

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF ABERAERON TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON  
TUESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2024 AT ABERAERON MEMORIAL HALL AT 7.00pm**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Aled Davies (Chairman); Councillors Phill Davies, Rhys Davies, Darryl Evans, Lloyd Garvey and Rhodri Jones.  
Mr Denfer Morgan, Town Clerk.

**378. APOLOGIES**

Councillors Tim Archer, Elizabeth Evans, Agnieszka Kalinowska, Diana Mace, Sian Stewart and Huw Thomas apologised for their inability to attend the meeting.

**379. MAYOR'S REPORT**

Councillor Rhodri Jones, the out-going Mayor, thanked his fellow Members for their support and assistance during his term and presented his report on his year in office.

**380. ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR 2024-25**

It was proposed and duly seconded and unanimously **RESOLVED** to elect Councillor Aled Davies as the Town Mayor for the 2024-25 municipal year.

Councillor Davies paid tribute to the work undertaken by Councillor Rhodri Jones during his year in office and conveyed the Council's appreciation for the service and contribution made by him to the Council and the community in general.

**382. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE**

The newly elected Town Mayor, Councillor Aled Davies, signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

**383. ELECTION OF DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR 2024-25**

It was **RESOLVED**, due to the number of Councillors who were unable to attend the meeting, to defer the election of a Deputy Town Mayor for the 2024-25 municipal year until the next monthly meeting of the Council.

**384. MEMBERSHIP OF OUTSIDE BODIES**

It was **RESOLVED** to appoint:

- i) Councillor Huw Thomas as the Council's representative on the One Voice Wales Ceredigion Area Committee; and
- ii) Councillor Aled Davies as the Council's Representative on the Aberaeron and District Swimming Pool Committee

It was noted that the Town Mayor was an Honorary Member of the Rotarians.

**385. APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR**

It was **RESOLVED** to appoint Mr Gwyn Jones as the Internal Auditor for the 2023-24 Annual Accounts.

**386. MEMBERS PAYMENTS SCHEME 2024-25**

Consideration was given to the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales dated February 2024 and it was **RESOLVED** to adopt the following Scheme for 2024-25:

*Allowances Included in the Scheme*

Care costs  
Extra Costs Payment / Set Payment for Consumables  
Travel and Subsistence  
Overnight Stay

*Allowances Not Included in the Scheme*

Senior Role  
Mayor or Chair  
Deputy Mayor or Vice Chair  
Financial Loss  
Attendance Allowance

The meeting closed at 7.20 pm.

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Denfer Morgan – Town Clerk

**387. APOLOGIES**

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**388. DYFED-POWYS POLICE**

The Chairman welcomed PCSO Charlotte Carter to the meeting and the following information was provided.

The shelter had been sprayed and damaged by fire by a number of young people who had been identified by way of cctv and it had been arranged for their parents to view the footage.

She was investigating complaints with regard to noise emanating from certain businesses in the town in conjunction with officers of the County Council, as the local licensing authority.

There had been one incident in a pub which had not resulted in an injury.

PCSO Mair Davies had returned to work and she would be serving the area south of Llwyncelyn with Charlotte serving the area to the north.

**389. MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 9<sup>th</sup> APRIL AND 8<sup>th</sup> MAY 2024**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve, as a correct record, the Minutes of the undermentioned Meetings of the Council:

- a) Monthly meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024
- b) Extraordinary meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2024

**390. FINANCE MATTERS**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the following payments:-

Invoice Details	Sum
SSE (Belle Vue Terrace Electricity Supply)	£90.53
SSE (Quay Parade Electricity Supply)	£63.65
Telemat (wifi provision Feb/March/Apr)	£120.60
Kompan Ltd. (Provision and installation of Parc-y-fro playground)	£23,849.55

equipment)	
Aberaeron Memorial Hall (Town Brochure Insert)	£230
Ceredigion County Council (Wifi Contribution)	£500

### 391. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

It was **RESOLVED** to defer the application received in respect of Aeron Arts until the next meeting in order to enable Members to obtain further information on the initiative and its financing; and

### 392. PLANNING MATTERS

Consideration was given to the planning application A240338 Wright Bookmakers, Lon Y Castell, Aberaeron. Removal of flat roof to provide first floor extension and change of use from betting shop into dwelling (C3).

**Decision:** No objection. However to convey the Council's concern about the lack of an adequate amenity area for the proposed dwelling.

### 393. COUNCIL LAND MATTERS

It was **RESOLVED** as follows:

- a) **Square Field/Parc-y-fro:** to accept the price received from Russell Horsey for watering the ten trees planted last year at Square Field and Parc-y-fro for the period May-September, namely 18 visits @ £95 per visit = £1,710+VAT.

There had been difficulty in sourcing parts for the 'springer' and there may be a need to acquire a new one.

- b) **Parc-y-fro:** to note that the work of installing the new playground equipment had been completed.
- c) **Allt-y-graig:** management work was continuing.
- d) **Banc Bach:** discussions were underway with the Primary School.

### 394. CEREDIGION COUNTY COUNCIL BUDGET 2024-25

The Clerk stated that it had become apparent that the County Council had undertaken work to two areas of the Town which they had previously indicated were areas to be undertaken by this Council, namely the bank below Belle Vue Terrace and the harbour area below the A487 bridge.

In view of this, this Council's contractor had not yet started any work, in particular the bank running along the North Beach car park.

Also, to date the County Council had not provided a draft licence authorising the Town Council to undertake work on its land, despite the Clerk being told that this was a requirement.

It was **RESOLVED** to seek clarification of the current position.

**395. CYNNAL Y CARDI PROJECT**

The Clerk stated that the application made for the funding of a temporary part-time 'Town Ranger' for 2024 had been successful and that arrangements were in hand with the Travail employment agency to recruit a suitable person to fill the post.

**396. DIGITAL PROJECTS UPDATE**

The current position with regard to the app, the wifi points and the webcam was noted.

It was agreed that information on the usage of the app be reported on a regular basis.

It was also agreed to follow up on the possible location of the photopoint on the north pier with the County Council harbour development liaison officer.

**397. WORKING GROUPS**

Consideration was given to the Report of the Clerk outlining the membership of the working groups as agreed at the last meeting.

Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** as follows:

- i) to add Councillor Phill Davies to the Civic Pride working group;
- ii) to request the working groups to meet prior to the next Council meeting to appoint a lead member and report on progress.

**398. COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN**

Consideration was given to the revised Community Emergency Plan and it was **RESOLVED** to adopt the Plan as presented.

**399. REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR ELIZABETH EVANS**

The Clerk reported the undermentioned information provided by Councillor Evans:

- a) the continued vandalism in the town – she had spoken to one group in the hope of trying to establish ongoing dialogue.
- b) complaints about noise and music from various licensed premises were being followed up
- c) the resurfacing of Alban Square Compton side had again been requested as a matter of urgency.
- d) a request had been made for a new bin and the relocation of another around the riverside.
- e) the extension to the Primary school had now been included in the County Council capital programme with Welsh Government and County Council funding and was scheduled to be constructed in 2028-2030.
- f) she would shortly be beginning a campaign to keep the library in town hall, and also campaigning against the proposed closure of Rhydeinon Household Waste Site and was requesting the support of this Council.

- g) the length of the coastal path which was closed between Aberaeron and Aberarth was being prepared for re-opening.

The meeting ended at 8:50pm