloading of goods.
8. A person must not bring any goods into the market place more than one hour before the market hours begin or allow them to remain there more than one hour after the market hours end.
9. A person must not, without the consent of the Council, occupy, use or permit the occupation or use of any stall, pitch, trader vehicle space, loading area or other part of the market place designated for use by a tenant or occupiers of that stall.

Authority to use space

10. A person must not occupy any stall or deposit any goods on any stall without the permission of the market officer.
11. A person must not set up or attempt to set up a stall in the market place without the permission of the market officer.
12. Where the council:
 - a) designates any part of the market place for the sale of particular goods or any class of goods, or for sales by auction, and
 - b) displays in a conspicuous place a public notice to that effect,a person must not sell goods, or hold sales by auction, except in accordance with the terms of that designation.
13. Where any stall, goods or equipment are placed in the market place without permission, the Council may remove or arrange for the removal of such items.

For maintaining cleanliness

14. Every tenant or occupier of a stall must:
 - a) ensure that the stall is properly cleansed before and after market hours and as often as may be necessary during those hours;
 - b) ensure that all refuse accumulated in connection with the stall is placed in a receptacle provided or approved by the council for that purpose;
 - c) as often as is necessary, ensure that the contents of the receptacle are removed to an area designated by the Council for that purpose.

For prevention of spread of fire

15. A person must not smoke or use an electronic cigarette or vaping device indoors.
16. A person must not light a fire in any part of the market place.
17. A person must not keep or sell any explosive or highly flammable substance in the market place.

For preservation of order

18. A person must not ring any bell or blow any horn or use any other noisy instrument to attract the attention or custom of any person.
19. A person must not post or display any bill, placard or poster, other than a description of goods advertised for sale, in any part of the market place except with the permission of the market officer.
20. Except with the permission of the market officer, no person may, except by way of sale, distribute or attempt to distribute to the public any printed matter in the market place or in its immediate approaches.

Use of water taps

21. Any person who uses a water tap in the market place must ensure that it is turned off immediately after use.

Litter and waste

22. 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.
23. Where receptacles are provided for different types of waste, no person shall deposit waste except in the receptacle provided for that category of waste.

24. No person shall place any waste in a receptacle in a manner likely to cause overflow, spillage, blockage or interference with its proper use.

Animals

25. A person must not bring into or allow to remain in the market any animal belonging to them or in their charge unless it is attached to a lead, or otherwise kept sufficiently secured, and kept at all times under his control.
26. Nothing in Byelaw 25 prevents a blind, partially sighted or deaf person from keeping with him any guide dog or hearing dog belonging to them or in their charge.

Nuisance and behaviour

27. No person shall in the market place:
- a) behave in a disorderly, abusive, threatening or indecent manner;
 - b) cause or permit any nuisance, disturbance or annoyance to any other person;
 - c) act in a manner likely to compromise public safety or the safe operation of the market.
28. No person shall obstruct, hinder or interfere with the free passage of persons in the market place or in its immediate approaches.

Obstruction

29. 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 market.
30. A person in the market place shall comply with any reasonable direction given by the market officer for the purposes of maintaining order, safety, cleanliness or the proper operation of the market.

Penalty

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

SCHEDULE 1 - MARKETS

1. The markets referred to as in byelaw 3 are:
 - a) Outdoor Charter Market held in Broad Street, Welshpool, Powys in the areas as indicated on the plan in red in Schedule 2;
 - b) Indoor Market held in Welshpool Town Hall, Broad Street, Welshpool, Powys, SY21 7JQ.

SCHEDULE 2 – PLAN OF OUTDOOR CHARTER MARKET AREA



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

Mayor

Town Clerk

Appendix J

COMMUNITY OF WELSHPOOL

WELSHPOOL OPEN SPACES BYELAWS 2026

Welshpool Town Council, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 164 of the Public Health Act 1875 and sections 12 and 15 of the Open Spaces Act 1906, 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 Open Spaces Byelaws 2026.
2. They come into force on 30 November 2026.

Interpretation

3. In these byelaws:

“the Council” means Welshpool Town Council;

“the ground” means any of the grounds listed in Schedule 1;

“authorised officer” means any officer, employee, agent or contractor authorised in writing by the Council for the purposes of these byelaws;

“ball games” means any game involving throwing, catching, kicking, batting or running with any ball or other object designed for throwing and catching, but does not include cricket;

“designated area” means an area in the ground which is set aside for a specified purpose, and that area and its purpose to be indicated by notices placed in a conspicuous position;

“designated route” means a route in or through the ground which is set aside for a specified purpose, its route and that purpose to be indicated by notices placed in a conspicuous position;

“motor cycle” means a mechanically-propelled vehicle, not being an invalid carriage, with less than four wheels and the weight of which does not exceed 410 kilograms;

“motor vehicle” means any mechanically-propelled vehicle other than a motor cycle or an invalid carriage;

“trailer” means a vehicle drawn by a motor vehicle and includes a caravan;

“opening hours” means the days and times during which the ground is open to the public and which are indicated by a notice placed at the entrance to the ground;

“invalid carriage” means a vehicle, whether mechanically propelled or not,

- a) the unladen weight of which does not exceed 150 kilograms,
- b) the width of which does not exceed 0.85 metres, and
- c) which has been constructed or adapted for use for the carriage of a person suffering from a disability, and used solely by such a person.

“parking place” means an area designated by the Council for the parking of vehicles and indicated by signs, markings or notices;

“self-propelled vehicle” means a vehicle other than a cycle, invalid carriage or pram which is propelled by the weight or force of one or more persons skating, sliding or riding on the vehicle or by one or more persons pulling or pushing the vehicle;

“unmanned aircraft” means any aircraft operating or designed to operate autonomously or to be piloted remotely without a pilot on board and includes drones, unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) and model aircraft.

Application

- 4. These byelaws apply to all of the grounds listed in Schedule 1 unless otherwise stated.
- 5. In the case of Powis Castle Lower Park, the byelaws listed in Schedule 2 shall apply subject to the additional restrictions and interpretations set out in that Schedule, and where any conflict arises between these byelaws and Schedule 2, the provisions of Schedule 2 shall prevail.

Opening times

- 6. A person must not enter or remain in the ground except during opening hours.

Protection of structures and plants

- 7. A person must not without reasonable excuse remove from or display within the ground:
 - a) any barrier, post, seat or implement, or any part of a structure or ornament provided for use in the laying out or maintenance of the ground; or
 - b) any stone, soil, or turf or the whole or any part of any plant, shrub or tree.
- 8. A person must not walk on or ride, drive or station a horse or any vehicle over:
 - a) any flower bed, shrub or plant;

- b) any ground in the course of preparation as a flower bed or for the growth of any tree, shrub or plant;
 - c) any part of the ground set aside by the Council for the renovation or turf or for other landscaping purposes and indicated by a notice conspicuously displayed.
9. A person must not without the consent of the Council erect any barrier, post, ride or swing, building or any other structure.

Climbing

10. A person must not without reasonable excuse climb any wall or fence in or enclosing the ground, or any tree, or any barrier, railing, post or other structure.

Grazing

11. A person must not without the consent of the Council, turn out or permit any animal for which he is responsible to graze in the ground.

Protection of wildlife

12. A person must not kill, injure, take, or disturb any animal, or engage in hunting or shooting or the setting of traps or the laying of snares.

Camping

13. A person must not without the consent of the Council, erect a tent or use a vehicle, caravan or any other structure for the purpose of camping.

Fires

14. A person must not light a fire or place, throw or drop a lit match or any other thing likely to cause a fire. For the purposes of this byelaw, a barbecue shall be treated as a fire.

Missiles

15. A person must not throw or use any device to propel or discharge in the ground any object which is liable to cause injury to any other person.

Interference with life saving equipment

16. A person must not except in case of emergency remove from or displace within the ground or otherwise tamper with any life-saving appliance provided by the Council.

Horses

17. No person shall ride a horse except:

- a) on a designated route for riding; or
 - b) in the exercise of a lawful right or privilege.
18. Where horse-riding is permitted by virtue of a lawful right or privilege, a person must not ride a horse in such a manner as to cause danger to any other person.

Cycling

19. A person must not without reasonable excuse ride a cycle in the ground except in any part of the ground where there is a right of way for cycles or on a designated route for cycling.

Motor vehicles

20. A person must not without reasonable excuse bring into or drive in the ground a motor cycle, motor vehicle or trailer except in any part of the ground where there is a right of way or a designated route for that class of vehicle.
21. A person shall not use or occupy any motor vehicle, caravan, motor caravan or trailer for overnight sleeping or camping in the ground without the consent of the Council.
22. A person must not without the consent of the Council leave or cause or permit to be left any motor vehicle in the ground between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.
23. Where the Council has imposed a charge for the use of any parking area within the ground, no person shall leave a motor vehicle in that parking area unless any charge applicable to that vehicle has been paid in accordance with the arrangements notified by the Council.
24. A person shall not, without reasonable excuse or the consent of the Council, leave a motor vehicle otherwise than within a parking place or parking bay designated by the Council for that purpose.
25. A person shall not leave a motor vehicle in the ground for such period or in such condition as to appear to have been abandoned.

Children's play areas & play apparatus

26. Persons aged 14 years or over must not enter or remain in a designated area which is a children's play area unless in charge of a child under the age of 14 years.
27. Persons aged 14 years or over must not use any apparatus stated to be for the exclusive use of persons under the age of 14 years by a notice conspicuously displayed on or near the apparatus.

Skateboarding, ball games, cricket, archery, field sports & golf

28. A person must not skate, slide or ride on rollers, skateboards or other self-propelled

vehicles except in a designated area for such activities.

29. Where there is a designated area for skating, sliding or riding on rollers, skateboards or other self-propelled vehicles, a person must not engage in those activities in such a manner as to cause danger or give reasonable grounds for annoyance to other persons.
30. A person must not play ball games outside a designated area for playing ball games in such a manner:
 - a) as to exclude persons not playing ball games from use of that part;
 - b) as to cause danger or give reasonable grounds for annoyance to any other person in the ground; or
 - c) which is likely to cause damage to any tree, shrub or plant in the ground.
31. A person must not throw or strike a cricket ball with a bat except in a designated area for playing cricket.
32. A person must not engage in the sport of archery except in connection with an event organised by or held with the consent of the Council.
33. A person must not throw or put any javelin, hammer, discus or shot except in connection with an event organised by or held with the consent of the Council.
34. A person must not drive, chip or pitch a hard golf ball.

Waterways

35. A person must not cause or permit the flow of any drain or watercourse in the ground to be obstructed, diverted, open or shut or otherwise move or operate any sluice or similar apparatus.
36. A person must not foul or pollute any waterway.

Model aircraft

37. A person must not cause any power-driven model aircraft to:
 - a) take off or otherwise be released for flight or control the flight of such an aircraft in the ground; or
 - b) land in the ground without reasonable excuse or without the consent of the Council.
38. A person shall not launch, land or operate an unmanned aircraft or drone from the ground without the consent of the Council.

Provision of services

39. A person must not without the consent of the Council provide or offer to provide any service for which a charge is made.

Excessive noise

40. A person must not, after being requested to desist by an authorised officer of the Council in the ground, make or permit to be made any noise which is so loud or so continuous or repeated as to give reasonable cause for annoyance to other persons in the ground by:
- a) Shouting or singing;
 - b) playing on a musical instrument; or
 - c) by operating or permitting to be operated any radio, amplifier, tape recorder or similar device
41. Byelaw 40 does not apply to any person holding or taking part in any entertainment held with the consent of the Council.

Public shows and performances

42. A person must not without the consent of the Council hold or take part in any public show or performance.

Aircraft, hang gliders, hot air balloons, kites and balloons & lanterns

43. A person must not except in case of emergency or with the consent of the Council take off from or land in the ground in an aircraft, helicopter, hang glider or hot air balloon.
44. A person must not fly any kite in such a manner as to cause danger or give reasonable grounds for annoyance to any other person.
45. A person must not release or cause to release any balloon or Chinese lantern without the consent of the Council.

Metal detectors

46. A person must not without the consent of the Council use any device designed or adapted for detecting or locating any metal or mineral in the ground.

Litter and waste

47. 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.
48. Where receptacles are provided for different types of waste, no person shall deposit

waste except in the receptacle provided for that category of waste.

49. No person shall place any waste in a receptacle in a manner likely to cause overflow, spillage, blockage or interference with its proper use.

Nuisance and behaviour

50. No person shall in the grounds:
- a) behave in a disorderly, abusive, threatening or indecent manner;
 - b) cause or permit any nuisance, disturbance or annoyance to any other person;
 - c) act in a manner likely to compromise public safety or the safe operation and management of the ground.

Obstruction

51. 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 grounds.

Penalty & removal

52. Any person offending against any of these byelaws is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 2 on the standard scale.
53. Any person offending against any of these byelaws may be removed from the ground by an officer of the Council or a constable.

Savings

54. It is not an offence under these byelaws for an officer of the Council or any person acting in accordance with a contract with the Council to do anything necessary to the proper execution of his duty.
55. Nothing in or done under these byelaws in any respect prejudice or injuriously is to affect any public right of way through the ground, or the rights of any person acting lawfully by virtue of some estate, right or interest in, over or affecting the ground or any part of the ground.

Revocation

56. The byelaws made by Welshpool Town Council in January 2012 relating to the

ground are hereby revoked.

SCHEDULE 1 - GROUNDS

1. The grounds referred to as in byelaw 4 are:
 - a) Maes y Dre Recreation Grounds on Howell Drive
 - b) Memorial Garden on Howell Drive, Welshpool
 - c) Children's playing area on Little Henfaes Lane, Welshpool
 - d) Green space and children's playing area on Dol y Felin, Welshpool
 - e) Green space and children's playing areas on Burgess Lands, Welshpool
 - f) Motte and Bailey (Domen Castell) on Smithfield Road, Welshpool
 - g) Scansis Pitch on Chestnut View, Welshpool
 - h) Vicarage Gardens on Church Street, Welshpool
 - i) Land adj to Brook Street on Brook Street, Welshpool
 - j) Pont Howell Gardens on Severn Road, Welshpool
 - k) Powis Castle Lower Park, Welshpool (however see Schedule 2)
2. The extent of the grounds listed above are indicated on the plans provided at Schedule 3.

SCHEDULE 2 – SPECIAL APPLICATION TO POWIS CASTLE LOWER PARK (BYELAW 5)

1. The grounds referred to in this Schedule are Powis Castle Lower Park, Welshpool (“Powys Castle Lower Park”), as shown edged red on the plan attached to the public access licence between Messrs M. L. Chapman, R S Jones & P A Rees and Welshpool Town Council dated 20 July 2011.
2. In respect of Powis Castle Lower Park, the following special byelaws and restrictions shall apply.
3. No person shall enter or remain in Powis Castle Lower Park except for the purpose of recreational walking, with or without dogs.
4. No person shall use Powis Castle Lower Park for any other recreation, sport, game, organised activity or event.
5. No person shall enter or remain in Powis Castle Lower Park other than between dawn and dusk. The Council may display notices stating the applicable dawn and dusk times, and those times shall be deemed the opening hours for the purposes of these byelaws.
6. No person shall in Powis Castle Lower Park:
 - a) Play or take part in any ball game, sport, fair, circus, carnival, organised gathering, or similar activity.
 - b) Camp, erect tents, or use any vehicle or structure for the purpose of camping.
 - c) Hold or take part in any public show, performance, political meeting, or political address.
 - d) Erect or display any advertisement, bill, placard, sign or notice without the consent of the Council and the landowner.
 - e) Provide or offer to provide any service for which a charge is made.
7. No person shall bring into or use in Powis Castle Lower Park:
 - a) any cycle,
 - b) any self-propelled vehicle,
 - c) any motor vehicle, or
 - d) any trailer.
8. Exceptions to Paragraph 7 include:
 - a) vehicles authorised by the Council for maintenance, management or emergency purposes;

- b) mobility aids used by disabled persons.

9. No person shall in Powis Castle Lower Park:

- a) Damage, remove or interfere with any tree, shrub, plant, root, turf, structure or natural feature.
- b) Kill, injure, disturb, or take any animal, bird or fish, or damage or take any egg or nest.
- c) Obstruct or interfere with the flow of any watercourse, drain, river or stream.

