

**WELSHPOOL TOWN COUNCIL
YOUTH COUNCIL
MINUTES**

of a meeting held on Wednesday 29th February 2017 at 09.15
at Welshpool High School

1. Record of Attendance

There were 24 Youth Council Members present along with Mrs Davies (Teacher), Cllr D Simms (Councillor) and Robert Robinson (Town Clerk).

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The meeting approved the minutes of the last meeting.

3. Matters taken forward since last meeting

The meeting noted the following actions taken since the last meeting:

a) Recycling.

The meeting was updated on the recycling issues in Powys. The centres for the next year will be open just 3 days a week. There is also a proposal to place a new site to serve all of Montgomeryshire located in Abermule.

b) Welshpool Hospital.

Following the meeting with Welshpool Hospital the information on where you go for what injury is being published in March.

c) Shrewsbury Telford Hospital update

The meeting was updated on progress (or lack of it) towards finalising the hospital provision at Shrewsbury and Telford hospitals.

4. Cambrian Line Survey

The meeting was updated on the main line railway surveys taking place in April. Survey forms will be available for the High School.

5. Street scene

The meeting considered the following:

a) What is street scene

The meeting was given information on what was included within Street Scene.

b) What has been done since November 2016

The meeting was updated on what actions had been taken since the Town Council had taken over the service.

c) What can we do to stop littering

There were no suggestions as to what more could be done.

d) Litter bin locations

There were no suggestions for more litter bin locations other than to address the canal litter issues.

There were a few areas for clean-up offered.

6. Tourist Information Centre

The meeting was informed of the Tourist Challenge taking place during March.

7. Festival of Sport

The meeting receive a report on an idea for summer 2017.

The following ideas/comments were made:

- a) Perhaps some fun sports – ie inflatable sumo wrestling etc.
- b) Queues to take part will to be considered.

There was support for the idea of a Festival of Sport.

8. Well Being – Powys County Council

The meeting considered the consultation paper issued with the agenda.

The following comments were of note:

a) Transport

The buses (public services) are often late. They need to run on time to attract people to use them.

b) Transport

Perhaps a general taxi type arrangement could be put in place at reduced rates which would then go from where people wanted to destinations. This may not cost more than running empty buses.

c) Employment

Employment for young people was an issue with very little work around for those under 18. Travelling on the train to main towns to gain work is good but often the cost is too high to make it worthwhile.

d) Schools and Education

The exclusion of pupils from schools is not consistent and needs to be subject to guidelines. Also there should be a range of punishments not the same for each event.

e) Childcare

The childcare issue was raised with little facilities to aid this situation. Often incomes are not large enough for child care to be paid for leaving young people vulnerable.

f) Violence against women

This subject was aired but no comments to add.

g) Tourism

The meeting noted tourism requirements that need to be place to aid tourism as an economic base in the area.

9. Next meeting

The meeting noted that Russell George from the Welsh Assembly will be attending the next meeting.