

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ABERAERON TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 11th FEBRUARY 2025 at 7:00pm
AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, ABERAERON

PRESENT: Councillor Tim Archer (Chairman); Councillors Phill Davies, Rhodri Davies, Elizabeth Evans, Rhodri Jones and Diana Mace.
Denfer Morgan – Town Clerk

519. APOLOGIES

Councillors Aled Davies, Darryl Evans, Lloyd Garvey and Agnieszka Kalinowska apologised for their inability to attend the meeting.

520. PROCEDURE

In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman, Councillor Tim Archer, chaired the meeting.

521. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

The following Members disclosed interests as follows:

Minute 526 – membership of Aberaeron and District Swimming Pool Committee	Councillors Elizabeth Evans and Rhodri Jones (Personal and Prejudicial Interest)
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Minute 526 – planning applications	Councillor Rhys Davies (Personal and Prejudicial Interest)
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522. DYFED-POWYS POLICE

PCSO Charlotte Carter and PC Chris Tipper were welcomed to the meeting and the following information was provided.

An incident of anti-social behaviour in Regent Street. The 'Ivydean' initiative was still in force and further funding had been requested.

A request was made to investigate an apparently abandoned car in Darkgate Street.

523. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 14th JANUARY 2025

It was **RESOLVED** to approve, as a correct record, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 14th January 2025.

524. FINANCE MATTERS

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

Invoice Details	Sum
Telemat (wifi provision Oct-Jan)	£168
Goetre Villa (Planting new/replacement trees at Square Field)	£2,361.85
AA Mole Control & Pest Services (Square Field Rat Control)	£700

AaBbCc (Sept-Dec translations)	£388.12
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525. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Consideration was given to two applications for financial assistance and it was **RESOLVED** as follows:

- a) to request the Aberaeron and District Swimming Pool for a copy of their latest accounts prior to considering the application at the March meeting;
- b) to contribute £208.62 to the Aberaeron Comprehensive School Eco group in respect of the purchase of material for constructing raised beds at their orchard.

526. PLANNING MATTERS

Consideration was given to the undermentioned planning applications:

- a) A240951(LBC) - Fairview, 3 Cadwgan Place, Aberaeron. Total renewal of 2 no. bay windows to front elevation and repair / overhaul / renew remainder of windows as required (all in joinery grade sapele/accoya wood)
- b) A250016(Householder) / A250017(LBC) - Fairview, 3 Cadwgan Place, Aberaeron. Demolition of existing outbuildings and construction of new extension.

Decision: No objection to the new extension and to request that the front windows be completely replaced and that the existing ones not be required to be patched.

527. COUNCIL LAND MATTERS

It was **RESOLVED** as follows:

- a) **Square Field:** to agree to give a licence for the West Wales Shire Horses Show on Sunday 27th July 2025; and to request the organisers not to spread lime near the trees.
- b) **Parc-y-fro:**
 - to arrange for the section of fence damaged during Storm Darragh to be repaired
 - memorial benches
- c) **Allt-y-graig:** to attend to the fallen trees.

528. CEREDIGION COUNTY COUNCIL DEVOLVED SERVICES

a) Street Cleaning Service

The Clerk stated that Teresa Tanahill had now been awarded the street cleaning contract for 2025-26 in the sum of £16,000. Members discussed the advantage of ensuring that the public being made aware that the service was being provided by this Council and it was agreed to supply a high viz jacket giving this information

It was **RESOLVED** to confirm awarding the contract to Teresa Tanahill for 2025-26 in the sum of £16,000.

b) Toilets

It was **RESOLVED** to note the contents of an email dated 21st November 2024 from the County Council.

529. DIGITAL PROJECTS UPDATE

The current position was noted.

530. CONSERVATION AREA CONSULTATION

Consideration was given to the County Council consultation on the Aberaeron Conservation Area Appraisal & Management Plan Draft Supplementary Planning Guidance.

It was **RESOLVED** to reiterate the following comments:

- to welcome the inclusion of 1 - 4 South Road
- to recommend that Parc-y-fro be included
- not to support a colour design guide as it believes that the current situation, with residents choosing colours in accordance with personal taste and a desire to blend in and not clash with neighbouring properties.

531. BOLLARDS AT BRYN ROAD

Consideration was given to an email dated 7th February 2025 from the County Council requesting the Council “to provide any documented evidence that the public have used the area as a footway for a period in excess of 20 years prior to 19/05/2022. This documented evidence is key to determining whether there are any rights established”.

Members referred to the information received from the County Council by way of an email dated 27th June 2023 that it had the power, as the Local Highway Authority, to take action under the provisions s143 Highways Act 1980 to remove structures from highways where, in its opinion, a “public highway is obstructed and causes either a nuisance or safety risk to the public who wish to use it”.

The Clerk stated that he had responded to the County Council by way of an email dated 12th July 2023 stating that “Members remain concerned about the bollards and are of the opinion that they do obstruct and cause both a nuisance and safety risk to the public who wish to use it; and that it is in the public interest and a good use of limited resource to take action to remove them. To this effect it is requesting the County Council, as the Local Highway Authority, to consider using its powers under the provisions of Section 143 of the Highways Act to remove the bollards”.

It was therefore **RESOLVED** to reiterate to the County Council that this Council was requesting it take action under s143 Highways Act 1980.

532. LIBRARY RELOCATION

It was **RESOLVED** to note that the County Council had once again extended the period for responding to the corporate complaint; and that the Older People's Commissioner's Office had stated that they were still in communication with the County Council on the matter.

533. RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLORS AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR FILLING THE VACANCIES

The Clerk reported that the closing date set by the Ceredigion Returning Officer for the first phase of the process was the 13th February and it was **RESOLVED** to request the Clerk to report to the March meeting on the next steps to be taken.

534. REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR ELIZABETH EVANS

Councillor Evans reported as follows:

- the 2025-26 budget preparation was continuing with a Council Tax increase of 9.9% under consideration
- consideration of post-16 education in the County was still proceeding
- it was anticipated that there would be a 5% increase in harbour fees.

The meeting ended at 8:50pm