10. A person in charge of a dog shall ensure that the dog does not foul in Powis Castle Lower Park. Where the Council displays a notice requiring dogs to be kept on leads or excluding dogs from any route or area, no person shall permit a dog to contravene that notice.

11. No person shall in Powis Castle Lower Park:

- a) Engage in riotous, disorderly, abusive, threatening or indecent conduct.
- b) Cause nuisance, disturbance or annoyance to any other person.
- c) Hinder or obstruct any person acting lawfully in the management of the Park.

12. No person shall enter or leave Powis Castle Lower Park other than by routes indicated by notices displayed by the Council. Where a route is indicated as excluding dogs, no person shall take a dog onto that route.

SCHEDULE 1 – PLAN OF EXTENT



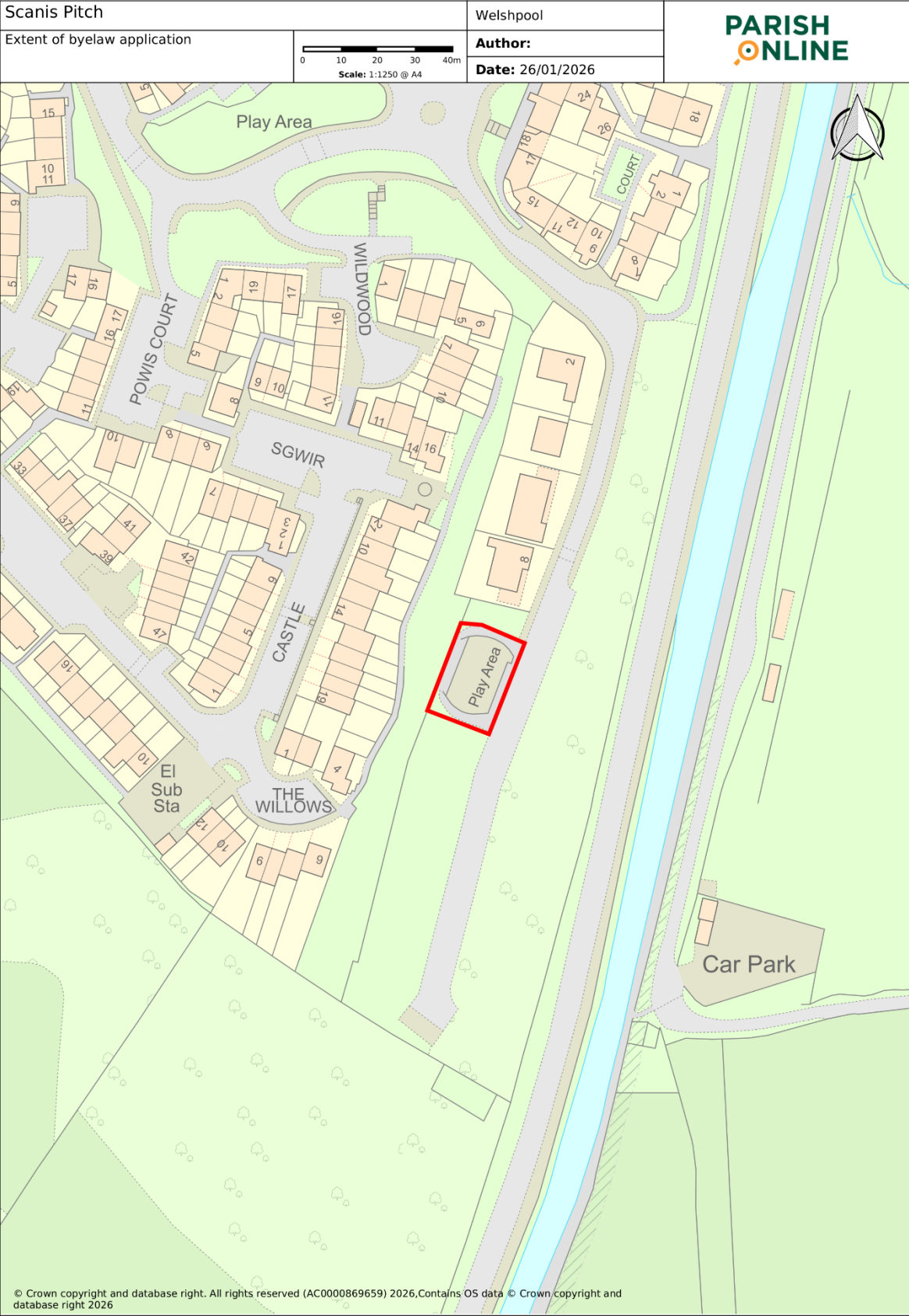


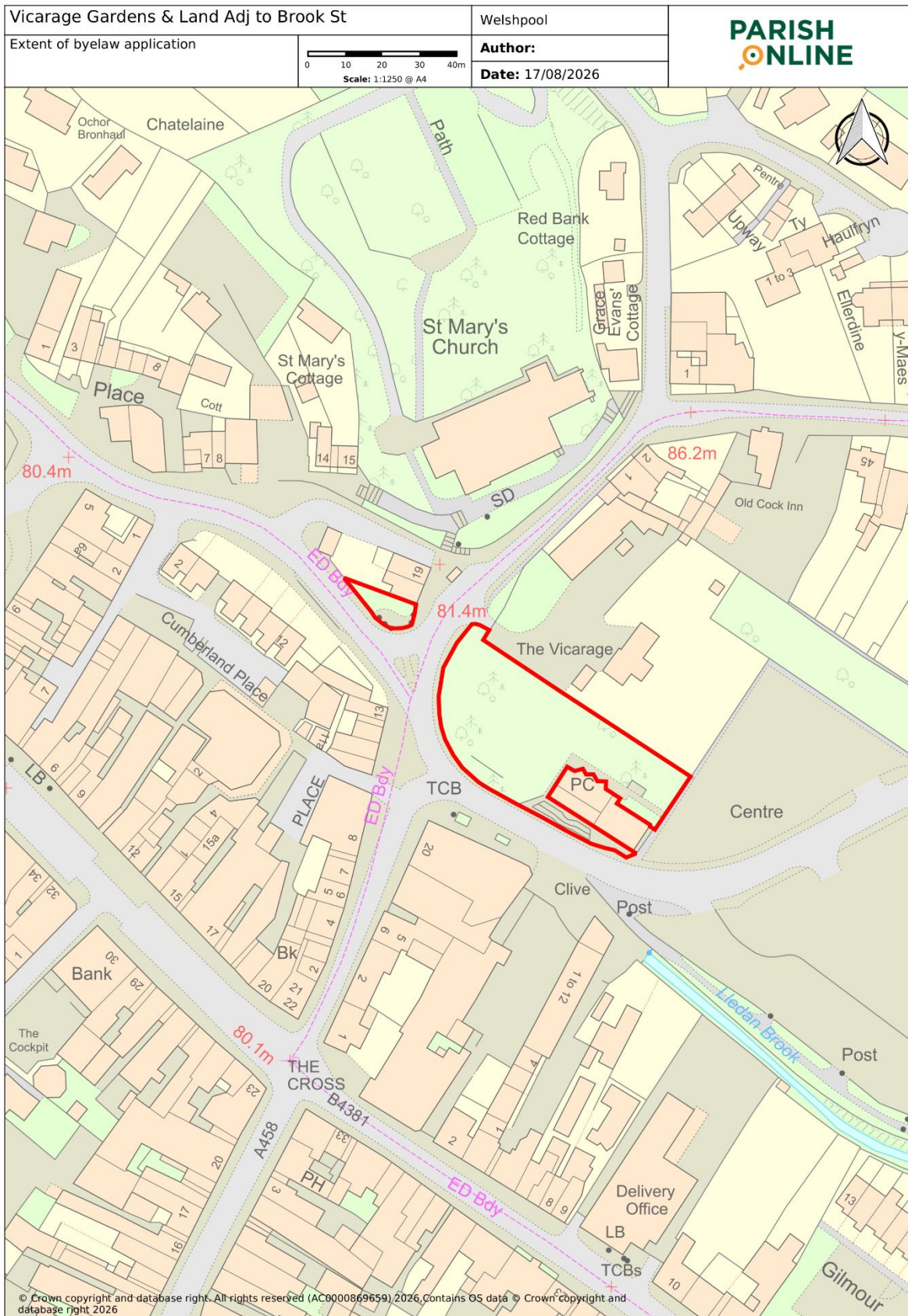
















THE COMMON SEAL of WELSHPOOL TOWN COUNCIL was affixed to these Byelaws on the _____ day of _____ 20____ in the presence of:

Mayor

Town Clerk

Appendix K

COMMUNITY OF WELSHPOOL

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 30 November 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

Appendix L



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Document / Report #964

Author	Richard Williams Town Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer
Title	Byelaws - Outcome of Statutory Period
Date	20th October 2026

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION

1. To note that the statutory Notice of Intention period for the proposed Open Spaces, Market and Public Toilet Byelaws ran from 10 August 2026 to 21 September 2026 and has now concluded;
2. To note and consider the two representations received during the statutory publication period, together with the outcome of the stakeholder consultation, as set out within this report;
3. To note the representation concerning cycling within Powis Lower Park and agree that no amendment be made to the draft Open Spaces Byelaws at this stage, having regard to the existing terms of the Council's licence with Powis Estates;
4. To note the representation concerning the definition of an "invalid carriage" and agree that the existing wording be retained, having regard to the Welsh Government model byelaws, with the matter to be raised with Welsh Government for consideration;
5. To agree that having considered the information contained within this report, that the statutory procedure required by the Local Government Byelaws (Wales) Act 2012 and the relevant enabling legislation has been completed;
6. To make the (as set out in the accompanying papers):
 1. Welshpool Town Council Open Spaces Byelaws 2026
 2. Welshpool Town Council Market Byelaws 2026
 3. Welshpool Town Council Public Toilets Byelaws 2026
7. To authorise affixing of the Council's Common Seal to the final byelaws in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders and arrangements for execution of legal documents;
8. To authorise the Town Clerk to undertake all necessary administrative and publication arrangements arising from the making of the byelaws, including publication of the final byelaws and arrangements for their commencement; and
9. To note that Council's Statutory Enforcement Policy, officer authorisations, training and public information arrangements will be dealt with separately prior to active enforcement of the new byelaws.

1. Purpose

1. To report the outcome of the statutory Notice of Intention period in respect of the Council's proposed Open Spaces, Market and Public Toilet Byelaws.
2. To enable Full Council to consider any representations received during that period and determine whether the proposed byelaws should now be formally made.

2. Background

1. The Council has been undertaking the statutory process to introduce new byelaws relating to Open Spaces, Markets and Public Toilets.
2. The procedure for making the byelaws is governed by the Local Government Byelaws (Wales) Act 2012 and the statutory guidance issued by Welsh Ministers.

3. The Council previously approved commencement of the byelaw-making process and published Initial Written Statements setting out the need for the proposed byelaws.
4. A twelve-week public consultation was subsequently undertaken between 20 October 2025 and 12 January 2026.
5. Fourteen responses were received during that consultation. These were considered by Full Council on 25 February 2026. Council resolved to note the responses and authorise the Town Clerk to prepare Second Written Statements and prepare draft byelaws.
6. On 22 July 2026, Full Council resolved to approve the draft byelaws and authorise the Town Clerk to publish Notices of Intention for a 6 week period as required by statute.

3. Notice of Intention

1. In accordance with the Local Government Byelaws (Wales) Act 2012, the Council published its Notice of Intention to make the proposed byelaws. The statutory publication period ran from 10 August 2026 until 21 September 2026.
2. During this period the Notice of Intention was published in a local newspaper (The County Times) as required by law, published on our website, copies of draft byelaws provided online and notices displayed.
3. The Council also proactively invited comments from relevant organisations and interested parties, including Powys County Council, Powis Estates, Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service, Natural Resources Wales and market traders.
4. The statutory period expired on 21 September 2026. Full Council is therefore now able to consider the representations received and determine whether to make the byelaws.

4. Representations

1. Following the conclusion of the statutory publication period on 21 September 2026, two representations were recorded in relation to the proposed Open Spaces Byelaws. No further representations were received.
2. A written representation was received questioning the proposed restriction on cycling within Powis Lower Park. The respondent suggested that the existing metalled path could provide a suitable active travel connection between Welshpool and Powis Castle.
3. The Town Clerk responded explaining that Lower Park is owned by Powis Estates and that public access is provided under a licence to the Town Council. The licence specifically requires the Council to "not permit vehicles or cycling". The relevant provision within the draft byelaws therefore reflects the Council's existing obligations to the landowner. The Town Clerk recommends that no amendment is made to the draft byelaws at this stage, but that discussions continue with Powis Estates regarding the potential for a designated cycle route.
4. A further representation was received by telephone questioning the definition of an "invalid carriage" within the draft Open Spaces Byelaws, specifically the provision limiting the unladen weight of such a vehicle to 150 kilograms. The respondent suggested that this definition may be outdated and may not adequately reflect the weight of some modern mobility vehicles.
5. The Town Clerk has reviewed the definition against the Welsh Government's Model Byelaws for Pleasure Grounds, Public Walks and Open Spaces (Set 2). The definition within the Council's draft byelaws is taken directly from the Welsh Government model, which specifies a maximum unladen weight of 150 kilograms, together with other criteria relating to the width and intended use of the vehicle.
6. Whilst the representation raises a reasonable concern regarding the development of modern mobility equipment, the Town Clerk does not recommend amending the definition at this stage.

without further consideration of the legal and practical implications.

7. It is therefore recommended that the published wording is retained, with the representation recorded and the matter raised with Welsh Government for consideration as part of any future review of the model byelaws.
8. Having considered both representations, the Town Clerk recommends that the proposed byelaws are made without amendment to the published wording.

5. Statutory and Stakeholder Consultation

1. In addition to the statutory publication requirements, copies of the relevant draft byelaws were provided to organisations with a particular interest in their operation. Powis Estates was invited to comment particularly in respect of the application of the Open Spaces Byelaws to Lower Park. Powys County Council was invited to comment given its responsibilities for highways and other public services which may interact with the proposed byelaws. Natural Resources Wales was invited to comment on the proposed Open Spaces Byelaws, particularly those provisions relating to the protection of the natural environment.
2. Market traders were invited to comment on the proposed Market Byelaws along with Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service was specifically consulted in relation to the proposed Market Byelaws in accordance with section 60 of the Food Act 1984, including the provisions concerned with preventing the spread of fire within the market.
3. No responses were received from any of these authorities.

6. Advice

1. Welsh Government statutory guidance provides that, following the six-week publication period, the authority should decide whether to make the byelaws and whether any modifications are required, taking into account objections or representations received.
2. The guidance recognises that an authority may note an objection but nevertheless proceed with the proposed byelaw. Alternatively, it may decide that an objection justifies amending or abandoning a proposed provision.
3. Having considered the representations received, the Town Clerk does not consider that an amendment to the draft byelaws is required.
4. The byelaws presented to Council on 28 October 2026 are therefore in the same substantive form (with a few textual amendments) as those approved by Full Council on 22 July 2026 and published during the statutory period.

7. Making of Byelaws

1. The Open Spaces, Market and Public Toilet Byelaws fall within the procedure established by the Local Government Byelaws (Wales) Act 2012 and do not require confirmation by Welsh Ministers. The Council must make the byelaws no later than six months after the date on which the Notice of Intention was published.
2. The Local Government Byelaws (Wales) Act 2012 provides that a byelaw made by a community council must be made under the common seal of the Council.
3. If made, the byelaws will come into force on the 30th November 2026.

8. Enforcement

1. The making of the byelaws creates the legal framework for their future enforcement. Enforcement will be undertaken proportionately and consistently and will not automatically result in formal action for every breach.

2. Where permitted by the Local Government Byelaws (Wales) Act 2012, offences may be dealt with through the issue of Fixed Penalty Notices by appropriately authorised persons.
3. The Council will separately consider and adopt its Statutory Enforcement Policy setting out the approach to education, warnings, Fixed Penalty Notices and prosecution and the arrangements for the authorisation and training of officers.
4. Appropriate publicity and information will be provided before active enforcement of the new byelaws commences.

