

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ABERAERON TOWN COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON TUESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2024 at 7:00pm**  
**AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, ABERAERON**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Aled Davies (Chairman); Councillors Tim Archer, Phill Davies, Rhys Davies, Darryl Evans, Elizabeth Evans, Rhodri Jones, Agnieszka Kalinowska, Diana Mace and Sian Stewart  
Denfer Morgan – Town Clerk

**402. DYFED-POWYS POLICE**

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

Additional funds had been provided for Aberaeron until September in order to provide increased resources, including prioritising Officers, to combat drug and alcohol misuse, which included stop and search exercises in licensed premises and at the riverside shelter. This was a multi-agency exercise and included local authority licensing officers. To date, the exercises had resulted in cautions being given to individuals. It was recognised that the installation of cctv cameras would help with policing the town.

There had been a small number of low-impact road traffic collisions with wing mirrors being damaged.

**403. PROCEDURE – PRE-ELECTION PERIOD**

The Clerk advised Members that, with the general election having been called for 4th July, we are now in the pre-election period which affects all local authorities and that advice had been received from One Voice Wales on this matter. He stated that this did not mean that we cannot meet as a Council but that we were subject to restrictions on political activity. This was to avoid the allegation that we could in any way affect support for one candidate or political party and influence the outcome of the election. These restrictions also affected the activities of individual Members. The Clerk stated that his advice was, when dealing with items on tonight's agenda, and in particular the item relating to the Ceredigion County Council Aberaeron Library Consultation, that Members did not refer to any particular political party.

**404. APOLOGIES**

Councillors Lloyd Garvey and Huw Thomas apologised for their inability to attend the meeting.

**405. ELECTION OF DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR**

It was **RESOLVED** to elect Councillor Tim Archer as the Deputy Town Mayor for the 2024-25 municipal year. The Clerk would arrange for Councillor Archer to sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

#### 406. **MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 11<sup>th</sup> AND 29<sup>th</sup> MAY 2024**

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

- a) Annual Meeting – 11<sup>th</sup> May
- b) Monthly Meeting – 11<sup>th</sup> May
- c) Extraordinary Meeting – 29<sup>th</sup> May

It was agreed to discuss in the autumn ways of increasing public participation in the work of the Council.

#### 407. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Minute 397 – It was agreed to give Members an opportunity to review membership and to create a WhatsApp Town Council community to include the groups in order to facilitate their administration.

#### 408. **FINANCE MATTERS**

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

Invoice Details	Sum
Dwr Cymru (Square Field Supply)	£26.54
SSE (Quay Parade)	£140.19
SSE (Belle Vue Terrace)	£76
Gwasg Aeron (Community Christmas Posters)	£60
Gwyn Jones (Internal Auditor)	£200
<i>Clerk's Salary (Apr-May-Jun):</i>	
Denfer Morgan	£1,404
HMRC (PAYE)	£351

#### 409. **APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

Consideration was given to the application received in respect of Aeron Arts. Members discussed the information provided in detail and concluded that the Council should only support elements which did not involve the salaries being paid.

Following a vote, it was **RESOLVED** to contribute towards the cost of snacks and materials being provided at the sessions, with the relevant invoices being presented prior to payment.

[Councillors Darryl Evans and Rhodri Jones wished it to be recorded that they had abstained from voting on this matter.]

#### 410. **2023-24 ANNUAL ACCOUNTS**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the 2023-24 Annual Accounts as approved by the Internal Auditor and to forward them to Audit Wales.

#### **411. COUNCIL'S INSURANCE POLICY**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the renewal of the Council's Insurance Policy with Clear Ltd. in the sum of £728

#### **412. BANKING ARRANGEMENTS**

It was **RESOLVED** to expedite the updating of the Council's signatories and set up an on-line account.

#### **413. CEREDIGION COUNTY COUNCIL ABERAERON LIBRARY CONSULTATION**

Consideration was given to the current position concerning the Ceredigion County Council Aberaeron Library Consultation including the arrangements for holding a public meeting. It was noted that, in extending the deadline until 9<sup>th</sup> July, the County Council had indicated that this Council should consider facilitating such a meeting after the 4<sup>th</sup> and before the 9<sup>th</sup> July in order to meet the requirements of the pre-election period. It was agreed to hold the meeting on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July and that the structure of the meeting would be to take those members of the public through the consultation paper questions and use as the basis for the Town Council response.

#### **414. ABERAERON PLACE PLAN**

The Clerk stated that notification had been received from the County Council that consultants, namely Rural Office, had been appointed to progress the Aberaeron Place Plan and that the Council was requested to take action to this effect. A note outlining the additional information being required had been circulated to the Council.

It was **RESOLVED** to seek a meeting with the County Council Officer in order to seek clarification of certain matters.

#### **415. CEREDIGION COUNTY COUNCIL BRANDING EXERCISE**

The Clerk stated that notification had been received from the County Council that there was an opportunity for the Council to give further feedback to the previous Branding Exercise undertaken by Consultants on behalf of the County Council in respect of the six towns in Ceredigion.

It was **RESOLVED** to advise the County Council that it was understood that the document received was the final report and that this Council had no further comments to make.

#### **416. COUNCIL LAND MATTERS**

It was **RESOLVED** as follows:

##### **a) Square Field:**

- the replacement parts had been ordered for the swing and the springer
- the organisers of the Garden Festival to be required to staff the gates as part of their licence requirements
- to request the contractor to make a hand-cut of the hedge as soon as possible

b) **Parc-y-fro:**

- the County Council had been requested to provide bollards at the start of the riverside footpath at Portland place and temporary bollards were already in place
- favourable comments had been received in respect of the new playground equipment
- it was **RESOLVED** to seek confirmation from the County Council that the previously approved Community Grant for the playground equipment would be paid, following the decision to exclude town and community councils from the Scheme as a part of the 2024 budget settlement.

c) **Allt-y-graig:** a bracken cut was being organised for the 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

d) **Banc Bach/Tanrallt:**

- the Primary School were being contacted in respect of their request for the use of Banc Bach for nature activities
- the clerk was requested to contact the County Council again in respect of this Council's interest in acquiring Tanrallt to complement the use of Banc Bach.

**417. CEREDIGION COUNTY COUNCIL BUDGET 2024-25 AND THE CYNNAL Y CARDI PROJECT**

The Clerk stated that the Town Ranger had started work the previous day and would be concentrating on street cleaning in the first instance.

**418. 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.

**419. 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.

**420. MATTER RAISED UNDER STANDING ORDER 9**

At the request of Councillor Rhodri Jones, consideration was given to the continuing problems with on-road illegal parking on South Road, especially on occasions when

events were being held in town. Reference was made to the previous occasions when the matter had been raised with the County Council, as the Local highway Authority, and the Police.

Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** to request the County Council to designate this length of road a 'clearway' which would, in the view of this Council, reinforce the no parking at any time requirement.

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

Councillor Evans reported the following:

- a) she was in contact with the Police with regard to the current initiative
- b) she was continuing to deal with problems arising from the recycling and waste collection service and was continuing to press for repairs to the roads in the town
- c) the lighting columns on Quay Parade would be replaced as part of the harbour development
- d) she was following up an abandoned vehicle left outside the British Legion Hall
- e) there was a need to initiate arrangements to deal with rodents at Square Field.

The meeting ended at 8:50pm