

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ABERAERON TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 10th JUNE 2025 at 7:00pm
AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, ABERAERON

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

585. APOLOGIES

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

586. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 13th MAY 2025

It was **RESOLVED** to approve, as a correct record, the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 13th May 2025.

587. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MONTHLY COUNCIL HELD ON 13th MAY 2025

It was **RESOLVED** to approve, as a correct record, the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council held on 13th May 2025.

588. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Bollards at Bryn Road To note that a meeting was being set up with the relevant County Council officer, who was in contact with the Clerk, in order to progress the matter.

589. FINANCE MATTERS

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the following payments;

| Invoice Details | Sum |
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| Clear Ltd (Insurance Renewal) | £819.96 |
| SSE (Belle Vue Terrace Electricity Supply) | £240.18 |
| Dŵr Cymru (Square Field Supply) | £24.23 |
| Nigel Bowen (Clerk's Reimbursement) | £546.90 |
| Dyfrig Jones (Parc-y-fro Fence Repairs) | £1,420 |
| Redlynch (Play Equipment Part) | £45.60 |
| OLP (Online Playgrounds) (Play Equipment Parts) | £87.80 |
| Audit Wales (2023-24 Audit Fee) | £355 |
| Telemat (wifi fee Apr-May-June) | £180 |
| <i>Clerk's Salary (Apr-May-June)</i> | |
| Denfer Morgan | £1,469.52 |
| HMRC (PAYE) | £367.38 |

590. PLANNING MATTERS

Consideration was given to the undermentioned planning applications:

- a) A250355 - 9 Bridge Street, Aberaeron. Re- roof house using existing slate, take down and rebuild 1no brick chimney, replace lead flashings to 3no chimneys

Decision: No objection.

- b) A250400 - The Old Mill, Water Street, Aberaeron. Re roof the main house, re point any defective areas of lime pointing (west and east facades), Fit 2no conservation roof lights, Fit 2no radiators in the utility and W/C, decorate west facade, replace rotten fascias and decorate, work to porch.

Decision: No objection.

- c) A240338 Wright Bookmakers, Wright Bookmakers Castle Lane, Aberaeron. *Removal of flat roof to provide first floor extension and change of use from betting shop into dwelling.*

To note that an appeal has been submitted to Planning and Environment Decisions Wales.

591. COUNCIL LAND MATTERS

It was **RESOLVED** as follows:

Square Field: It was noted that:

- a number of play equipment had been painted
- one exercise bike seat needed repairing

Parc-y-fro: It was noted that:

- a number of play equipment had been painted
- one baby swing seat had been replaced.

Allt-y-graig: A larger area had been cleared for use by the Primary School. The Clerk was requested to request the Council's contractor to proceed with the strimming of footpaths.

Banc Bach: No matters were reported.

592. SEA DEFENCE SCHEME / HARBOUR DEVELOPMENT

The Clerk reported the following responses received from the County Council to the three matters raised by this Council:

- a) **Restoration of the surface of Quay Parade.** It was confirmed that it was the original intention to resurface Quay Parade, however there is insufficient budget to do this.

- b) **Pwll Cam Inner Harbour.** The dredging of the inner harbour cannot be carried out with Flood Defence money.
- c) **The North Pier walkway.** The provision of railings were not part of the original works information and therefore no budget has been allocated to this.

Councillor Elizabeth Evans stated that discussions were underway between the County Council and Welsh Government with regard to funding the projected overspend which may result in finance being identified for these matters.

The need for parking restrictions on the landward side and in front of the floodgates at Quay Parade for traffic management reasons, including safeguarding access for emergency vehicles and preventing overnight parking. Councillor Elizabeth Evans stated that there were no proposals for any provision at present and it was **RESOLVED** to make representations to the County Council requesting parking restrictions.

Councillor Evans stated that she was following up the trip hazards identified previously and the need to renovate the benches before returning them.

593. CEREDIGION COUNTY COUNCIL DEVOLVED SERVICES - TOILETS

The Clerk reported further correspondence from the County Council Property Services stating confirming the original sum of £5,683.61 as the basis for the 2025-26 Service Level Agreement (SLA) and it was **RESOLVED** to accept the SLA and that it be signed by the Chairman.

594. DIGITAL PROJECTS UPDATE

The position with the initiatives was noted.

595. TRANSFORMING TOWNS – PLACEMAKING GRANT

The reply received from the County Council that they would be considering the Council's expression of interest for a Market Street development would be considered at an internal meeting after which they would contact this Council again.

596. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

It was agreed to consider the matter further at the next meeting of the Council.

597. CONSULTATION ON THE REVIEW OF HOUSEHOLD WASTE SITES

Consideration was given to the County Council Consultation on the Review of Household Waste Sites and, in particular, information produced by Councillor Tim Archer with regard to the proposal. Following discussion, it was **RESOLVED** to object to the proposal based on the following reasons:

- the site was well-used during the current three-day opening arrangements
- it could lead to congestion at the three remaining sites
- environmental impact – any closure of the site would add to travelling

- distances by users and increase emissions from vehicles
- any closure of the site would add to travelling times thus potentially inconveniencing users
- concern that this would lead to increased fly-tipping on private and public land.

598. COUNTY COUNCIL REVIEW OF THE 20mh SPEED LIMIT

The information provided by the County council on its of comprehensive review of the 20mph speed limits across the County, as required by Welsh Government, with no changes being recommended, was noted.

599. CEREDIGION COMMUNITY REVIEW

It was noted that the Final Recommendations of the Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru had been approved by Welsh Government, with confirmation that the number of Members would be reducing to eight, the change coming into effect at the May 227 elections.

600. HARBOUR FEES

The Chairman referred to a response received from the Leader of the County Council to previous representations made by this Council expressing concern about the adverse effect of increasing fees on the number of boats being moored at the Harbour and it was **RESOLVED** to make further enquiries as the basis of further representations in this regard.

601. REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR ELIZABETH EVANS

In addition to the information provided in respect of the Town Quay referred to in minute 592 above, the following was reported by Councillor Evans.

- the seasonal litter bin emptier had started and appeared to be doing a good job.
- The county Council was being pro-active and calling on residents and businesses who are found to be fly tipping
- Market Street - more discussions are happening regarding a re-design. There is grant funding available. Any design would have to go to public consultation.
- A group of businesses and I met with officers of the County Council to discuss their unhappiness at the impact of the harbour work on their businesses, and the lack of parking. Unfortunately, the data from the town sensors which can measure footfall, and time spent in the town, doesn't wholly support that view as footfall seems to be healthy (data from 2023 to May 2025). I've asked the County Council to talk me through the data in detail for sharing with you.
- A meeting had been held with NRW regarding milk spillages from tankers on junction of A487 with Panteg. They have investigated and concluded the spillages are not significant enough, however, because there is a combined sewer pipe at this location, they will refer to Dwr Cymru.

The meeting ended at 9:30pm