9. Links to Strategic Objectives and Interim Strategic Plan

1. The proposed byelaws support the Council's Interim Strategic Plan by improving the management, protection and accessibility of the town's public spaces, markets and facilities. They provide a clearer framework for maintaining safe, welcoming and well-managed environments for residents, businesses and visitors, while supporting the Council's wider objectives relating to community well-being, environmental protection, town centre vitality and the effective management of its assets.

10. Resource & Legal Implications

1. There are no significant additional financial implications arising directly from making the byelaws.
2. The Council has complied with the process set out in the Local Government Byelaws (Wales) Act 2012 before making the byelaws and has powers under the Open Spaces Act, Public Health Act, Public Health (Wales) Act and the Food Act to make the byelaws as outlined.

11. Specific Implications

1. **Crime and Disorder** - The proposed byelaws will provide the Council with clearer mechanisms to address nuisance, obstruction, anti-social behaviour, damage and other inappropriate use of Council-managed land and facilities. (Crime and Disorder Act 1998).
2. **Biodiversity** - The Open Spaces Byelaws include provisions intended to protect Council-managed open spaces, habitats and the wider environment from damage and inappropriate activities. (Environment (Wales) Act 2016).
3. **Well-being** - The proposed byelaws support the Council's contribution to the well-being goals by helping to maintain safe, accessible and welcoming public spaces and facilities (Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015).
4. **Risk Management** - The proposed byelaws support the Council's risk management arrangements by providing a clearer legal framework to address inappropriate behaviour, damage, nuisance and misuse of Council-managed land and facilities. They help mitigate operational, health and safety, environmental, financial and reputational risks, while supporting consistent and proportionate enforcement. Implementation will be supported by appropriate staff training, authorisation and enforcement procedures.

12. Recommendation

1. To note that the statutory Notice of Intention period for the proposed Open Spaces, Market and Public Toilet Byelaws ran from 10 August 2026 to 21 September 2026 and has now concluded;
2. To note and consider the two representations received during the statutory publication period, together with the outcome of the stakeholder consultation, as set out within this report;
3. To note the representation concerning cycling within Powis Lower Park and agree that no amendment be made to the draft Open Spaces Byelaws at this stage, having regard to the existing terms of the Council's licence with Powis Estates;

4. To note the representation concerning the definition of an "invalid carriage" and agree that the existing wording be retained, having regard to the Welsh Government model byelaws, with the matter to be raised with Welsh Government for consideration;
5. To agree that having considered the information contained within this report, that the statutory procedure required by the Local Government Byelaws (Wales) Act 2012 and the relevant enabling legislation has been completed;
6. To make the (as set out in the accompanying papers):
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7. To authorise affixing of the Council's Common Seal to the final byelaws in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders and arrangements for execution of legal documents;
8. To authorise the Town Clerk to undertake all necessary administrative and publication arrangements arising from the making of the byelaws, including publication of the final byelaws and arrangements for their commencement; and
9. To note that Council's Statutory Enforcement Policy, officer authorisations, training and public information arrangements will be dealt with separately prior to active enforcement of the new byelaws.

13. Decision

1. To resolve to adopt the recommendations as above.

Appendix M



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Document / Report #1049

Author	Richard Williams Town Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer
Title	Condition and Appearance of Town Centre Properties
Date	20th October 2026

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION

1. To note the concerns raised regarding the condition and appearance of properties within the Town Centre;
2. To ask that the Place Plan Working Group urgently identify commercial premises in the town centre whose external appearance would benefit from attention;
3. To authorise officers to write to property owners encouraging improvements to the external appearance of their buildings; and
4. To ask the Town Clerk to write to Powys County Council seeking clarification of its approach to enforcing the relevant provisions of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and Building Act 1984, and requesting consideration of enforcement action where appropriate.

1. Purpose

1. To consider concerns raised regarding the condition and appearance of a number of commercial properties within Welshpool town centre and the actions available to the Town Council to address these concerns.

2. Background

1. The Town Council has invested significantly in improving the appearance of Welshpool town centre through the Town Centre Improvement Programme and more recently through Pride in Place funding. However, the condition of some privately owned commercial properties continues to detract from these improvements.
2. Recent enquiries from residents have highlighted concerns regarding a number of properties, including the former Savers premises and other vacant or poorly maintained shops. Concerns generally relate to deteriorating paintwork, damaged shopfronts, neglected buildings and the overall appearance of the High Street.

3. The Town Council has already referred the condition of the former Savers premises to Powys County Council's Planning Enforcement team. However, the Town Council has limited powers to require private property owners to maintain their buildings.
4. With Welshpool hosting the start of a stage of the Tour de France on 4 July 2027, there is an opportunity to encourage improvements to these properties ahead of the event, particularly given the number of visitors expected in the town.

3. Statutory Powers

1. Responsibility for maintaining commercial properties generally rests with their owners. However, Powys County Council has a number of statutory powers which may be used where buildings have fallen into a particularly poor condition. These include:
 1. Section 215 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 - allows the LPA to require improvements to the condition of land or buildings adversely affecting the amenity of an area
 2. Sections 77 and 78 of the Building Act 1984 - provides powers to deal with dangerous buildings
 3. Section 79 of the building Act 1984 - provides powers relating to ruinous or dilapidated buildings.
2. It is proposed that the Town Council writes formally to Powys County Council to establish its current approach to using these powers, particularly Section 215 notices, and whether there is scope for greater enforcement activity within Welshpool town centre. This would also provide an opportunity to raise specific properties of concern and seek clarification on the circumstances in which Powys County Council would consider taking action.

4. Engagement

1. Whilst the Town Council cannot generally compel owners to improve the appearance of their properties, there is an opportunity to engage directly with landlords and encourage them to undertake maintenance and repairs.
2. It is proposed that officers undertake a review of commercial premises within the town centre to identify those where the external appearance would benefit from attention.
3. The Town Council would then write to the relevant property owners or managing agents, highlighting the concerns raised and encouraging them to consider improvements such as repainting, repairs to shopfronts and general maintenance.
4. The correspondence would also highlight the Tour de France in July 2027 and the importance of presenting the town in the best possible condition ahead of the event.
5. Powys County Council already administers funding through the Welsh Government's Transforming Towns programme, which can support improvements to commercial properties, subject to eligibility and funding availability. Where appropriate, property owners could be directed towards the County Council for further information.
6. The intention would be to encourage owners to take responsibility for their premises rather than for the Town Council to undertake or fund improvements to privately owned buildings.

5. Shopfront & Window Dressing Scheme

1. The Town Council has previously approved an Shopfront & Window Dressing Scheme, which aims to improve the appearance of vacant commercial premises through the installation of artwork in empty shop windows.

2. We will continue to progress the scheme and it will complement the proposed engagement with landlords, although it is recognised that artwork in windows will not address issues relating to the condition of the buildings themselves.

6. Financial & Legal Implications

1. There are no significant direct financial implications arising from writing to property owners. A fee of around £7 per document is required by HM Land Registry to release information of property owners. This would be covered under existing budgets.
2. Section 16 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 allows the Town Council to serve a notice on occupiers of land to provide details of their ownership in the land and any others with an interest in it. Failure to comply with the notice is a criminal offence with a fine of £5000.

7. Recommendations

1. To note the concerns raised regarding the condition and appearance of properties within the Town Centre;
2. To ask that the Place Plan Working Group urgently identify commercial premises in the town centre whose external appearance would benefit from attention;
3. To authorise officers to write to property owners encouraging improvements to the external appearance of their buildings; and
4. To ask the Town Clerk to write to Powys County Council seeking clarification of its approach to enforcing the relevant provisions of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and Building Act 1984, and requesting consideration of enforcement action where appropriate.

8. Decision

1. To resolve the recommendations as above.

Appendix N



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Document / Report #1045

Author	Richard Williams Town Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer
Title	Public Rights of Way - Maintenance and Obstructions
Date	20th October 2026

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION

1. To note the concerns regarding the condition of Public Footpath 261/G35/1 at the Croft and the wider Public Rights of Way network within Welshpool;
2. To establish a simple Town Council register for recording Public Rights of Way issues within Welshpool, including reports made to Powys County Council and the action taken;
3. To agree that Public Rights of Way problems should initially be reported to Powys County Council through the normal reporting procedure and subsequently escalated where they remain unresolved;
4. To agree that, where the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Mayor, considers that an unresolved issue may constitute an unlawful obstruction of a highway, a formal representation on behalf of the Town Council be issued to Powys County Council under Section 130(6) of the Highways Act 1980.

1. Purpose of Report

1. To consider the condition and management of Public Rights of Way (PROWs) within Welshpool and the action available to the Town Council where routes become overgrown, obstructed or otherwise inaccessible.
2. The report follows concerns regarding the condition of Public Footpath 261/G35/1 at the Croft and considers whether the Council should adopt a more structured approach to monitoring and reporting issues across the wider PROW network.

2. Background

1. Powys County Council's Public Rights of Way dataset records 148 distinct Public Rights of Way route sections within the Welshpool community. The network is predominantly made up of public footpaths, with a small number of bridleways.
2. Recently, concerns were raised regarding Public Footpath 261/G35/1 at the Croft, which had become significantly overgrown. The condition of the route was reported to Powys County

Council but no substantive response or action was received. Members of the public subsequently undertook clearance of the route themselves.

3. This has highlighted the wider issue of how Public Rights of Way within Welshpool are monitored and what action the Town Council can take where routes become obstructed or maintenance issues remain unresolved.

3. Responsibility for Public Rights of Way

1. Powys County Council, as highway authority, has primary responsibility for the Public Rights of Way network. Responsibilities are divided between the highway authority and adjoining landowners depending upon the nature of the problem.
2. Powys County Council is generally responsible for matters including:
 1. maintaining the surface of publicly maintainable routes;
 2. controlling undergrowth growing on the highway;
 3. signposting and waymarking;
 4. maintaining most bridges and culverts; and
 5. protecting the public's right to use the highway.
3. Landowners and occupiers have responsibilities which include:
 1. keeping Public Rights of Way free from unlawful obstruction;
 2. maintaining hedges and vegetation growing from adjoining land;
 3. maintaining gates and stiles for which they are responsible;
 4. keeping paths clear of crops; and
 5. reinstating routes following permitted agricultural disturbance.
4. The appropriate response therefore depends upon the nature and cause of the particular problem.

4. Reporting Problems

1. Powys County Council operates a system for reporting problems affecting Public Rights of Way.
2. For routine issues such as overgrown paths, damaged furniture, fallen branches, missing signs or other maintenance problems, reporting the matter to PCC should normally remain the first course of action.
3. The Town Council could improve its oversight by maintaining a simple record of problems identified on routes within Welshpool. This would allow the Council to identify recurring problems and cases where reports remain unresolved rather than dealing with each issue in isolation.

5. Unlawful Obstructions – Highways Act 1980

1. The Town Council has a specific statutory role where a highway is unlawfully obstructed.
2. Section 130 of the Highways Act 1980 places a duty upon highway authorities to assert and protect the rights of the public to the use and enjoyment of highways.
3. Importantly, Section 130(6) provides that where a community council represents to the highway authority that a highway within its area has been unlawfully stopped up or obstructed, the highway authority must, unless satisfied that the representation is incorrect, take proper

proceedings accordingly.

4. This provides the Town Council with a formal escalation mechanism which goes beyond simply reporting an issue as a member of the public.
5. It would not be appropriate to use this procedure for every routine maintenance issue. However, where there is evidence of a genuine unlawful obstruction and the matter remains unresolved, the Council could formally make a representation to PCC under Section 130(6).
6. Examples might include an unauthorised fence or barrier across a route, a route being deliberately blocked, or other encroachment which materially prevents the public exercising the right of passage.
7. There is a further procedure under Sections 130A–130C of the Highways Act 1980 whereby a person may serve notice upon a highway authority concerning certain obstructions of footpaths, bridleways and restricted byways. This can ultimately lead to an application to the Magistrates' Court.
8. This would be regarded as a more formal, last-resort procedure where other attempts to resolve a qualifying obstruction had failed.

6. Maintenance by the Town Council

1. There is also an option for the Town Council to take a more active role in maintaining local routes.
2. Section 43 of the Highways Act 1980 allows a community council to undertake the maintenance of a footpath, bridleway or restricted byway within its area where that highway is maintainable at public expense.
3. Importantly, the exercise of this power by the Town Council does not remove the underlying maintenance responsibility from the highway authority.
4. This could potentially allow the Council's Operations Team to undertake limited routine works such as vegetation clearance on selected routes within Welshpool.
5. However, it is not recommended that the Council begins undertaking works due to the lack of officer capacity, nor the budget to do so.

7. Proposed Approach

1. Rather than considering the Croft footpath as an isolated issue, the Council could establish a simple Public Rights of Way monitoring and escalation process for Welshpool.
2. Problems identified by councillors, officers or residents would initially be recorded and reported through the normal PCC process.
3. Where no action is taken within a reasonable period, the Town Council could follow the matter up directly with PCC's Rights of Way service.
4. Where an issue constitutes a continuing unlawful obstruction, the matter could then be considered for formal representation by the Town Council under Section 130(6) of the Highways Act 1980.

8. Financial Implications

1. There are no significant direct financial implications arising from establishing a monitoring and reporting process.
2. If the Council subsequently agrees to undertake maintenance of Public Rights of Way, there would be implications for Council's capacity etc. It is not recommended at this stage to enter into any maintenance of Public Rights of Way.

9. Recommendation

1. To note the concerns regarding the condition of Public Footpath 261/G35/1 at the Croft and the wider Public Rights of Way network within Welshpool;
2. To establish a simple Town Council register for recording Public Rights of Way issues within Welshpool, including reports made to Powys County Council and the action taken;
3. To agree that Public Rights of Way problems should initially be reported to Powys County Council through the normal reporting procedure and subsequently escalated where they remain unresolved;
4. To agree that, where the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Mayor, considers that an unresolved issue may constitute an unlawful obstruction of a highway, a formal representation on behalf of the Town Council be issued to Powys County Council under Section 130(6) of the Highways Act 1980.

10. Decision

1. To resolve the recommendations as above.

Appendix O

Minutes of the Community Meeting held on 22/10/2026 at 6.38pm in Welshpool Town Hall

Convened pursuant to section 27 and Schedule 12, Part V of the Local Government Act 1972.

CHAIR: Cllr Revd William Rowell, Mayor and Chair of Welshpool Town Council

PRESENT: 101 local government electors of Welshpool

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

- Richard Williams – Town Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer the designated Proper Officer of Welshpool Town Council
- 71 other persons not eligible to vote

CM221026/1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

The Chair welcomed those present and explained that this was a statutory Community Meeting of Welshpool electors, rather than a meeting of Welshpool Town Council. The Chair outlined the purpose of the meeting and the arrangements for questions and voting.

CM221026/2. PROPOSED CHANGES TO LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES

The Chair outlined the proposed changes by Powys Teaching Health Board to local hospital provision in Welshpool. He argued that the removal of beds makes the current Victoria Memorial Hospital vulnerable for closure.

CM221026/3. BALLOT PROCEDURE AND ELIGIBILITY

The Chair explained that the three published questions would be decided by ballot of local government electors of Welshpool present at the meeting, with one vote per elector on each question.

Ballot papers were issued to eligible electors, who were invited to record their votes and deposit their completed papers into a sealed ballot box.

At the conclusion of the voting process, the ballot box was opened and the votes were counted. The results of each question were subsequently declared by the Chair and are recorded under Minutes CM221026/5 to CM221026/7.

CM221026/4. QUESTIONS AND COMMUNITY DISCUSSION

On behalf of Steve Witherden MP, Cllr David France read aloud a statement expressing Mr Witherden's opposition to the proposed reductions in services by Powys Teaching Health Board.

In his statement, Mr Witherden raised concerns that the proposals would create a significant gap in healthcare provision between hospital treatment in Shrewsbury and care provided to patients in their own homes. He emphasised the importance of retaining local hospital services to support patients requiring care between these stages.

Mr Witherden encouraged residents to actively oppose the proposals through the consultation and democratic processes, including signing the relevant petition, writing to the Welsh Government's Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care, and continuing to make the case for protecting healthcare services at Victoria Memorial Hospital in Welshpool.

