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Minutes of the Operations & Development Committee held on 11/03/2026 6:30pm in Council Chamber, Welshpool Town Hall.

PRESENT:

Cllr David France
Cllr Nick Howells
Cllr Phil Owen
Cllr Phil Pritchard (Chair)
Sally Fitzgerald

Apologies for absence:

Cllr Dr Ben Gwalchmai
Cllr Estelle Bleivas

Absent:

Also in attendance:

Richard Williams - Town Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer
Phil Rollinson - Deputy Operations Manager

OD110326/1. WELCOME, CODE OF CONDUCT AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Estelle Bleivas and Cllr Ben Gwalchmai.

The Chair asked that videos being turned on during the meeting of those attending remotely and the Town Clerk reminded the Chair that legally that requirement could not be enforced.

OD110326/2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

None.

OD110326/3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

OD110326/4. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

OD110326/4.1 Previous Minutes

A grammatical error was spotted in Item OD110226/5.1 and corrected. The Chair made an observation regarding the name of Mill Lane which was noted.

RESOLVED

To approve the amended minutes from the meeting of the Operations & Development Committee on 11/02/2026.

WTCM582 - Proposed by Cllr Sally Fitzgerald, seconded by Cllr Nick Howells

OD110326/4.2 Matters Arising

All recommendations were approved by Full Council.

OD110326/5. LAND AND BUILDINGS

OD110326/5.1 General Update

The Deputy Operations Manager updated councillors on general activities, including:

- Town Hall - light switches moved and inspection of electrical distribution board took place, new aluminium plating for oven installed and servicing for sliding door booked in.
- Day Centre - all remedial electrical work now taken place.
- Van - MoW van has been booked in for repairs.
- Maes y Dre - cricket season is starting up on the 25th April, the current pitches are very wet, cutting commenced this week, poles at playground removed, outdoor church booked in during May or June, a small fire took place in the electrical cupboard for the floodlights however these are owned by the Football Club.
- Street Scene - the list of bins has been reviewed and will be considered by the committee in April and new mower purchased and is much more efficient and quicker than previous 12 year old equipment.
- Toilets - still issues with the flushing.

OD110326/5.2 Motte and Bailey (Domen Castell)

The Town Clerk updated Members that unfortunately the Landfill Disposals Tax Grant for works was not successful with only 11% of applicants being approved.

OD110326/6. SERVICES

OD110326/6.1 Meals on Wheels

The Town Clerk explained that the Meals on Wheels service successfully transferred to Welshpool Community Haven as of Monday 16th February 2026.

OD110326/6.2 Markets

The Town Clerk updated on the last market traders meeting and invited questions.

OD110326/6.3 The Hub

The Town Clerk updated Members on the Hub report for February and invited questions.

OD110326/7. BUSINESS PLANNING & FINANCIAL MATTERS

OD110326/7.1 Interim Strategic Plan Action Plan

The Town Clerk gave an update on progress and advised that Action MA2 to replace the signage was proving more difficult over consents.

OD110326/7.2 Budget and Committee Finance (Month 11)

The Town Clerk summarised the report and no queries were received.

OD110326/8. PROJECTS & NEW DEVELOPMENTS

OD110326/8.1 Community Fridge

The Town Clerk gave an update on the Community Fridge and explained that during February a total of 30.65kg had been saved from landfill and diverted into the fridge, however more volunteers were always needed.

OD110326/8.2 Town Hall Transformation

The Town Clerk gave an update on the Town Hall Transformation project and invited questions.

OD110326/8.3 Oldford Estate

The Town Clerk and the Chair updated on the meeting with ClwydAlyn last month. The Council is now awaiting to commence formal negotiations on lease renewal.

OD110326/8.4 Re-use Scheme

The Chair failed to allow Cllr David France to speak on this item and the Town Clerk advised against this.

OD110326/9. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA & DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Operations & Development Committee will be held on 8th April 2026 at 6:30pm

The meeting finished at 19:22.

Signed:

Dated:

Councillor Phil Pritchard (Chair)

Decision/Action Log

ID		Assigned
WTCM582	RESOLUTION OD110326/4.1 Previous Minutes To approve the amended minutes from the meeting of the Operations & Development Committee on 11/02/2026.	Town Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer