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**Minutes of the Staffing Committee held on 07/05/2025 6:30pm in Council Chamber,
Welshpool Town Hall.**

PRESENT:

Apologies for absence:

Absent:

Also in attendance:

Cllr David France
Cllr Estelle Bleivas
Cllr Julie Arnold
Cllr Morag Bailey
Cllr Nick Howells
Cllr Phil Pritchard
Cllr Revd William Rowell
Richard Williams - Town Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer

S070525/1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllr Sally Fitzgerald due to ill health.

S070525/2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

None.

S070525/3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

S070525/4. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

S070525/4.1 Previous Minutes

RESOLVED

To confirm the minutes of the Staffing Committee held on the 2nd April 2025.

WTCM43 - Proposed by Cllr Morag Bailey, seconded by Cllr Revd William Rowell

S070525/4.1 Matters Arising

No matters arising from the previous meeting.

The Town Clerk answered a query from Cllr Nick Howells relating to Matters Arising and Any Other Business.

S070525/5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next Staffing Committee will be confirmed at the Annual Meeting.

S070525/6. CONFIDENTIAL SESSION - EXCLUSION

RESOLVED

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

WTCM44 - Proposed by Cllr Morag Bailey, seconded by Cllr Phil Pritchard

S070525/7. STAFFING MATTERS

The Town Clerk updated the committee in respect of staffing and employment matters. A discussion was held regarding staff chainsaw training and the Town Clerk reported on an employment matter facing the Council.

RECOMMENDED

To approve chainsaw training plus qualification at Meifod for three staff at a cost of £1950.

WTCM45 - Proposed by Cllr Estelle Bleivas, seconded by Cllr Revd William Rowell

RECOMMENDED

To pursue the course of action advised by the Council's solicitor in relation to the employment matter.

WTCM47 - Proposed by Cllr Morag Bailey, seconded by Cllr Estelle Bleivas. A recorded vote was requested.

For: David France, Estelle Bleivas, Morag Bailey, Nick Howells, Revd William Rowell

Against:

Abstain: Phil Pritchard

The meeting finished at 19:02.

Signed:

Dated:

Councillor David France (Chair)

Decision/Action Log

ID		Assigned
WTCM43	RESOLUTION S070525/4.1 Previous Minutes To confirm the minutes of the Staffing Committee held on the 2nd April 2025.	Town Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer

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