Elwyn Vaughan MS addressed the meeting and expressed his opposition to the proposals put forward by Powys Teaching Health Board. He acknowledged the financial pressures facing the Health Board but questioned how the proposals had been developed and whether they represented an appropriate long-term solution to the challenges facing healthcare provision in Mid Wales.

He emphasised that simply opposing the proposals would not be sufficient and that a constructive alternative was required. He explained that he was working with medical professionals to develop a case for retaining and enhancing existing healthcare facilities, advocating for a comprehensive package of healthcare provision across Mid Wales, including Welshpool, Bronglais, Machynlleth and Llanidloes. He referred to the 2014 Longley Report and the importance of developing a sustainable, long-term approach to healthcare, rather than relying on short-term or technical solutions to cross-border healthcare arrangements.

Mr Vaughan also highlighted the importance of recognising the particular challenges facing rural communities, referring to proposals for a statutory duty to rural-proof public policy decisions. He suggested that consideration should be given to establishing a surgical hub within Powys and highlighted the benefits of existing local services, including dialysis provision in Welshpool, as examples of the value of delivering healthcare closer to patients' homes.

He raised concerns regarding the structure and administration of NHS Wales, suggesting that increases in NHS staffing since the COVID-19 pandemic had not necessarily translated into equivalent increases in frontline provision. He questioned the need for seven separate health boards and argued that reducing administrative bureaucracy could release resources for patient-facing services. He also referred to the role of Llais, relevant legislative changes and the importance of ministerial accountability in decisions affecting local healthcare.

In concluding, Mr Vaughan encouraged residents to take an active role in the consultation process by signing the online petition, contacting Llais, completing the Health Board's online consultation questionnaire and attending the public consultation events. He reiterated the importance of presenting a credible alternative to the proposals and ensuring that the needs of rural communities were properly reflected in future healthcare decisions.

County Councillor Richard Church addressed the meeting and outlined Powys County Council's opposition to the proposed changes to local health services. He emphasised the importance of communities standing together and presenting a united response to the proposals.

He reflected on the history of healthcare provision in Welshpool, explaining that hospital beds had been introduced approximately 150 years ago because of the distances patients would

otherwise have to travel to Newtown or Shrewsbury. He observed that those geographical challenges remained unchanged and that inpatient beds had been provided in Welshpool for approximately twice as long as the National Health Service had existed.

Cllr Church explained the distinction between the responsibilities of Powys County Council and Powys Teaching Health Board, noting that the County Council was responsible for social care rather than healthcare. This included residential care services delivered through contractual arrangements and domiciliary care provided to residents in their own homes. He explained that the County Council was carefully examining the potential implications of the proposals for social care services, which already represented a significant proportion of Council expenditure funded through Council Tax.

He expressed concern that reductions in local healthcare provision would place additional pressures on an already stretched social care system, potentially transferring costs from the NHS to Powys County Council. He argued that any resulting increase in demand for social care could ultimately have financial implications for Council Tax payers.

Turning to the proposed closure of the Minor Injuries Unit at Victoria Memorial Hospital, Cllr Church highlighted the distances residents would be required to travel to access alternative services. He noted that patients could face journeys of approximately 20 miles to either the Accident and Emergency Department in Shrewsbury or the proposed Urgent Care Centre in Newtown. He questioned the Health Board's assumption that patients would predominantly travel to Newtown and invited those attending to indicate whether they would be more likely to seek treatment in Shrewsbury or Newtown. He also expressed concern about the existing pressures on the Accident and Emergency Department in Shrewsbury.

Cllr Church emphasised that responsibility for the NHS in Wales rested with the Welsh Government, to which the Health Board was accountable, and that Welsh Ministers were in turn accountable to the Senedd. He argued that the Welsh Government could not distance itself from the consequences of decisions affecting healthcare provision in Mid Wales and should be held accountable for any resulting reduction in local services.

He encouraged residents to maintain pressure on the Health Board and elected representatives throughout the consultation process. He referred to two petitions circulating in opposition to the proposals, including a petition intended to secure consideration and debate by the Senedd.

In concluding, Cllr Church highlighted forthcoming opportunities for public engagement, including a planned protest through Welshpool on 14 November 2026 at 10.30am and a Powys Teaching Health Board consultation drop-in event at Welshpool Town Hall on 1 December 2026. He encouraged residents to participate in these activities and continue making their views known.

The Chair invited questions and comments from those attending. A wide-ranging discussion followed, during which members of the public, healthcare professionals, representatives of community organisations and elected members expressed concerns regarding the proposals.

The principal matters raised included:

- Accessibility and travel distances: Concerns regarding the distances residents would need to travel to access alternative healthcare provision, particularly in Newtown, Shrewsbury and Telford, and the availability of suitable public transport for patients and their families.
- Impact on rural communities: The importance of recognising the particular geographical challenges facing Welshpool and surrounding rural communities, including Llanfair Caereinion, and ensuring equitable access to healthcare compared with urban areas.
- Inpatient beds and intermediate care: The importance of retaining local inpatient beds to support patients recovering from strokes, serious illnesses and hospital treatment, particularly those transferring from acute hospitals before returning home.
- Pressure on neighbouring hospitals: Concerns that removing services from Welshpool would increase demand on already stretched facilities in Shrewsbury and Newtown, including Accident and Emergency services, and potentially contribute to delayed hospital discharges.
- Minor Injuries Unit: The importance of retaining accessible local treatment for injuries and emergencies, with several residents sharing personal experiences of receiving urgent treatment at Victoria Memorial Hospital.
- X-ray and outpatient services: Concerns regarding the potential loss of diagnostic and outpatient facilities, particularly in light of recent investment in equipment and improvements to the hospital.
- Palliative care and mental health provision: The importance of maintaining care close to patients' homes and families, including concerns about the financial and personal consequences of arranging placements outside Powys.
- Social care implications: The potential for reductions in NHS provision to increase demand for domiciliary and residential care, placing additional financial pressures on Powys County Council, service users and Council Tax payers.
- Local businesses and employment: The importance of accessible medical treatment for employees of local manufacturing, engineering and other businesses where workplace injuries may occur.
- Investment and community fundraising: Recognition of the longstanding contribution of the League of Friends of Victoria Memorial Hospital, including significant fundraising towards facilities and equipment, and concerns regarding the potential loss of services following recent investment.
- Clinical and staff engagement: Questions regarding the extent to which healthcare professionals and hospital staff had been consulted during the development of the proposals, with suggestions that further information should be requested from the Health Board.
- Consultation process: Concerns regarding the development and shortlisting of the proposed options, the consideration of alternatives and whether the consultation provided sufficient opportunity to influence the eventual decision.

- Governance and accountability: Questions regarding the composition and local representation of the Health Board, the role and independence of Llais, and the powers of the Welsh Government to intervene in decisions affecting healthcare services.
- Potential legal challenge: Discussion of the possible grounds for challenging any future decision, including the importance of identifying substantive legal or procedural issues should judicial review become necessary.
- Future healthcare provision: Calls for a longer-term strategy to retain, improve and expand healthcare services in Mid Wales, taking account of future demand, population growth and the needs of rural communities.
- Public engagement and campaigning: Encouragement for residents to participate in the consultation, complete questionnaires, sign relevant petitions, contact elected representatives and attend forthcoming events, including the planned demonstration on 14 November 2026 and the Health Board's consultation event at Welshpool Town Hall on 1 December 2026.

During the discussion, a member of the public invited those not eligible to participate in the formal ballot to indicate their views by a show of hands. A number of attendees indicated opposition to the proposals. This was an informal expression of opinion and did not form part of the formal ballot.

The Chair thanked all contributors for their participation and acknowledged the strength of feeling expressed regarding the future of healthcare services in Welshpool and the surrounding area.

CM221026/5. BALLOT QUESTION 1 - COMMUNITY HOSPITAL BEDS

Question: Do you support Powys Teaching Health Board's proposals to close inpatient beds at Welshpool and other affected community hospitals as part of its Better Together consultation?

Yes 1

No 93

Blank / rejected 0

Valid votes cast 94

Ballot papers issued / returned 101 issued, 7 not returned

The Chair declared that the proposals were NOT SUPPORTED by the majority of electors voting on the question.

CM221026/6. BALLOT QUESTION 2 – MINOR INJURIES UNIT AND X-RAY

Question: Do you support Powys Teaching Health Board's proposals to close the Minor Injuries Unit and X-ray services at Victoria Memorial Hospital, Welshpool?

Yes 1

No 92

Blank / rejected 1

Valid votes cast 93

Ballot papers issued / returned 101 issued, 7 not returned

The Chair declared that the proposals were NOT SUPPORTED by the majority of electors voting on the question.

CM221026/7. BALLOT QUESTION 3 – HALTING THE PROCESS

Question: To call on Welsh Government and the Senedd to halt and review the Powys Teaching Health Board's Better Together Programme.

Yes 93

No 1

Blank / rejected 0

Valid votes cast 94

Ballot papers issued / returned 101 issued, 7 not returned

The Chair declared that the question was SUPPORTED by the majority of electors voting on the question.

CM221026/8. OUTCOME AND NEXT STEPS

The meeting recorded its opposition to the proposed closure of inpatient beds and the proposed removal of Minor Injuries Unit and X-ray services. It further supported calling upon the Welsh Government and Senedd to halt and review the Better Together Programme.

CM221026/9. CLOSE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 20:24.

These minutes were drawn up and signed at the conclusion of the Community Meeting.



Signed: _____

Date: 22 October 2026

Cllr Revd William Rowell
Chairman

Appendix P

Gwella Gyda'n Gilydd ym Mhowys / Better Together in Powys

From Powys Better Together (PTHB) <Powys.bettertogether@wales.nhs.uk>

Date Mon 2026-10-05 15:46

To Powys Better Together (PTHB) <Powys.bettertogether@wales.nhs.uk>

At: Clercod / Cysylltiadau
Cynghorau Tref a Chymuned

Annwyl Gyfaill

**Gwella Gyda'n Gilydd ym
Mhowys**

Mae Bwrdd Iechyd Addysgu Powys yn gwahodd pobl ledled Powys i helpu llunio dyfodol gwasanaethau lleol y GIG wrth i ymgynghoriad Gwella Gyda'n Gilydd agor heddiw.

Mae'r ymgynghoriad yn rhedeg o 5 Hydref 2026 i 10 Ionawr 2027 ac yn ceisio barn ar gynigion ar gyfer iechyd corfforol oedolion, iechyd meddwl oedolion, gofal brys a rhai gwasanaethau diagnosteg.

Mae'r cynigion yn ymateb i heriau sylweddol sy'n wynebu gwasanaethau iechyd, gan gynnwys galw cynyddol, poblogaeth sy'n heneiddio ac anawsterau wrth recriwtio a chadw'r gweithlu sydd ei angen i gynnal gwasanaethau ar draws sir wledig fawr.

Mae Gwella Gyda'n Gilydd yn gofyn sut y dylai gwasanaethau'r GIG esblygu dros y 10 mlynedd nesaf a thu hwnt fel eu bod yn parhau i fod yn ddiogel, yn effeithiol ac yn gynaliadwy, gan helpu mwy o bobl i aros yn iach, aros yn annibynnol a derbyn gofal gartref neu yn eu cymuned leol.

Nid oes unrhyw benderfyniadau wedi'u gwneud ynghylch newidiadau i wasanaethau yn y dyfodol. Mae'r ymgynghoriad yn gyfle i breswylwyr, cleifion, gofalwyr, staff a sefydliadau

To: Town and Community Council
Clerks / Contacts

Dear Colleague

Better Together in Powys

Powys Teaching Health Board is inviting people across Powys to help shape the future of local NHS services as the Better Together consultation opens today.

The consultation runs from 5 October 2026 to 10 January 2027 and seeks views on proposals for adult physical health, adult mental health, urgent care and some diagnostic services.

The proposals respond to significant challenges facing health services, including rising demand, an ageing population and difficulties recruiting and retaining the workforce needed to sustain services across a large rural county.

Better Together asks how NHS services should evolve over the next 10 years and beyond so they remain safe, effective and sustainable, while helping more people stay well, remain independent and receive care at home or in their local community.

No decisions have been made about future service changes. The consultation is an opportunity for residents, patients, carers, staff and partner organisations to consider the evidence, describe potential impacts, suggest alternatives and help shape what happens next.

All options retain services at all community hospital sites in Powys

partner ystyried y dystiolaeth, disgrifio effeithiau posibl, awgrymu dewisiadau eraill a helpu llunio'r hyn sy'n digwydd nesaf.

Mae pob opsiwn yn cadw gwasanaethau ym mhob safle ysbyty cymunedol ym Mhowys ac yn cynnwys cynigion i gryfhau gofal yng nghartrefi a chymunedau pobl.

Gall pobl gymryd rhan drwy ddarllen y dogfennau ymgynghori, cwblhau'r holiadur, anfon adborth drwy e-bost, mynychu digwyddiad galw heibio lleol neu ymuno â digwyddiad ar-lein.

Bydd tair ar ddeg o ddigwyddiadau lleol a thri digwyddiad ar-lein yn rhoi cyfleoedd i bobl gwrdd â'r tîm, gofyn cwestiynau, trafod y cynigion ac yna cwblhau'r holiadur. Mae manylion llawn ar gael yn biap.gig.cymru/GwellaGydanGilydd

Mae dogfennau ymgynghori, yr holiadur, manylion y digwyddiad a gwybodaeth mewn fformatau amgen, gan gynnwys Iaith Arwyddion Prydain, sain a Hawdd ei Ddarllen, ar gael yn biap.gig.cymru/GwellaGydanGilydd

Bydd adborth yn cael ei ddadansoddi'n annibynnol cyn cael ei ystyried gan y Bwrdd ochr yn ochr ag unrhyw gynigion amgen a thystiolaeth newydd a dderbynnir yn ystod yr ymgynghoriad.

Y disgwyliad ar hyn o bryd yw y bydd y Bwrdd yn ystyried achos penderfyniad ar ôl ymgynghori dim cynharach na gwanwyn 2027.

Diolch am helpu i lunio dyfodol gwasanaethau iechyd diogel o ansawdd uchel i Powys.

Cofion cynnes,

Gwella Gyda'n Gilydd
Bwrdd Iechyd Addysgu Powys
Ysbyty Bronllys
Bronllys
Aberhonddu
Powys LD3 0LY

and include proposals to strengthen care in people's homes and communities.

People can take part by reading the consultation documents, completing the questionnaire, emailing feedback, attending a local drop-in event or joining an online event.

Thirteen locality events and three online events will provide opportunities for people to meet the team, ask questions, discuss the proposals and then complete the questionnaire. Full details can be found at <http://pthb.nhs.wales/BetterTogether>

Consultation documents, the questionnaire, event details and information in alternative formats, including British Sign Language, audio and Easy Read, are available at <http://pthb.nhs.wales/BetterTogether>

Feedback will be independently analysed before being considered by the Board alongside any alternative proposals and new evidence received during the consultation.

The current expectation is that the Board will consider a post-consultation decision case no earlier than spring 2027.

Thank you for helping to shape the future of safe, high quality health services for Powys.

With kind regards,

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Rydym yn croesawu gohebiaeth yn y Gymraeg neu'r Saesneg
We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English



Bwrdd Iechyd
Addysgu Powys
Powys Teaching
Health Board

Os nad chi sydd i fod i dderbyn yr e-bost hwn, a wnewch roi gwybod i bwy bynnag wnaeth ei anfon trwy e-bost a dinistrio pob copi. Ni chaniateir agor, defnyddio, datgelu, storio na chopio'r e-bost. Barn neu sylwadau'r awdur yw'r rhai sydd yn yr e-bost ac nid ydynt o anghenraid yn cynrychioli barn Bwrdd Iechyd addysgu Powys heblaw bod hynny wedi'i nodi. Mae'n bosibl y gellir datgeli'r wybodaeth sydd yn yr e-bost hwn dan Ddeddf Rhyddid Gwybodaeth 2000, Rheoliadau Gwybodaeth Amgylcheddol 2004 a Rheoliad Diogelu Data Cyffredinol. Oni bai bod y wybodaeth wedi'i heithrio rhag cael ei datgelu dan y gyfraith, ni allwn sicrhau cyfrinachedd yr e-bost hwn ac unrhyw ateb iddo. Cyn agor yr e-bost hwn ac unrhyw atodiadau, a wnewch eu gwirio rhag firysau gan nad yw'r Bwrdd Iechyd yn gallu sicrhau nad ydynt heb firws ac nad ydynt wedi'u rhyng-gipio na'u diwygio. If you are not the intended recipient of this email, please inform the sender by return email and destroy all copies. Unauthorised access, use, disclosure, storage or copying is not permitted. Any views or opinions expressed are those of the author and do not necessarily represent the views of Powys teaching Health Board unless otherwise explicitly stated. The information contained in this email may be subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, Environmental Information Regulations 2004 and the General Data Protection Regulation. Unless the information is legally exempt from disclosure, the confidentiality of this email and any reply cannot be guaranteed. Please check for viruses before accessing this email and any attachments since the Health Board cannot guarantee that these are virus free or have not been intercepted and amended.

