

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ABERAERON TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 8th JULY 2025 at 7:00pm
AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, ABERAERON

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

602. APOLOGIES

Councillors Aled Davies, Rhys Davies and Lloyd Garvey apologised for their inability to attend the meeting.

603. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Councillor Rhodri Jones disclosed a personal interest in the matter referred to in Minute 604 below – the proposal prepared by the Aberaeron Town Improvements Committee for the provision of Christmas lights in the town.

604. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Representatives of the Aberaeron Town Improvements Committee, Rhys ap Dylan and Huw Evans were welcomed to the meeting and proceeded to present the proposal they had prepared for the provision of Christmas lights in three areas of the town, namely Square Field, Market Street and Pwllcam.

The scheme was explained in detail, including quotations received for the cost of providing the lights and their installation – including labour costs - for each area. It was proposed to make an application for grant aid under the Cynnal y Cardi Transforming Towns Placemaking Grant programme and that, to this effect, preliminary discussions had already taken place with an officer of the County Council. The Council was requested to make such an application, with the full support of the Committee.

Members considered the proposal in detail and sought clarification of certain matters. Councillor Elizabeth Evans referred to two proposals from this Council and Cardigan Town Council already being considered by the County Council as the basis of possible applications and stated that she would add this scheme to discussions she was having with officers on these applications.

The two representatives then left the meeting.

It was **RESOLVED** to agree to submit a bid for a Transforming Towns Placemaking Grant in respect of the package of Christmas Lights for the Town as outlined in the presentation; and to agree to the offer of the Aberaeron Town Improvements Committee to lead on the project.

605. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MONTHLY COUNCIL HELD ON 10th JUNE 2025

It was **RESOLVED** to approve, as a correct record, the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council held on 10th June 2025.

606. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a) **Bollards at Bryn Road:** to note the information provided by Councillor Phill Davies.
- b) **Consultation on the Review of Household Waste Sites:** to approve the draft response subject to the deletion of the reference to public transport and that it be forwarded to the County Council.

607. FINANCE MATTERS

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

Invoice Details	Sum
Gwyn Jones (Internal Audit of 2024-25 Accounts)	£200
Teresa Tanahill (Street Cleaning May-June 2025 / 135 hours @ £16 per hour)	£2,160
ROSPA Playsafety (Annual Playground Inspections)	£225.60
Paul Hughes (1 st Footpaths Cut)	£378

608. ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2024-25

It was **RESOLVED**

- i) to note the contents of the Internal Auditor's Report on the Accounts and to act on the following
- to note that the level of reserves was considered adequate
 - to review and update the Asset Register and request the Clerk to report to a future meeting on the matter
 - to note the corrections made to the VAT element of a number of invoices which would be included in the VAT claim
- ii) to approve the 2024-25 Annual Accounts, as audited by the Internal Auditor, and to forward them to Audit Wales.

609. PLANNING MATTERS

Consideration was given to the undermentioned planning applications:

- a) A250439 (Householder) A250440 (LBC) - 2 Queen Street, Aberaeron.
Proposed ground floor extension, first floor extension to include demolition of existing lean-to extension

Decision: No objection.

- b) A250476 - 28 North Road, Aberaeron. Removal of condition 5 from planning permission D1/967/91LB (parking provision)

Decision: No objection.

610. COUNCIL LAND MATTERS

It was **RESOLVED** as follows:

Square Field:

- The Report of ROSPA playground inspection was noted and that action was in hand to deal with the recommendations
- A draft licence had been sent to Aberaeron FC and their comments were awaited
- A hand cut of the outside of the hedge had been undertaken
- A large hole had appeared in the hedge opposite Lloyd motors which required attention
- To request the Mayor and the Clerk to meet with Russell Horsey in order to discuss the contents of his email with regard to trees

Parc-y-fro:

- The Report of ROSPA playground inspection was noted and that action was in hand to deal with the recommendations

Allt-y-graig: The children of the Primary School were successfully using the space cleared for them.

611. SEA DEFENCE SCHEME / HARBOUR DEVELOPMENT

Councillor Elizabeth Evans stated that it was now proposed that all the work would be completed by the end of July.

The Clerk was discussing the re-placing of the festoon lights with the BAM Clerk of Works.

612. STREET CLEANING

The Clerk stated that the operative would now be increasing the hours worked by her for the duration of the holiday season.

613. DIGITAL PROJECTS UPDATE

The position with the initiatives was noted.

614. FRIENDS OF CEREDIGION MUSEUM

Councillor Tim Archer agreed to sit in in the monthly meetings of the Friends of the Ceredigion Museum.

615. CEREDIGION COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION ON ITS ENGAGEMENT AND PARTICIPATION POLICY

Consideration was given to the Ceredigion County Council Consultation on its Engagement and Participation Policy.

The Clerk referred to the experience of this Council in the way the County Council dealt with its representations on the Library Relocation Consultation, in that

- the online response form is designed for individuals and not town and community councils and organisations, and that the representations had then had to be sent via clic. This is also the case in respect of the current consultation on the Review of Household Waste Sites; and
- those representations had not been included in the Report presented to the Cabinet, necessitating the Clerk to send copies to individual Cabinet Members days before the meeting and after the agenda had been published.

It was therefore **RESOLVED** to request the County Council to ensure that the future policy include a method for town and community councils and other organisations to send representations and to ensure that they are reported to the Council, or its Cabinet or Committees with the other representations.

616. REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR ELIZABETH EVANS

- the first three-week three black bag collection arrangement had experienced
- the County Council was looking to relocate Hyfforddiant Ceredigion Training to the Lampeter University campus
- the Hywel Dda Clinical Services Plan Consultation was proceeding with a drop in session scheduled for 14th July at the Aberaeron Memorial Hall.

The meeting ended at 8:55pm