

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ABERAERON TOWN COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON TUESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2025 at 7:00pm**  
**AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, ABERAERON**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Aled Davies (Chairman); Councillors Tim Archer, Phill Davies, Darryl Evans, Elizabeth Evans, Lloyd Garvey, Rhodri Jones and Agnieszka Kalinowska.  
Denfer Morgan – Town Clerk

**535. APOLOGIES**

Councillors Rhys Davies and Diana Mace apologised for their inability to attend the meeting.

**536. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

The following Members disclosed a personal and prejudicial interest the application of the Aberaeron District Swimming Pool Committee for a financial contribution referred to in Minute 540 and left the committee room during consideration thereof.

Councillors Darryl Evans, Elizabeth Evans and Rhodri Jones

(The Clerk declared an interest in planning application A250123 referred to in Minute 541a) and left the committee room during consideration thereof.)

**537. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 10<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2025**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve, as a correct record, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025.

**538. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**a) Bollards at Bryn Road**

The Clerk stated that he had informed the County Council of this Council's decision and was awaiting a reply, emphasising that the Members' priority was the safety of pedestrians using the road. He also stated that he had been contacted by the owner of Carno House that morning who had indicated that he had been in negotiation with the developers of the former hospital site in respect of adjustments to the design of the proposed footway running alongside the development.

**b) Library relocation**

The Clerk reported that the Older People's Commissioner had indicated that they were still in contact with the County Council in respect of the representations made by them; and that no response had been received from the County Council in respect of the corporate complaint made by this Council.

### 539. FINANCE MATTERS

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

Invoice Details	Sum
SSE (Belle Vue Terrace)	£227.37
Telemat (wifi provision Jan-Feb 2025)	£84
Gwasg Aeron (Community Christmas Posters)	£55.20
<i>Clerk's Salary (Jan-Feb-March)</i>	
Denfer Morgan	£1,469.52
HMRC (PAYE)	£367.38
Clerk's administration costs	£189.67

### 540. APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Further consideration was given to the application of the Aberaeron and District Swimming Pool for financial assistance towards the cost of purchasing an inflatable obstacle course and with the purpose of holding inflatable fun sessions during weekends and school holidays, being capital expenditure at an estimated cost of £3,500-£4,000. A copy of their latest accounts had now been provided and the Clerk confirmed that a sum of £500 was included in the Council budget for such a contribution.

Following discussion, it was **RESOLVED** to contribute £500.

### 541. PLANNING MATTERS

Consideration was given to the undermentioned planning applications:

a) A250123 - 5 Masons Row, Aberaeron. Remove, change design and fit a new front door.

**Decision:** Support

b) A250111 - Noddfa, 2 Bellevue Terrace, Aberaeron. Proposed domestic garage to include removal of outhouse and rear boundary wall.

**Decision:** Support

### 542. COUNCIL LAND MATTERS

It was **RESOLVED** as follows:

a) **Square Field:**

- i) to agree to give a licence for the Ray Ceredigion Play day on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2025
- ii) to accept the quotation received from Goetre Villa Ltd for watering the trees at Square Field and Parc-y-fro in the sum of £2,462.40 (inc. VAT) and to consider future alternative arrangements for watering trees and plants at the appropriate time
- iii) to agree to commence discussions with Felinfach FC in respect of their request to use the football pitch on Square Field during the period when their pitch was being developed. It was also agreed to instruct the Clerk to

commence negotiations with Aberaeron FC in respect of licensing their use of Square Field to include a sum to reflect grass cuts over and above those provided for in the contract with the Council's contractor.

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

To accept the quotation received from Dyfrig Jones for installing 27 posts for repairing a section of the damaged fence in the sum of £1,420(inc. VAT)

c) **Allt-y-graig:**

To agree to the use of a section of the woodland by the Community Primary School for the purpose of a Forest School initiative and to clear the section identified by them for this purpose. The Clerk confirmed that the School would be required to undertake a risk assessment and provide evidence of public liability insurance.

**543. CEREDIGION COUNTY COUNCIL DEVOLVED SERVICES**

**Toilets**

The Clerk reported that he had received information from other town and community councils that the County Council had indicated that they were now not in a position to transfer toilets by way of a leasing arrangement and that it was understood that they would be proceeding by way of an SLA with those Councils who had agreed to take responsibility for toilets.

**544. DIGITAL PROJECTS UPDATE**

The current position was noted.

**545. ARRANGEMENTS FOR FILLING THE VACANCIES**

The Clerk reported that no demand had been received for an election and that the Council could now proceed with the process for co-opting persons to the two vacancies on the Council and it was **RESOLVED** to commence the process and report any applications received to the April meeting of the Council.

**546. VE DAY CELEBRATION**

Councillor Tim Archer requested Members to consider a suitable way the Council could contribute to the proposed event to commemorate and celebrate the VE Day Celebration on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** to produce a commemorative plaque to be presented to the Aberaeron Branch of the Royal British Legion on behalf of the people of the Town.

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

Councillor Evans reported as follows:

- the County Council had agreed a 9.3% increase in the Council Tax for 2025-26, with no reduction in expenditure in any service being proposed; and additional funding being provided for household waste collection and planning enforcement (intended to be self-funding) and road improvements
- in view of the lead being taken by town and community councils in providing children's play areas, steps were being taken to reintroduce this qualification in the community grant scheme
- businesses were showing an interest in being accommodated in a redeveloped County Hall
- Sea Defence Scheme:  
Councillor Evans stated that the intention for Quay Parade was for the existing benches to be returned for placing along the new wall. The timetable for completing the work was outlined. There were ongoing discussions about accessibility to South Beach.

**548. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

At the request of Councillor Phill Davies, it was agreed to request that the direction sign at the junction of Victoria Street and Market Street be re-aligned.

The meeting ended at 8:50pm