Appendix Q



**Proposal to increase the capacity of Ysgol
Gymraeg y Trallwng**

Consultation Document



Mae'r ddogfen yma hefyd ar gael yn Gymraeg / This document is also available in Welsh

If you require a paper copy of this document, or a copy of the document in a different format, please contact the Transforming Education Team on 01686 611553, or e-mail transforming.education@powys.gov.uk.

Consultation to increase the capacity of Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng

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Proposal to increase the capacity of Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng

OVERVIEW

1. The Proposal

Powys County Council is consulting on a proposal to increase the capacity of Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng. The proposal is as follows:

- To make a regulated alteration to increase the capacity of Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng from 150 to 210 places.

This would be achieved by providing a 2-class extension to the school, which it is anticipated would be funded via the Welsh Government's Welsh-medium Capital Grant.

2. How to respond to the consultation

You can respond to this consultation by completing the online questionnaire which is available on our website:

<https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/23420/Ysgol-Gymraeg-Y-Trallwng>

A paper copy of the questionnaire is also available at the back of this document. Alternatively, you can respond in writing using the contact details below.

All responses must be received by the **17th November 2026**.

3. Contact details

All responses should be sent to the following address:

Transforming Education Team
Powys County Council
County Hall
Llandrindod Wells
Powys
LD1 5LG

E-mail: school.consultation@powys.gov.uk

Phone: 01686 611553

4. What will happen next

Once the consultation period has ended, a consultation report will be produced which will outline the feedback received. The Council's Cabinet will consider the consultation report and will consider whether or not they wish to proceed with the proposals outlined in the consultation document. This is expected to happen in December 2026 or January 2027.

If Cabinet decides to proceed with the proposals, a statutory notice would be published, and there would be a period of 28 days for people to submit objections. Cabinet would then need to consider another report summarising any objections received and decide whether or not to proceed with implementation.

PART A – THE CASE FOR CHANGE

Powys County Council is consulting on the following proposal:

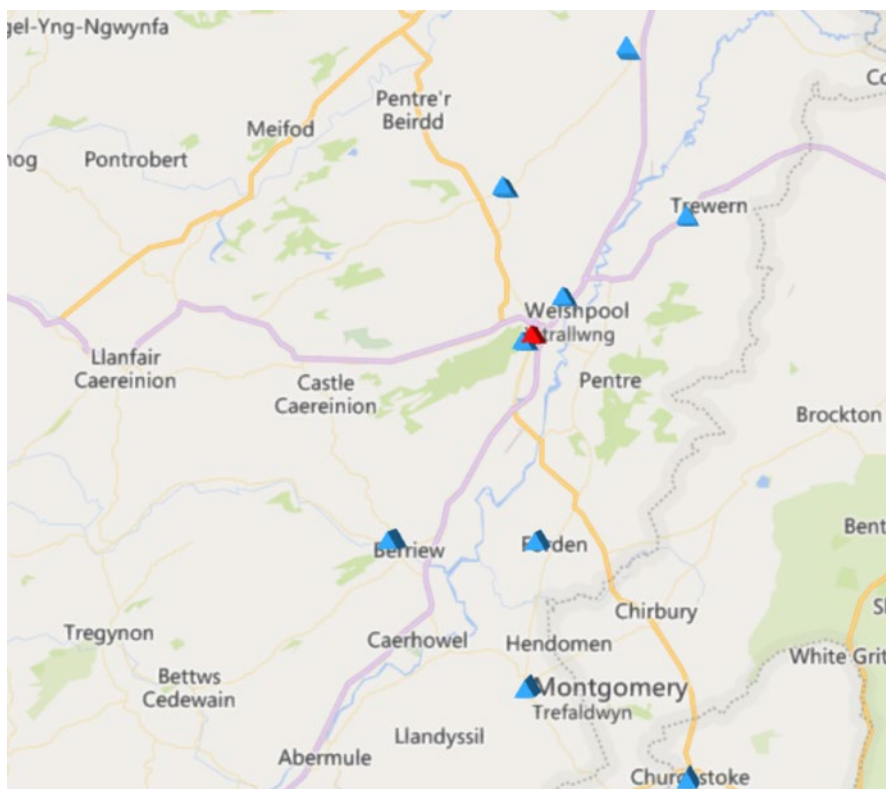
- To make a regulated alteration to increase the capacity of Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng from 150 to 210 places.

1. BACKGROUND

Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng is a Welsh-medium primary school in the Welshpool catchment in North Powys. It opened in September 2018 following a reorganisation of schools in Welshpool. Having initially opened on the former site of Ardwyn Nursery and Infants School, the school moved to a new building on the former site of Ysgol Maesydre in April 2023.

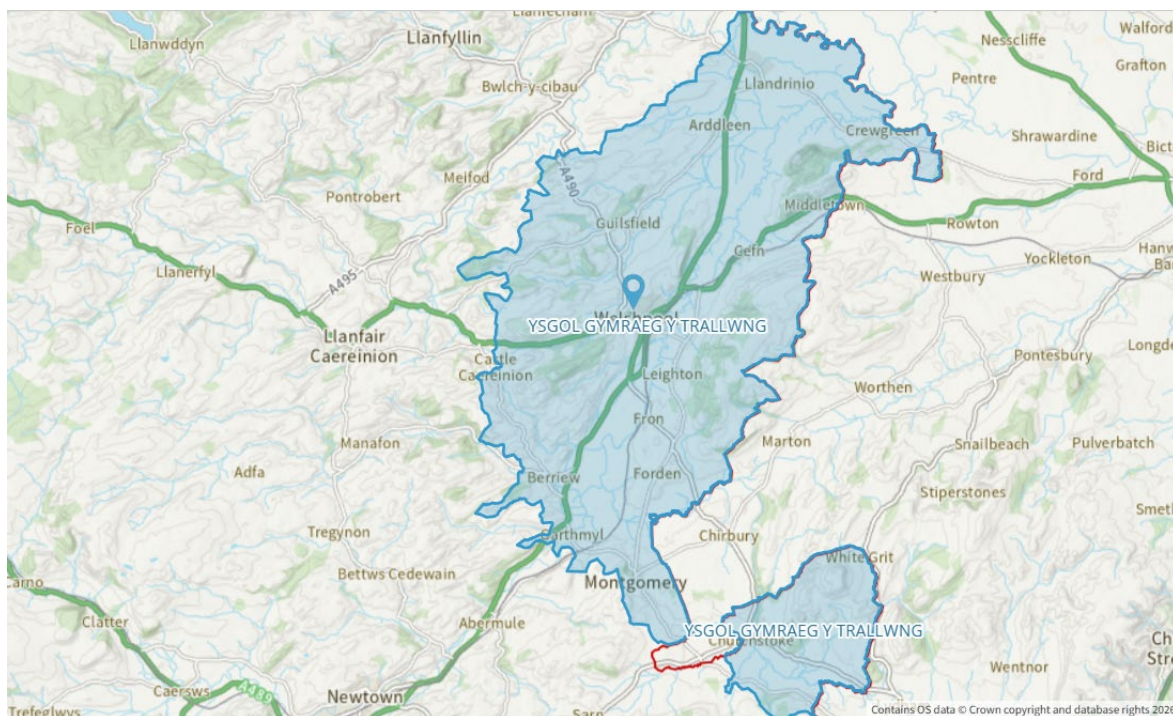
The school serves the town of Welshpool and the surrounding area and serves as the Welsh-medium provider for the villages of Berriew, Forden, Guilsfield, Arddleen, Buttington and Trewern.

The following map shows the school's location (in red), as well as the location of other English-medium providers in the catchment (in blue):



The school's catchment is as follows¹:

¹ [Primary School Welsh Medium Catchments 2026-27 - Powys County Council](#)



Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng is the only Welsh-medium primary provider in the Welshpool catchment. The nearest Welsh-medium primary providers are as follows²:

School	Language category	Distance from Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng by road
Ysgol Bro Caereinion	Dual stream, currently moving along the language continuum to become Welsh-medium	9.2 miles
Ysgol Llanfyllin	Dual stream	11.7 miles
Ysgol Dafydd Llwyd	Welsh-medium	15.1 miles
Ysgol Rhiw Bechan	Dual stream	13.2 miles

The following is a summary of key data relating to the school:

	School Type	Language Category	Admission Number ³	Rural School? ⁴
Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng	Community Primary School	1 – Welsh-medium	8	No

² Google Maps

³ Powys County Council's Admissions Information and Arrangements 2026-27

⁴ Annex F of the Welsh Government's School Organisation Code (2018)

(<https://www.gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2026-06/school-organisation-code.pdf>) includes a list of 'rural schools', to which the 'Presumption against the closure of rural schools' applies.

	School building owned by Powys County Council			
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Current pupil numbers at the school are as follows⁵:

R	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
24	29	24	21	19	16	13	146

The school's building was designed for 150 pupils, however the school's current projected pupil numbers indicate that pupil numbers at the school will be higher than 150 by September 2027.

The Council has therefore been considering options to increase the school's capacity to accommodate the increased demand for Welsh-medium places in the Welshpool area.

An application for funding to provide a 2-class extension to Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng has recently been submitted to the Welsh Government's Welsh-medium Capital Grant, which would increase the school's capacity from 150 to 210. The Grant would provide 100% capital funding to fund this work.

The Council has received approval in principle from Welsh Government that the application has been successful, however a Business Justification Case (BJC) will need to be prepared and approved before this is confirmed.

As increase from 150 to 210 pupils would be an increase of 40% in the school's capacity, therefore a statutory process is required to make a regulated alteration.

On the 22nd September 2026, the Council's Cabinet considered a report in respect of increasing the capacity of Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng, and agreed to commence consultation on the following:

- To make a regulated alteration to increase the capacity of Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng from 150 to 210 places.

⁵ Teacher Centre, 4th September 2026

2. WHY CHANGE IS NEEDED IN POWYS

Powys is a large, rural authority. Covering a quarter of the landmass of Wales, it contains only 4.2% of the population, making it the most sparsely populated county in Wales. Delivering services across such a large, sparsely populated area is challenging and expensive.

The Council's Strategy for Transforming Education in Powys outlines a number of challenges facing education in Powys, which were identified following engagement with key stakeholders during the autumn term 2019 and spring term 2020.

The following is a summary of the main challenges facing the Council, as outlined in the Strategy:

i) High proportion of small schools

There continues to be a significant number of small schools in Powys, including a number of schools with fewer than 50 pupils. For these schools the budget share per pupil is generally higher than the Powys average for primary schools.

ii) Decreasing pupil numbers

Pupil numbers have decreased over the past decade and are expected to decrease further over the next five years.

iii) High number of surplus places

There remains a significant level of surplus capacity in Powys primary schools. With pupil numbers across Powys projected to decrease over the coming years, the proportion of surplus places across the county will continue to increase.

iv) Building condition

Whilst the Council has invested in its schools estate through the 21st Century Schools / Sustainable Communities for Learning Programme and the Asset Management Plan, building condition remains an issue across Powys, with associated maintenance costs.

v) Financial pressures

The Council is currently facing significant financial pressures in general. This is affecting all service areas, including the schools' sector. There are significant variations in the budget share per pupil across Powys schools.

vi) Inequality in access to Welsh-medium education

In contrast to other areas of Wales, there has been no growth in Welsh-medium pupil numbers in Powys over recent years. Significant changes are needed to the Welsh-medium offer in Powys

to reverse the trend of the last few years and ensure that all Powys learners can access comprehensive Welsh-medium provision throughout their educational careers.

vii) Limited post-14 and post-16 offer

There are a number of challenges in respect of post-14 / post-16 provision, including decreasing learner numbers, financial challenges and sustainability of the curriculum offer, including Welsh-medium provision.

viii) Inequality in access to ALN provision

Within Powys, pupils with additional learning needs attend a range of settings, including special schools, specialist centres, the pupil referral unit (PRU) as well as mainstream schools.

Currently, not all pupils are educated in the setting that meets their needs best, and depending on where pupils live, they have access to a different quality and type of provision.

ix) Historical lack of political decision making

The Council's failure to implement a number of high-profile proposals in the past left a legacy in Powys.

3. STRATEGIC CONTEXT

3.1 Welsh in Education Strategic Plan (WESP) 2022-32

The Council's Welsh in Education Strategic Plan (WESP) for 2022-32 sets out how it will develop Welsh-medium provision in Powys over this ten year period, with the aim of meeting the Welsh Government's aspiration to increase the number of pupils accessing Welsh-medium education.

The Council's WESP includes an ambitious target to increase the percentage of Year 1 pupils taught through the medium of Welsh from 22% to 36% by 2032.

Increasing the capacity of Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng is a response to the increase seen in pupil numbers at the school since its establishment, and would enable a further increase in Welsh-medium pupil numbers in the Welshpool area, which would contribute to the target above.

3.2 Strategy for Transforming Education in Powys

Following the inspection of Powys Education Services carried out by Estyn in the summer of 2019, the Council carried out a strategic review of schools during 2019-20, which led to the development of a new Strategy for Transforming Education in Powys. The strategy, which was developed following engagement with a wide range of stakeholders, was approved in April 2020. It was subsequently reviewed and updated in the summer of 2022 following the Council elections held in May, and relaunched in July 2022.

The strategy sets out a Vision Statement and Guiding Principles which will underpin the Council's work to transform the Powys education system over the coming years. The strategy outlines a number of aims and objectives to shape the Council's work to transform the Powys education system over the coming years.

One of the Strategic Aims is to 'improve access to Welsh-medium provision across all key stages'. Increasing the capacity of Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng in response to the increase seen in demand for Welsh-medium education in the area since its establishment would support this aim, and would continue to provide access to Welsh-medium education for pupils in Welshpool.

4. WHY CHANGE IS NEEDED AT YSGOL GYMRAEG Y TRALLWNG

Pupil numbers at Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng have increased significantly since the school opened in 2018, and particularly since the school moved to its new building in 2023. Historical pupil numbers at the school are as follows⁶:

	Jan. 2019	Jan. 2020	Jan. 2021	Jan. 2022	Jan. 2023	Jan. 2024	Jan. 2025	Jan. 2026
Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng	73	78	82	83	89	96	114	137

Pupil numbers are expected to continue to increase over the coming years, with the school currently anticipating in excess of 150 pupils by September 2027, meaning that pupil numbers at the school would exceed the number of pupils the building was designed for.

Current pupil numbers at the school are as follows⁷:

R	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
24	29	24	21	19	16	13	146

The latest projected pupil numbers for the school, based on PLASC 2025, are as follows⁸:

	Jan. 2026	Jan. 2027	Jan. 2028	Jan. 2029	Jan. 2030
Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng	136	145	152	157	160

The Council has recently received information about a Welsh-medium Capital Grant available from the Welsh Government, which would provide 100% funding to increase capacity in Welsh-medium education, and has submitted an expression of interest for funding to provide a 2 class extension to Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng, which would provide an additional 60 places.

As Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng is the only Welsh-medium primary provider in the Welshpool catchment, this provides an opportunity to increase the capacity of the school, to facilitate a further increase in pupils accessing Welsh-medium education and becoming fully bilingual in Welsh and English.

⁶ PLASC

⁷ Teacher Centre, 4th September 2026

⁸ Powys Education Service Projections based on PLASC 2025. Projections based on PLASC 2026 aren't yet available.

