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Minutes of the Events and Tourism Committee held on 14/05/2025 7:15pm in Council Chamber, Welshpool Town Hall.

PRESENT:

Cllr Estelle Bleivas
Cllr Nick Howells
Cllr Phil Owen
Cllr Phil Pritchard (Chair)
Cllr Revd William Rowell

Apologies for absence:

Cllr Chris Davies
Cllr Morag Bailey
Sally Fitzgerald

Absent:

Cllr Billy Spencer

Also in attendance:

Cllr Julie Arnold
Richard Williams - Town Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer
Wendy Lewis - Community Services Manager
1 member(s) of the public / press

ET140525/1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

As both the Chair and Vice Chair were absent, a vote was held to elect a Chair for the Meeting.

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting. Apologies were absence were received from Cllr Chris Davies, Cllr Morag Bailey and Cllr Sally Fitzgerald.

RESOLVED

To elect Cllr Phil Pritchard as Chair for the meeting.

WTCM77 - Proposed by Cllr Estelle Bleivas, seconded by Cllr Phil Owen

ET140525/2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

None.

ET140525/3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

ET140525/4. MINUTES

RESOLVED

To approve and sign as a correct record, the minutes from the meeting of the Events and Tourism Committee on the 9th April 2025, with the following amendment:

- The date should read 9th April not 12th March

WTCM78 - Proposed by Cllr Julie Arnold, seconded by Cllr Revd William Rowell

ET140525/5. TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE (TIC)

The TIC Manager gave an update and explained that 735 local visitors, 860 UK visitors and 85 overseas visitors had been through the doors. The TIC Manager also explained that bookings for Tina Turner are slow and asked if another marketing push could be done.

ET140525/6. COMMITTEE FINANCE (MONTH 1)

The Town Clerk updated members on the financial report. Cllr Nick Howells raised a point about the age of the current music system for Council events and recommended that due to the changing medium in which performers are bringing their music, that we look to change our system. The Town Clerk is to ask the Events, Planning and Markets Officer to research new systems with the support of Cllr Nick Howells and Cllr Bill Rowell.

ET140525/7. FLICKS IN THE STICKS

The Town Clerk and members updated the committee on recent attendance at Flicks in the Sticks. A total of 52 attended the last showing and the Council received £138.07 in donations. Cllr Nick Howells proposed a vote of thanks to the Hub volunteers for helping to assist Cllr Rowell, Cllr Prichard and Cllr Blevias at the recent showing.

ET140525/8. CARNIVAL

The Town Clerk updated the committee on the plans for the upcoming carnival. Members were asked to decide on hiring a balloon modeller and face painter, which was agreed.

RECOMMENDED

To book the face painter and balloon modeller on the terms as set out in the accompanying paper.

WTCM79 - Proposed by Cllr Revd William Rowell, seconded by Cllr Phil Pritchard

ET140525/9. EASTER EGG HUNT 2025

The Town Clerk updated members on the Easter Egg Hunt which brought in £50 as part of the raffle. Thanks were given to the Events, Planning and Markets Officer, the TIC Manager and Cllrs Bailey and Rowell for their support.

ET140525/10. 1940'S WEEKEND

The Town Clerk introduced the letter from the 1940s Committee requesting use of the Town Hall for free during the 1940s weekend and members agreed to the request.

RECOMMENDED

To allow use of the Town Hall free of charge for the 2025 1940s Event.

WTCM80 - Proposed by Cllr Julie Arnold, seconded by Cllr Estelle Bleivas

ET140525/11. UPCOMING EVENTS

Cllr Julie Arnold left the meeting.

The Town Clerk outlined the list of upcoming events for the year.

ET140525/12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next Events & Tourism Committee will be confirmed at the Annual Meeting.

The meeting finished at 19:48.

Signed:

Dated:

Councillor Phil Pritchard (Chair)

Decision/Action Log

ID		Assigned
WTCM77	RESOLUTION ET140525/1 Welcome and Apologies for Absence To elect Cllr Phil Pritchard as Chair for the meeting.	
WTCM78	RESOLUTION ET140525/4 Minutes To approve and sign as a correct record, the minutes from the meeting of the Events and Tourism Committee on the 9th April 2025, with the following amendment: - The date should read 9th April not 12th March	Town Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer
WTCM79	RECOMMENDATION ET140525/8 Carnival To book the face painter and balloon modeller on the terms as set out in the accompanying paper.	Events & Markets Manager
WTCM80	RECOMMENDATION ET140525/10 1940's Weekend To allow use of the Town Hall free of charge for the 2025 1940s Event.	Events & Markets Manager