5. OPTIONS FOR YSGOL GYMRAEG Y TRALLWNG

The following options have been identified for Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng:

Option	Description
1	Status quo – Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng pupil capacity remains the same The capacity of the school would remain the same. No extension would be provided. Parents would need to apply to other Welsh-medium or dual stream primary schools if places weren't available at Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng. However, all these schools are outside the Welshpool catchment area.
2	Increase the capacity of Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng by providing a permanent 2-class extension
3	Increase the capacity of Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng by providing a demountable on the site rather than a permanent extension
4	Create additional Welsh-medium streams within existing English-medium schools The Welshpool catchment has significant surplus capacity in several English-medium primary schools which could potentially accommodate a Welsh-medium stream.

SWOT analyses have been carried out for each of these options. In addition, the options have been assessed against a number of Critical Success Factors. These can be found in Appendix B of this document.

6. PREFERRED OPTION

Based on the SWOT analyses and the assessment against the Critical Success Factors, the preferred option for Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng is as follows:

Option 2: Increase the capacity of Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng to 210 by providing a 2 class extension

The reasons for this are:

- Enables the Council to increase access to Welsh-medium education within the Welshpool catchment area
- Supports the delivery of the Council's WESP targets and contribute to Cymraeg 2050
- Facilitates the creation of new Welsh speakers, particularly from non-Welsh-speaking families
- Strengthens the developing 4–18 Welsh-medium education pathway at Ysgol Bro Caereinion in North Powys
- Promotes greater equity of access and parental choice
- Maximises the use of available Welsh Government funding to deliver long-term strategic benefit
- Would provide additional capacity which is needed at the school based on latest admission applications and projected figures to access Welsh-medium provision in their locality
- Potential to further increase pupil numbers at the school in the future
- Potential to increase the number of pupils studying through the medium of Welsh in the locality and in Powys
- Opportunity to further promote the Welsh-medium provision available to attract more pupils to Welsh-medium provision
- Builds upon the experience, expertise and reputation of Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng's leadership and staff

This is the basis for the current proposal on which the Council is consulting.

The proposal is further explored in the following section. The reasons why the other options considered have not been taken forward are summarised in Appendix C of this document.

PART B – THE PROPOSAL

7. OVERVIEW

Powys County Council is consulting on a proposal to increase the capacity of Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng. The proposal is as follows:

- To make a regulated alteration to increase the capacity of Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng from 150 to 210 places.

This would be achieved by providing a 2-class extension to the school, which it is anticipated would be funded via the Welsh Government's Welsh-medium Capital Grant.

8. REASONS FOR THE PROPOSAL

The Council is proposing to increase the capacity of Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng for the following reasons:

- Enables the Council to increase access to Welsh-medium education within the Welshpool catchment area
- Supports the delivery of the Council's WESP targets and contribute to *Cymraeg 2050*
- Facilitates the creation of new Welsh speakers, particularly from non-Welsh-speaking families
- Strengthens the developing 4–18 Welsh-medium education pathway at Ysgol Bro Caereinion in North Powys
- Promotes greater equity of access and parental choice
- Maximises the use of available Welsh Government funding to deliver long-term strategic benefit
- Would provide additional capacity which is needed at the school based on latest admission applications and projected figures to access Welsh-medium provision in their locality
- Potential to further increase pupil numbers at the school in the future
- Potential to increase the number of pupils studying through the medium of Welsh in the locality and in Powys
- Opportunity to further promote the Welsh-medium provision available to attract more pupils to Welsh-medium provision
- Builds upon the experience, expertise and reputation of Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng's leadership and staff

9. ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES

The advantages and disadvantages of the current proposal to increase the capacity of Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng are summarised below:

Advantages	Disadvantages
- Enables the Council to increase access to Welsh-medium education within the Welshpool catchment area - Supports the delivery of the Council's WESP targets and contribute to <i>Cymraeg 2050</i> - Facilitates the creation of new Welsh speakers, particularly from non-Welsh-speaking families - Strengthens the developing 4–18 Welsh-medium education pathway at Ysgol Bro Caereinion in North Powys - Promotes greater equity of access and parental choice - Maximises the use of available Welsh Government funding to deliver long-term strategic benefit - Would provide additional capacity which is needed at the school based on latest admission applications and projected figures to access Welsh-medium provision in their locality - Potential to further increase pupil numbers at the school in the future - Potential to increase the number of pupils studying through the medium of Welsh in the locality and in Powys - Opportunity to further promote the Welsh-medium provision available to attract more pupils to Welsh-medium provision - Builds upon the experience, expertise and reputation of Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng's leadership and staff	- Potential impact on pupil numbers at other schools in the area - Would need to carry out a statutory process

10. RISKS

As with all school reorganisation proposals, there are some risks associated with the proposal to increase the capacity of Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng.

These are outlined below, along with suggested mitigating actions:

Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating Actions
If capital funding is not secured via the Welsh Government's Welsh-medium Capital Grant, it will not be possible to build an extension.	Low	Medium	The position would need to be reviewed and other options would need to be explored.

11. POTENTIAL IMPLEMENTATION TIMESCALE

Should Cabinet decide to proceed with the proposals, potential implementation timescales are as follows:

Formal Consultation	6 th October – 17 th November 2026
Consultation Report to be published, and considered by Cabinet	December 2026 or January 2027

If Cabinet decide to proceed:

Publish Statutory Notice (28 days objection period)	January / February 2027
Objection Report to be published and considered by Cabinet	March 2027

If Cabinet approves implementation:

Implementation	Following completion of the extension – September 2028 or earlier if the works are completed sooner.
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PART C – LIKELY IMPACT OF THE PROPOSAL

12. IMPACT ON PUPILS AND STAFF

i) Pupils currently attending Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng

It is anticipated that increasing the capacity of Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng by providing a 2-class extension would have a positive impact on pupils attending the school, as it would enable more pupils to attend the school and become fully bilingual, fluent in Welsh and English.

It is acknowledged that there may be some disruption to pupils currently attending Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng whilst building work is ongoing, however the Council would work with the appointed contractor to ensure that any impact on pupils is minimised and that the site is safe.

ii) Pupils currently attending other schools

It is not anticipated that the proposal would impact on pupils attending other schools. Whilst it is possible that an increase in the capacity of Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng may mean that in the future, pupils choose to attend Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng instead of other schools in the area, the school serves a large catchment area and the impact on numbers at individual schools is unlikely to be significant.

iii) Impact on staff at Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng

It is not anticipated that the proposal would have a detrimental impact on any current staff at the school.

The proposal would result in an increase in the school's capacity, which is likely to result in an increase in staff as the school grows. The school would need to recruit additional staff to support an increase in pupil numbers, which could provide additional professional learning opportunities for staff as they would be part of a larger team of staff.

iv) Impact on staff at other schools

It is not anticipated that the proposal would impact on staff at any other schools.

13. IMPACT ON NURSERY / EARLY YEARS PROVISION

Early years provision is available on the school site at Ysgol Feithrin Y Trallwng, which offers Welsh-medium provision for children ages 2+ daily from Monday to Friday.

The proposal to increase the capacity of Ysgol Gymraeg Y Trallwng would not impact upon this provision. Should the proposal be implemented, the setting would continue to operate from the school site.

14. QUALITY AND STANDARDS IN EDUCATION

14.1 Teaching and Learning

It is not anticipated that the change in capacity at the school would impact on teaching and learning.

Pupils would continue to be taught through the medium of Welsh by the same teachers, and largely in the same accommodation, however the proposed extension would provide an opportunity for the school to increase the amount of available teaching space.

This would apply to all pupils, including any pupils belonging to specific groups such as English as an Additional Language, Looked After Children, pupils with Additional Learning Needs, pupils eligible for Free School Meals.

14.2 Well-being, care, support and guidance

It is not anticipated that the change in capacity at the school would impact on well-being, care, support and guidance.

Pupils would continue to be taught through the medium of Welsh by the same teachers, and largely in the same accommodation, however the proposed extension would provide an opportunity for the school to increase the available teaching space and offer well-being, care, support and guidance to an increased number of pupils.

14.3 Leading and improving

It is not anticipated that the change in capacity at the school would impact on the school's ability to lead and improve.

Whilst in the short term there may be some impact on the school's leadership team whilst building works are ongoing to ensure that the operation of the school is not adversely impacted by the works, in the longer term an increase in pupil numbers at the school would provide an opportunity for more non-teaching time for the school's leadership team, which would enable a greater focus on leading and improving the school.

14.4 Likely impact of the proposals on the ability of schools to deliver the full curriculum

The school is already delivering the full curriculum at the foundation phase and each key stage of education. It is anticipated that increasing the school's capacity to utilise the additional classrooms will have a positive impact on school's ability to deliver the full curriculum at the foundation phase and each key stage of education.

15. WELSH IN EDUCATION

15.1 The extent to which the proposal would support the targets in the Welsh in Education Strategic Plan

The proposal would provide additional Welsh-medium places in Welshpool to meet demand, which would contribute to the targets outlined in the Council's Welsh in Education Strategic Plan to increase the proportion of pupils choosing Welsh-medium education.

15.2 How the proposal will expand or reduce Welsh language provision

The proposal would expand Welsh language provision by increasing the capacity of a Welsh-medium primary school.

16. FINANCE

16.1 The financial costs of the proposal and any potential savings – capital and recurrent

Revenue

There are no projected net savings associated with the proposal to introduce additional pupil capacity at Ysgol Gymraeg Y Trallwng. Additional pupils attending the school would be funded through the Council's funding formula.

The additional estimated funding via the funding formula based on a 100% implementation of the new funding formula which was introduced in April 2026 is £12.7k. This would be funded via the schools funding formula for 2027-28.

Area of formula	Estimated Annual Cost
Rates	£2.3k
Statutory Testing	£2k
Premises top up	£8.4k
Total	£12.7k

It is not anticipated that additional transport costs would be incurred as a result of the change. Transport will continue to be provided to pupils living within the catchment of Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng.

Capital

Implementation of the proposal is dependent on providing a 2-class extension to the school.

The estimated capital costs of the extension is £1.5 million. It is anticipated that this would be funded via the Welsh-medium Capital Grant.

16.2 The sources from which capital funding will be provided

An expression of interest for funding to provide a 2 class extension to Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng from the Welsh-medium Capital Grant has been submitted to the Welsh Government. This would provide 100% capital funding.

Approval in principal was received from Welsh Government in August 2026, however a Business Justification Case (BJC) will need to be submitted to the Welsh Government in order to fully secure the grant.

If for any reason the BJC is not supported by Welsh Government, the Council will need to consider alternative approaches. These include:

- Retaining capacity at current levels and consider other ways to meet demand for Welsh-medium education in the catchment area
- Submitting a Business Justification Case to the Welsh Government's Sustainable Communities for Learning Programme which, if successful, would provide 65% of Welsh Government funding. The Council would need to fund 35% (approximately £512k) for its contribution. The borrowing costs for this is estimated to be £31k per annum for 35 years.
- The Council would need to fund 100% of the project from its own funds. The borrowing costs for this would be estimated at £88k per annum for 35 years.

16.3 How any capital receipts or recurrent cost savings will be deployed

It is not anticipated that this proposal will result in any capital receipts or recurrent cost savings.

16.4 Impact on surplus places in the area

Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng's current capacity is not sufficient to meet the projected demand for Welsh-medium provision in the area. Increasing the school's capacity to 210 would enable the school to meet the projected demand, however it would also increase surplus places at the school in the short term.

In the longer term, any increase in pupil numbers at Ysgol Gymraeg Y Trallwng is likely to be due to a reduction in pupil numbers at other schools in the local area, which would result in an increase in surplus places at other schools in the area.

The Council will continue to monitor pupil numbers and surplus places at all schools in the area.

17. LAND AND BUILDINGS

17.1 Information about building works necessary to implement the proposal

Implementation of the proposal is dependent on the provision of a 2-class extension to the school building. The expectation that this would be funded by the Welsh Government's Welsh-medium Capital Grant.

An expression of interest for funding to provide a 2 class extension to Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng from the Welsh-medium Capital Grant has been submitted to the Welsh Government, and approval in principle was received in August 2026. However, a Business Justification Case (BJC) will need to be submitted to fully secure the grant.

If for any reason the BJC is not supported by Welsh Government, the Council will need to consider alternative approaches.

17.2 Details of any potential transfer or disposal of land or buildings that may need to occur as a result of the proposals

No transfer or disposal of land or buildings would need to occur as a result of this proposal.

17.3 Whether the school / schools involved are subject to any trust or charitable interests which might be affected by the proposals

Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng is not subject to any trust or charitable interests which might be affected by the plans to increase the pupil capacity at the school.

18. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

18.1 Impact on educational attainment among children from economically deprived backgrounds

It is not anticipated that there would be a negative impact on these pupils.

Should the Council proceed with the statutory process in respect of the preferred option, impact assessments will be carried out and regularly reviewed throughout the process to ensure that any issues are identified and fully considered.

18.2 Walking routes to school

There would be no change to walking routes to school for pupils attending Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng.

18.3 School Admissions

Should the proposal be implemented, admissions to the school would continue to be administered by the Council in accordance with the Council's Admissions Policy, which is available online at:

<https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/1158/Applying-for-a-School-Place>.

18.4 School Catchment

There would be no change to the catchment of Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng or any other school.

18.5 Home to School Transport

Transport would continue to be provided for pupils living in the school's catchment area in accordance with the Home to School Transport Policy.

18.6 Governance Arrangements

Implementation of the proposal would not result in any changes to governance arrangements at the school.

19. EQUALITY, COMMUNITY AND WELSH LANGUAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

Draft impact assessments have been carried out in respect of the proposal. These will be updated following the consultation period to reflect any additional issues raised. The assessments are available on the Council's website:

<https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/23420/Ysgol-Gymraeg-Y-Trallwng>

A summary of the assessments is provided below:

i) **Equalities impact assessment**

Should the proposal be implemented, the capacity of Ysgol Gymraeg Y Trallwng would increase to 210. It is not anticipated that this would have an adverse impact upon pupils attending the school, including any pupils belonging to any protected characteristic groups.

ii) **Impact on the community**

The proposal is to increase the capacity at Ysgol Gymraeg Y Trallwng and all provision currently offered by the school would continue to be available. There would be a positive impact in terms of additional Welsh-medium provision being available once the capacity is increased.

Any community facilities associated with the school would also remain available.

Some concern has been raised regarding the impact of an increase in pupil numbers on parking arrangements at the school. This will be considered as the plans for an extension continue to be developed. A traffic management assessment will be carried out, and any improvement works will need to be considered as part of the project.

iii) **Welsh language impact assessment**

Should the proposal be implemented, Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng would continue to offer the same provision that it current does. Therefore, any current or future pupils would be able to access Welsh-medium education and would have access to both curricular and extra-curricular activities.

The proposal is not anticipated to have an adverse impact on opportunities for pupils to develop their Welsh language skills and it would support the aims of the Welsh in Education Strategic Plan (WESP), the local authority's Welsh Language Promotion Strategy and the wider ambitions of Cymraeg 2050.

Overall, the proposal would bolster Welsh-medium provision by increasing the school's capacity and creating an opportunity for more pupils to access Welsh-medium education.

PART D – CONSULTATION DETAILS

Who will we consult with?

The Council will consult with a range of stakeholders as required by the School Organisation Code, which include the following:

- Parents, carers and guardians at Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng and other schools which may be affected by the proposal
- Governors at Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng and other schools which may be affected by the proposal
- Staff at Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng and other schools which may be affected by the proposal
- Pupils at Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng and other schools which may be affected by the proposal
- The Church in Wales and Roman Catholic Diocesan Authorities
- The Welsh Minister for Education
- Local Powys Councillors
- Town and Community Councils in the local area
- The Senedd Members for the Gwynedd Maldwyn constituency
- The MP for the Montgomeryshire and Glyndŵr constituency
- Estyn
- Teaching and staff trade unions
- Mid Wales Education Partnership
- The Police & Crime Commissioner for Dyfed Powys
- Nursery providers in the local area
- Mudiad Meithrin
- The Powys Children and Young People's Partnership

The consultation period

The consultation period will commence on the 6th October 2026.

The statutory process

Consultation on this proposal will follow the guidelines set out by the Welsh Government in the third edition of the School Organisation Code which became operational on the 30th March 2026. The process is summarised below:

i) Consultation

Consultation will start on the 6th October 2026. During the consultation period, consultees can make representations on the alternatives to closure that have been identified by the proposer as well as the main proposal. Feedback from the consultation will be collated and summarised, and a consultation report will be produced and shared with stakeholders.

It is important to note that responses made to the consultation will not be counted as objections to the proposal, and that only objections can be registered following publication of a statutory notice.

The Council's Cabinet will consider the consultation report and the feedback received during the consultation period, and will decide whether to proceed with the proposal, to make changes to the proposal, or to not proceed with the proposal. If the Cabinet decides not to proceed, that will be the end of this proposal.

It is anticipated that the Consultation Report will be considered by the Cabinet in December 2026 or January 2027.

ii) Statutory notice

If the Cabinet decides to proceed with the proposal, a statutory notice would be published after the Cabinet meeting. There would then be a period of 28 days for people to submit written objections.

If there were objections, the Council would publish an objection report providing a summary of the objections and the Council's response to them before the end of 7 days beginning with the day of the local authority's determination. Only written objections submitted during the statutory notice period will be considered as objections and included in this report. Comments submitted as part of the consultation period would not be counted as objections. Should stakeholders wish their consultation responses to be considered as objections, they would need to be re-submitted in writing during the statutory notice period.

A further report would be presented to the Council's Cabinet, which they would consider alongside the objection report, in order to decide whether or not to approve the proposal.

It is anticipated that a final decision would be made by the end of March 2027 at the latest.

iii) Implementation

If the Council's Cabinet were to approve the proposal, it would be implemented in accordance with the date given in the statutory notice or any subsequently modified date.

How to respond to the consultation

A consultation response form is attached to this document. An online version is also available on the Council's website:

<https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/23420/Ysgol-Gymraeg-Y-Trallwng>.

Alternatively, you can respond in writing. Completed forms and other written responses should be sent to the following address:

Transforming Education Team,
Powys County Council,
County Hall,
Llandrindod Wells,
LD1 5LG

E-mail: school.consultation@powys.gov.uk

All correspondence must be received by the **17th November 2026**.

If you have any further questions about this proposal, you can contact the Transforming Education Team using the above contact details, or by phoning (01686) 611553.

APPENDIX A – KEY DATA

Key data about Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng is provided below:

General information

	School Type	Language Category	Admission Number ⁹	Rural School? ¹⁰
Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng	Community Primary School School building owned by Powys County Council	Welsh-Medium	24	No

Pupil Numbers

i) Current pupil numbers¹¹

	R	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng	24	29	24	21	19	16	13	146

ii) Historical pupil numbers¹²

	Jan. 2019	Jan. 2020	Jan. 2021	Jan. 2022	Jan. 2023	Jan. 2024	Jan. 2025	Jan. 2026
Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng	73	78	82	83	89	96	114	137

iii) Projected pupil numbers¹³

	Jan. 2026	Jan. 2027	Jan. 2028	Jan. 2029	Jan. 2030
Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng	136	145	152	157	160

⁹ Powys County Council's Admissions Information and Arrangements 2026-27

¹⁰ Annex F of the Welsh Government's School Organisation Code (2018)

(<https://www.gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2026-06/school-organisation-code.pdf>) includes a list of 'rural schools', to which the 'Presumption against the closure of rural schools' applies

¹¹ Teacher Centre, 7th August 2026

¹² PLASC

¹³ Powys schools Service Projections based on PLASC 2025. Projections based on PLASC 2026 aren't yet available

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Building Capacity and Condition

i) Capacity

	Capacity¹⁴	Currently Filled¹⁵	Surplus Capacity
Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng	171	146	25

The school was built for 150 pupils, and this was the capacity figure for the new building that was included in the Statutory Notice published before the school was established. However, due to the number of applications received for places at the school following its new building in April being higher than the school's PAN, the capacity was recalculated in June 2024 to include additional spaces within the building apart from the classrooms. This resulted in an increase in the recorded capacity to 171 and an increase in the school's PAN from 21 to 24. The capacity figure of 171 has been reflected in capacity to returns to Welsh Government since 2024.

ii) Building condition¹⁶

	Condition	Estimated backlog maintenance (excluding fees)	Suitability
Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng	A	N/A – New School	A

Standards of Education

i) Estyn

	Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng
Date of Inspection	February 2020 (Interim visit conducted March 2025)
Recommendations	R1: Ensure that the extended writing of more able and talented pupils reflects their true abilities

¹⁴ Supply of School Places Return 2025

¹⁵ Teacher Centre, 9th September 2026

¹⁶ Condition & Suitability Survey Return 2025

	R2: Improve the quality of pupils' presentations in their workbooks R3: Improve provision to support teaching and learning in the foundation phase's outdoor areas
Follow up activity	The school will draw up an action plan to address the recommendations from the inspection.

Financial information

i) Cost per pupil¹⁷

	Budget share per school	Budget share per pupil	Notional SEN budget	Non ISB funds devolved to the school
Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng	£587,000	£5,241	£19,000	£73,000
Powys average (Primary)	N/A	£5,416	N/A	N/A

Equalities Information

i) Free School Meals¹⁸

	TP% Eligible	eFSM% Eligible	Total FSM % Eligible
Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng	1.5%	11.8%	13.2%

ii) Children looked after¹⁹

	% of children looked after
Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng	0.0%

¹⁷ [Delegated School Budgets by school \(£ thousand\)](#)

¹⁸ PLASC 2026

¹⁹ PLASC 2026

iii) SEN/ALN²⁰

	School Action	School Action Plus	Statement	IDP – Sch	IDP – LA	Total ALN
Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.6%	0.3%	0.9%

iv) English as an Additional Language (EAL)²¹

	% of EAL pupils
Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng	0.7%

v) National Identity & Ethnicity²²

National Identity

	British	English	Irish	Scottish	Welsh	Other	Not provided
Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng	35.3%	11.0%	0.0%	0.0%	52.9%	0.7%	0.0%

Ethnic Group

	% White British	% Other Known Ethnicity	% Not provided
Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng	97.1%	2.9%	0.0%

²⁰ PLASC 2026

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APPENDIX B – SWOT ANALYSIS AND CRITICAL SUCCESS FACTORS

1. SWOT ANALYSES

SWOT analyses for each of the options identified in section 5 are provided below:

Option 1: Status quo – Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng pupil capacity remains the same

Strengths	Weaknesses
- Makes use of existing surplus capacity across the wider Welsh-medium network. - Avoids capital expenditure and construction risks. - Reduces the risk of creating long-term surplus places in Welshpool. - Could strengthen Welsh-medium provision in neighbouring areas through increased pupil numbers. - No need to carry out a statutory process	- Wouldn't enable the Council to benefit from the Welsh Government's Welsh-medium Capital Grant - No alternative Welsh-medium school is located within the Welshpool catchment - Significantly increases travel distances for many pupils. - Reduces parental choice and accessibility. - Potentially weakens the status of Welsh-medium education within Welshpool itself - having no local access to Welsh-medium provision in Welshpool could make Welsh-medium education less attractive to parents. - Adds complexity to transport arrangements and transition arrangements. - Potential negative impact on the Council's WESP targets - Potential negative impact on the Council's contribution towards the Welsh Government's 2050 target of one million Welsh speakers - Potentially weakens the Ysgol Bro Caereinion transition to Welsh-medium status if parents cannot access Welsh-medium primary education in the Welshpool area
Opportunities	Threats
- Could encourage closer collaboration between Welsh-medium schools in North Powys. - May support growth of dual-stream schools already moving further along the Welsh language continuum.	- Families may choose local English-medium provision rather than travel longer distances. - Reduced local access could undermine WESP objectives to increase Welsh-medium participation.

- Could be implemented quickly without statutory building projects. - Allows further time to assess whether current growth projections become permanent.	- Additional transport costs may become substantial. - Could attract strong stakeholder opposition due to constraints on access to local provision. - Risks slowing momentum in Welsh-medium growth within Welshpool.
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Option 2: Increase the capacity of Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng by providing a 2 class permanent extension

Strengths	Weaknesses
- Enables the Council to increase access to Welsh-medium education within the Welshpool catchment area - Supports the delivery of the Council's WESP targets and contribute to <i>Cymraeg 2050</i> - Facilitates the creation of new Welsh speakers, particularly from non-Welsh-speaking families - Strengthens the developing 4–18 Welsh-medium education pathway at Ysgol Bro Caereinion in North Powys - Promotes greater equity of access and parental choice - Maximises the use of available Welsh Government funding to deliver long-term strategic benefit - Would provide additional capacity which is needed at the school based on latest admission applications and projected figures to access Welsh-medium provision in their locality - Potential to further increase pupil numbers at the school in the future - Potential to increase the number of pupils studying through the medium of Welsh in the locality and in Powys - Opportunity to further promote the Welsh-medium provision available to attract more pupils to Welsh-medium provision - Builds upon the experience, expertise and reputation of Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng's leadership and staff	- Potential impact on pupil numbers at other schools in the area - Would need to carry out a statutory process
Opportunities	Threats

- Potential to further increase pupil numbers at the school in the future - Potential to increase the number of pupils studying through the medium of Welsh in the locality and in Powys - Opportunity to further promote the Welsh-medium provision available to attract more pupils to Welsh-medium provision	

Option 3: Increase the capacity of Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng by providing a demountable on the site rather than a permanent extension

Strengths	Weaknesses
- Enables the Council to increase access to Welsh-medium education within the Welshpool catchment area - Supports the delivery of the Council's WESP targets and contribute to Cymraeg 2050 - Facilitates the creation of new Welsh speakers, particularly from non-Welsh-speaking families - Strengthens the developing 4–18 Welsh-medium education pathway at Ysgol Bro Caereinion in North Powys - Promotes greater equity of access and parental choice - Maximises the use of available Welsh Government funding to deliver long-term strategic benefit - Would provide additional capacity which is needed at the school based on latest admission applications and projected figures to access Welsh-medium provision in their locality - Potential to further increase pupil numbers at the school in the future - Potential to increase the number of pupils studying through the medium of Welsh in the locality and in Powys - Opportunity to further promote the Welsh-medium provision available to attract more pupils to Welsh-medium provision	- Potential impact on pupil numbers at other schools in the area - Would need to carry out a statutory process - Lower quality learning environment compared with permanent accommodation. - Less consistent with the school's new Grade A building and facilities

- Builds upon the experience, expertise and reputation of Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng's leadership and staff	
Opportunities	Threats
- Potential to further increase pupil numbers at the school in the future - Potential to increase the number of pupils studying through the medium of Welsh in the locality and in Powys - Opportunity to further promote the Welsh-medium provision available to attract more pupils to Welsh-medium provision	- Whole-life costs may exceed expectations - Could be perceived as insufficient commitment to Welsh-medium education.

Option 4: Create additional Welsh-medium streams within existing English-medium schools

Strengths	Weaknesses
- Makes use of existing buildings with significant spare capacity. - Creates additional Welsh-medium capacity without capital costs of extending Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng. - Improves geographic access across the catchment. - Provides future flexibility if demand grows further. - Potentially creates a larger Welsh-medium network. - Potentially could contribute towards the targets in the Council's WESP - Potentially could contribute towards the Welsh Government's 2050 target of one million Welsh speakers - Provides flexibility if projections change. - Allows demand to be tested before major investment.	- Requires recruitment of Welsh-speaking teaching staff at existing schools - Significant curriculum, leadership and governance implications if schools aren't familiar with Welsh-medium education - May not be an attractive option for parents when compared with a Welsh-medium school - Initial pupil numbers may not justify a Welsh-medium stream in a larger school. - More expensive operationally than concentrating provision on one site. - Could fragment the Welsh-language learning community that has been developed at Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng - Revenue implications for the Council in terms of additional top ups for dual-stream schools - Does not align with the Council's aspirations to move schools along the language continuum from dual-stream to Welsh-medium
Opportunities	Threats

- May attract families in other areas of the Welshpool catchment who may not want a fully Welsh-medium school for their child(ren) - Could create progression routes to Welsh-medium secondary provision - May attract families who currently choose English-medium primary schools due to distance or convenience	- Difficulty recruiting sufficient Welsh-speaking staff. - Risk of low uptake creating financially unsustainable classes. - Potential opposition from communities concerned about impacts on existing English-medium provision. - Could reduce rolls at Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng, affecting financial stability.
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2. CRITICAL SUCCESS FACTORS

The options have also been assessed against the following Critical Success Factors:

Critical Success Factor	Description
1 – Strategic fit and business needs	● The option must align with the Council's Strategy for Transforming Education in Powys 2020-2030, to include the following: - Address the challenges facing education in Powys, as outlined in the Council's Strategy for Transforming Education in Powys 2020-2030 - Align with the Vision and Guiding Principles outlined in the Council's Strategy for Transforming Education in Powys 2020-2030 - Align with the Strategic Aims and Objectives outlined in the Council's Strategy for Transforming Education in Powys 2020-2030 The option must optimise the benefits of the Council's Transforming Education Programme
2 – Value for money	● The option must optimise the resources available for the delivery of learning ● The option must provide value for money in the delivery of learning
3 – Potential achievability	● The option must be achievable within current legislation ● The option must be operationally achievable ● The option must be physically achievable
4 – Potential affordability	● The extent to which the option is affordable within the Council's forecasted revenue ● The extent to which the option is affordable within the forecasted capital funding available to the Council

Each option has been assessed against the Critical Success Factors based on the following criteria:

✓ – Meets ? – Could meet x – Does not meet

The assessment for each option is as follows:

	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4
1 – Strategic fit and business needs	X	✓	✓	X
2 – Value for money	X	✓	X	X
3 – Potential achievability	?	✓	✓	X
4 – Potential affordability	✓	✓	✓	X
Total ✓	2	4	3	0
Total x	2	0	1	4
Outcome	Discount	Preferred	Possible	Discount

APPENDIX C – REASONS WHY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS HAVE NOT BEEN TAKEN FORWARD

Option	Description	Reason why the option has not been taken forward
1	Status quo – Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng pupil capacity remains the same	- Wouldn't enable the Council to benefit from the Welsh Government's Welsh-medium Capital Grant - No alternative Welsh-medium school is located within the Welshpool catchment - Significantly increases travel distances for many pupils. - Reduces parental choice and accessibility. - Potentially weakens the status of Welsh-medium education within Welshpool itself - having no local access to Welsh-medium provision in Welshpool could make Welsh-medium education less attractive to parents. - Adds complexity to transport arrangements and transition arrangements. - Potential negative impact on the Council's WESP targets - Potential negative impact on the Council's contribution towards the Welsh Government's 2050 target of one million Welsh speakers - Potentially weakens the Ysgol Bro Caereinion transition to Welsh-medium status if parents cannot access Welsh-medium primary education in the Welshpool area - Families may choose local English-medium provision rather than travel longer distances. - Reduced local access could undermine WESP objectives to increase Welsh-medium participation. - Additional transport costs may become substantial. - Could attract strong stakeholder opposition due to constraints on access to local provision. - Risks slowing momentum in Welsh-medium growth within Welshpool.
2	Increase the capacity of Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng by providing a permanent 2-class extension	N/A – this is the preferred option.
3	Increase the capacity of Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng by providing a demountable on the site rather than a permanent extension	- Potential impact on pupil numbers at other schools in the area - Would need to carry out a statutory process - Lower quality learning environment compared with permanent accommodation. - Less consistent with the school's new Grade A building and facilities - Whole-life costs may exceed expectations

		- Could be perceived as insufficient commitment to Welsh-medium education.
4	Create additional Welsh-medium streams within existing English-medium schools	- Requires recruitment of Welsh-speaking teaching staff at existing schools - Significant curriculum, leadership and governance implications if schools aren't familiar with Welsh-medium education - May not be an attractive option for parents when compared with a Welsh-medium school - Initial pupil numbers may not justify a Welsh-medium stream in a larger school. - More expensive operationally than concentrating provision on one site. - Could fragment the Welsh-language learning community that has been developed at Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng - Revenue implications for the Council in terms of additional top ups for dual-stream schools - Does not align with the Council's aspirations to move schools along the language continuum from dual-stream to Welsh-medium - Difficulty recruiting sufficient Welsh-speaking staff. - Risk of low uptake creating financially unsustainable classes. - Potential opposition from communities concerned about impacts on existing English-medium provision. - Could reduce rolls at Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng, affecting financial stability.

APPENDIX D – RESPONSE FORM

PROPOSAL TO INCREASE THE CAPACITY OF YSGOL GYMRAEG Y TRALLWNG

Powys County Council is consulting on a proposal to increase the capacity of Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng. The proposal is as follows:

- **To make a regulated alteration to increase the capacity of Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng from 150 to 210 places**

A consultation document which provides more information about the proposals is available on the Council's website at <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/23420/Ysgol-Gymraeg-Y-Trallwng>. This consultation response form gives you the opportunity to let us know your view on the Council's proposal. The response form can also be completed online – a link to the online form is available by following the link above.

The closing date for this consultation is **17th November 2026**. All responses must be received by this date.

For information on how the Transforming Education Team protects and uses personal information collected during consultation processes, please see the Transforming Education privacy notice, which is available via the following link:

<https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/9803/Transforming-Education-Privacy-Notice>

Part 1 – About You

1. Please indicate how you are associated with the schools affected by this consultation:

☐	Parent, carer, or guardian	☐	Prospective parent, carer, or guardian
☐	Governor	☐	Member of staff
☐	Member of the community	☐	Organisation e.g. Community Council
☐	Pupil	☐	Other

If you said 'Other' or are responding on behalf of an organisation, please specify:

2. Please specify which school you are associated with:

☐	Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng	☐	Another school
☐	No association		

If you are associated another school, please specify which school:

3. Please provide your postcode: _____

Part 2 – Consultation Response

- 4. Please provide any comments you have on the proposal to increase the capacity of Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng:**

[illegible]

5. Are there any other options you think the Council should be considering for Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng?

Please outline any alternative options below, including a description of the option(s) you think the Council should be considering:

Impact on people with protected characteristics

6. Do you have any comments or concerns about the impact of the proposal to close Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng on people with protected characteristics under the Equality Act 2010?

The protected characteristics are age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation.

Copy of Consultation Report

- 7. At the end of the Consultation Period, the Council will publish a Consultation Report, summarising the issues raised in the consultation responses received and providing the Council's response to these issues.**

Would you like to be informed of the publication of the consultation report?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If you answered 'Yes', please provide an e-mail address or postal address:

Part 3 – Equalities Information (Optional)

We want to ensure that we include all sectors of the community in our consultation, and are requesting that you provide this information to enable us to identify whether the consultation has been inclusive. However, these questions are optional.

- 8. How old are you?**

☐ Under 16

☐ 16-24

☐ 25-34

☐ 35-44

☐ 45-54

☐ 55-64

☐ 65-74

☐ 75-84

☐ 85+

☐ Prefer not to say

- 9. What is your gender?**

☐ Male

☐ Female

☐ Gender Fluid

☐ Non-Binary

☐ Gender neutral

☐ Prefer not to say

- 10. Can you understand, speak, or write Welsh?**

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Prefer not to say

- 11. If you have school-aged children, are they entitled to receive free school meals?**

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Prefer not to say

- 12. If you have school-aged children, do they have any additional learning needs?**

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Prefer not to say

- 13. Do you consider yourself to be disabled?**

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Prefer not to say

14. What is your ethnic group?

☐	White	☐	Asian	☐	Black, African or Caribbean
☐	Mixed	☐	Gypsy/Traveller	☐	Other
☐	Prefer not to say				

Part 4 – Impact on the Welsh language

We are required by the Welsh Language Standards to consider the effects of any policy decisions on the Welsh Language. Please note these questions are optional.

15. In your opinion, what positive or adverse effects would the proposal to increase the capacity of Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng have on opportunities for persons to use the Welsh language and treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language?

16. How do you think the proposal to increase the capacity of Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng could be formulated or revised so that it would have positive / more positive effects, or so that it would not have adverse effects / less adverse effects on opportunities for persons to use the Welsh language and treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language?

Thank you for completing this questionnaire.

Completed questionnaires should be sent to the following address, to arrive **no later than the 17th November 2026**

Transforming Education Team, Powys County Council, County Hall, Llandrindod Wells, LD1 5LG
E-mail: school.consultation@powys.gov.uk

Appendix R

8th October 2026

Consultation on the proposal to increase the capacity of Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng

Draft Consultation Response from Welshpool Town Council

Welshpool Town Council welcomes the opportunity to respond to Powys County Council's consultation on the proposal to increase the capacity of Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng from 150 to 210 places.

The Town Council recognises the success and growth of Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng since its establishment and welcomes continued investment in education within Welshpool. Members are supportive of ensuring that families in Welshpool and the surrounding area have appropriate access to Welsh-medium education and recognise the contribution that the school makes to the Welsh language within the town and wider area.

The Town Council therefore has no objection in principle to increasing the capacity of the school. However, in considering the consultation documents, Members would welcome some further information and consideration of the following matters before a final decision is taken.

Capacity and projected demand

The consultation documents demonstrate the considerable growth experienced by the school, with pupil numbers increasing significantly since its establishment. The Town Council accepts that the existing capacity of 150 places is likely to become insufficient.

The Council notes, however, that the published projections indicate approximately 160 pupils by 2030, whereas the proposal would provide capacity for 210 pupils.

It would therefore be helpful for the County Council to provide some further explanation of the longer-term demand assumptions supporting the proposed capacity of 210, including anticipated growth beyond the period covered by the published projections.

Impact on other schools within Welshpool and the surrounding area

The consultation acknowledges that increasing pupil numbers at Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng may, over time, result in lower pupil numbers and increased surplus places at other schools within the local area.

The Town Council considers that this wider impact is important when considering future education provision across Welshpool as a whole.

Members would therefore welcome further information about the anticipated impact upon other primary schools serving the town and surrounding communities, including their projected pupil numbers and capacity.

The Town Council recognises that increasing Welsh-medium provision is a strategic objective in its own right and does not consider existing surplus places within English-medium provision to be a reason, in itself, not to expand Welsh-medium education. Nevertheless, understanding the likely effect across the wider network of schools would assist in considering the proposal in its full local context.

Traffic, parking and active travel

The Town Council particularly welcomes the recognition within the consultation documents that an increase in pupil numbers may have implications for traffic and parking around the school.

These issues are already important locally and an increase from a capacity of 150 to 210 pupils has the potential to create additional vehicle movements at the beginning and end of the school day.

The consultation indicates that a traffic management assessment will be undertaken as the plans for the extension develop. The Town Council would welcome this assessment being undertaken at an early stage and its findings being taken into account before the proposal and detailed design are finalised.

In addition to parking and vehicle movements, the assessment should consider opportunities to encourage safe walking, cycling and other sustainable means of travelling to school, together with pedestrian safety and the relationship between the school and surrounding residential areas.

The Town Council would be pleased to engage with the County Council on this aspect as the proposals develop, especially as we are adjacent land owners.

Welsh language and community impact

The Town Council welcomes the positive contribution that the proposal could make towards increasing opportunities for children to receive their education through the medium of Welsh and towards the objectives of the Council's Welsh in Education Strategic Plan.

Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng also has an important role beyond the school day in supporting the use of Welsh within the wider community. The Town Council welcomes the intention for existing community and extracurricular activities to continue as the school grows.

As part of the continuing assessment of the proposal, the Town Council would welcome consideration of whether the increased capacity could create further opportunities for Welsh-language community activities and engagement within Welshpool.

Consultation and next steps

The Town Council notes that the consultation documentation will be updated following consideration of the responses received.

There are a small number of matters within the documentation on which clarification may be helpful. In particular, the description of the statutory process refers to consultees making representations on "alternatives to closure", although this proposal does not involve the closure of a school.

The Town Council would also welcome confirmation that all relevant organisations (as set out in the Code) with an interest in Welsh-language education and the Welsh language locally have been engaged as part of the consultation process.

Conclusion

Overall, Welshpool Town Council welcomes the continued growth and success of Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng and supports the principle of ensuring sufficient Welsh-medium primary school places are available to meet demand within Welshpool and the surrounding area.

The Council therefore supports the proposal in principle, subject to further consideration being given to:

- the evidence supporting the proposed longer-term capacity of 210 places;
- the effect of the proposal on pupil numbers and surplus capacity at other local schools; and
- traffic, parking, pedestrian safety and sustainable travel around the school;

The Town Council would welcome continued engagement with Powys County Council as the proposal and the associated plans for the site are developed.

Appendix S



Dr Richard Jones
Cyfarwyddwr Addysg
Director of Education

Yr holl randdeiliaid
All stakeholders

Annwyl randdeiliaid / Dear stakeholders,

Ysgol Gymraeg Y Trallwng

Mae Cyngor Sir Powys yn ymgynghori ar gynnydd i gynyddu capasiti Ysgol Gymraeg Y Trallwng. Mae'r cynnydd fel a ganlyn:

- **Gwneud newid rheoledig i gynyddu capasiti Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng o 150 i 210 o leoedd.**

Mae'r ymgynghoriad yn dechrau ar **6 Hydref 2026** a bydd yn dod i ben ar **17 Tachwedd 2026**.

Mae'r dogfennau ymgynghori ar gael ar wefan y Cyngor sef:

<https://cy.powys.gov.uk/article/23421/Ysgol-Gymraeg-Y-Trallwng>

Mae gwybodaeth am sut i ymateb i'r ymgynghoriad wedi'i gynnwys yn y ddogfen ymgynghori ac ar y wefan.

I gael copi papur o'r dogfennau ymgynghori, cysylltwch â'r Tîm Trawsnewid Addysg trwy ffonio 01686 611553 neu anfonwch e-bost at transforming.education@powys.gov.uk.

Atebwch os gwelwch yn dda /Please reply to:

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Cyngor Sir Powys / Powys County Council
Neuadd y Sir / County Hall
Llandrindod / Llandrindod Wells
Powys LD1 5LG

Os yn galw gofynnwch am / If calling please ask for

Tîm Trawsnewid Addysg / Transforming Education Team

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Dyddiad / Date: 06 Hydref / October 2026

Ysgol Gymraeg Y Trallwng

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- **To make a regulated alteration to increase the capacity of Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng from 150 to 210 places.**

The consultation begins on **6 October 2026** and will end on **17 November 2026**.

The consultation documentation is available on the Council's website at:

<https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/23420/Ysgol-Gymraeg-Y-Trallwng>

Information about how to respond to the consultation is provided in the consultation document and on the website.

If you would like a paper copy of the consultation documentation, please contact the Transforming Education Team by phoning 01686 611553 or emailing transforming.education@powys.gov.uk.

www.powys.gov.uk

Croeso i chi gysylltu â ni yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ymateb yn Gymraeg, heb oedi.

You are welcome to contact us in Welsh. We will respond in Welsh, without delay.





Am ragor o wybodaeth, cysylltwch â'r
Tîm Trawsnewid Addysg. Mae'r manylion
cyswllt uchod.

If you require any further information, please
contact the Transforming Education Team
using the contact details provided above.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Richard Jones
Cyfarwyddwr Addysg / Director of Education

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Appendix T

Full Council October 2026

White Ribbon Day 2026 – It takes all of us!

Motion

This council notes that White Ribbon Day on 25th November 2026, is a day when people across England and Wales come together to raise awareness of preventing gender-based violence and what needs to be done to challenge it.

This council believes that violence against women and girls doesn't come out of nowhere and that the root causes are harmful attitudes, behaviours and systems built upon damaging gender norms and narratives of masculinity.

This Council believes that everyone has a part to play in preventing violence against women and girls. It takes all of us to build a society that is free from violence and abuse.

We as local decision-makers have a key role in developing and promoting policies that address and prevent gender-based violence and lead by example in our communities.

This Council calls on all members to:-

- Mark White Ribbon Day publicly on 25th November by publicly wearing white ribbons.
- Challenge harmful content and comments you see and hear that contribute to violence against women and girls.
- Encourage councillors and staff to make the White Ribbon promise to never use, excuse or remain silent about men's violence against women and girls.
- Collaborate with local organisations and charities in the area who are working to prevent violence against women and girls.

Why is White Ribbon Day so important?

56% of women surveyed had been the recipients of sexually offensive jokes (Unite 2025)

70% of Gen Z women reported experiencing misogynistic content towards themselves on social media at some point, with 11% experiencing it at least once a week. (Amnesty International UK 2025)

44% of women in Wales said they felt unsafe when at home, walking in their local area or travelling. (WEN's State of the Nation 2026)

In 2026 2.2 million women (9%) in the UK experienced violence or abuse (CSEW 2026)

Appendix U



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Document / Report #1044

Author	Richard Williams Town Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer
Title	Motions - Winter Gritting – Red Bank
Date	21st October 2026

Some Members have raised concerns regarding changes made by Powys County Council to its winter gritting routes and, in particular, the removal of Red Bank from the routes which receive routine precautionary treatment.

Powys County Council undertook a review of its Winter Service arrangements and, on 15 July 2025, Cabinet approved a new five-tier approach. Under the arrangements, Tiers 1 and 2 form the Precautionary Network, meaning that these routes are normally treated when freezing conditions are forecast. Tier 3 forms the Community Network, which is not routinely treated for ordinary frost and ice but can be activated during more significant or prolonged winter weather.

Red Bank is no longer included within the precautionary treatment network.

Some Members have previously raised concerns regarding road safety at Red Bank, including the steep nature of the road and incidents involving vehicles losing control. There is therefore concern that removing routine precautionary gritting could increase the risk to motorists and pedestrians during periods of frost and ice.

Powys County Council's own criteria for determining winter treatment routes include traffic levels and a number of other factors, including emergency services, health and social care, routes of local importance, education facilities, public transport and local circumstances. The criteria also allow exceptional circumstances, including topography and climate, to be considered.

When approving the new arrangements, Powys County Council delegated authority to the relevant Head of Service to amend routes where changes can be accommodated within the approved route criteria. It would therefore appear possible for the classification of an individual road to be reviewed without requiring the whole Winter Service policy to be reconsidered.

Members are asked to consider whether Welshpool Town Council should write to Powys County Council:

- 1. expressing concern at the removal of Red Bank from the precautionary winter gritting network;**
- 2. requesting that the classification of Red Bank is reviewed against PCC's approved Winter Service criteria, particularly having regard to its gradient/topography and existing road safety concerns; and**
- 3. requesting the assessment or scoring used by PCC to determine Red Bank's current classification.**

Appendix V

I would like to propose that Planning be the responsibility henceforth not of any one committee, but of the whole Council. I am happy not to specify here how that would be done, although the simplest method would be for Planning to be included in the agenda for the Full Council meeting each month, and perhaps for Full Council to begin at 6.00pm to accommodate this.

My reasons for proposing this are:

- (1) When the present three main committees were established, the one whose components fitted least well together was Events and Planning. These two areas require different skills, knowledge and interests. I would prefer this committee to revert to Events & Tourism, which already has a considerable agenda, which, as “Visit Welshpool” develops, will be certain to expand and develop further.
- (2) I recognise the frustration of our comments seemingly not making the difference we would wish, and this can allow a sense of “It’s hardly worth our while doing this” to creep in when planning issues come before Council, we do have a statutory responsibility to consider and comment on planning matters, and have I believe been getting much better at expressing our concerns in ways that will be taken seriously. This will be further enhanced when we have completed the Place Planning process, assuming our Place Plan is of a standard that means it becomes Supplementary Planning Guidance. I think our electorate expects us to take significant planning applications seriously, and that is best done with the whole council able to participate and vote.
- (3) This is of greater significance when large and controversial planning applications come before Council, and I feel that all Councillors should therefore have the opportunity and right to comment and to vote on these, and of course that applies also to more minor planning matters located within the Ward a particular Councillor represents, and on which they may have personal knowledge or have been approached by residents with questions or anxieties.
- (4) Within our neighbouring Community Councils, planning issues are generally going to be discussed by full council as a matter of course, and it could therefore appear that we are giving planning matters less weight than others do. While this may not be true, there is a public expectation I think that planning should be a priority for us, and appearances therefore do matter.

I would very pleased if Council would examine these issues, and either vote to accept the Resolution given above, or, if felt necessary, defer this matter for consideration in the meantime, to enable further discussion and a decision at the November Full Council meeting.

Cllr Bill Rowell