

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ABERAERON TOWN COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON TUESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2026 at 7:00pm**  
**AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, ABERAERON**

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

**675. APOLOGIES**

Councillors Darryl Evans and Agnieszka Kalinowska apologised for their inability to attend the meeting.

**676. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

The following Councillors disclosed a personal and prejudicial interest as noted and left the committee room during the consideration of those items:

Councillor Tim Archer - the request of the Air Ambulance referred to in minute 682a).

Councillor Elizabeth Evans – the request of the Aberaeron and District Swimming Pool Management Committee referred to in minute 683.

Councillor Rhodri Jones – planning application A250948 referred to in minute 681 and the request of the Aberaeron and District Swimming Pool Committee referred to in minute 683.

**677. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 9<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2025**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve, as a correct record, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2025.

**678. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Minute 665 - discussions with Aberaeron FC: to request Councillor Darryl Evans, Elizabeth Evans and Rhodri Jones to meet in order to discuss the revised draft licence sent to the Club.

Minute 665 – Harbour: to note that Councillor Archer would be drafting a response to the County Council on matters of concern raised previously.

Minute 665 – Festoon Lights. To report the faulty lights to the suppliers, Lite Ltd in accordance with the product guarantee.

Minute 668 – to request the Clerk to expedite discussions with the contractor to fill the holes at both playgrounds.

Minute 670 – to agree that the Community Christmas event be held on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2026.

**679. FINANCE MATTERS**

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

Invoice Details	Sum
Telemat (wifi provision Oct-Nov-Dec 2025)	£119
Teresa Tanahill (street cleaning November and	

December 102 hours @ £16 per hour) (Attachment B)	£1,632
Cllr Tim Archer (plants reimbursement)	£69.69
Dylan Jones (Grass Cutting Contract)	£8,540
MoleControl (dealing with Square Field rodent infestation)	£600

**680. TOWN GUIDE 2026**

It was **RESOLVED** to purchase the usual full page advertisement in the 2026 Town Guide, the content to be revised in accordance with the communications policy.

**681. PLANNING MATTERS**

Consideration was given to planning application *A250948 - Land Adj to Gwelfro Bryn Road, Aberaeron. Proposed Open Market Dwelling.*

**Decision:** To object to the application due to concerns that the proposed dwelling was not in keeping with the existing dwellings at that location and that it fell outside the LDP development line for the town.

**682. COUNCIL LAND MATTERS**

It was **RESOLVED** as follows:

**a) Square Field:**

Consideration was given to a request to use the Field for an Air Ambulance Fire Walk money-raising event on a date to be notified in March and it was **RESOLVED** to await further information for consideration at the February meeting.

**b) Parc-y-fro:** to remind Dylan Jones of the need to lop the tree at the playground.

**c)** Consideration was given to the request of Feelz On Wheelz, a mobile youth support café, for advice on possible locations to site their van in the spring and summer of 2026 and it was **RESOLVED** to advise them to contact the County Council for the identifying appropriate locations, including the furthest end of Quay Parade.

**d) Trees:** to arrange a site visit with Dylan Jones in order to deal with the diseased trees as identified in the previous Report and to liaise with Martin Williams in respect of the electricity wires affecting these trees. .

**683. ABERAERON AND DISTRICT SWIMMING POOL**

Consideration was given to the following:

**a) 2025-26 Financial Assistance:** the latest financial information received from the Pool Management Committee was noted and it was **RESOLVED** to approve the January payment of £1,400

**b) The request for financial assistance for 2026-27:** the information provided that discussions with Officers of the County Council in respect of electricity costs were proceeding and would be resolved shortly.

Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** to agree a contribution of £550, being this Council's usual annual contribution adjusted for inflation; and to agree to review the situation once clarity **was** received on the pool's budget for 2026-27.

**684. TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

Consideration was given to communications policy referred to in the Council's Business Plan and it was **RESOLVED** to agree in principle to produce a policy and to refer the matter to the Digital Sub-committee together with Councillor Diana Mace.

**685. STORAGE ARRANGEMENTS**

It was **RESOLVED** to make an inventory of items held by Members and the Clerk for consideration of providing a central store for these.

**686. HARBOUR MANAGEMENT BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL**

Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** to advise the County Council that, in this Council's opinion, all four gates on Quay Parade and the Pwllcam inner harbour gate be closed once a flood warning for the area is received and that they be re-opened once the flood warning or a subsequent flood alert was no longer in force.

**687. MARKET STREET REDEVELOPMENT**

Councillor Elizabeth Evans stated that the County Council was now proposing a revised scheme for the redevelopment of Market Street comprising redesigning the raised pavements and road configuration put in place during the Covid19 lockdown period which would result in enhanced parking facilities.

It was **RESOLVED** to support the scheme.

**688. WEEDING IN THE TOWN**

It was noted that the County Council had confirmed that its policy was to undertake the weeding of streets, pavements and public areas in the Town as and when resources were available. With regard to the request of this Council's street cleaning contractor for a meeting with Members in order to discuss certain concerns about the service being provided by the County Council, to inform the contractor that it was not appropriate as the matters raised referred to the supervision and management of County Council services and that they be requested to continue to provide the street cleaning service which was appreciated and commented on as being of a high standard.

**689. DIGITAL PROJECTS UPDATE**

- a) app – the Clerk had not received any additional information to date from the provider and no provision was being made in the 2026-27 budget for an app
- b) The webcam was fully operational
- c) It was agreed to locate the photopoint for discussion as to its siting

d) Councillor Aled Davies reported on the existing locations of the sensors installed by the County Council, in particular on Rhiwgoch, and the information being obtained from them. It was noted that the County Council was ready to consider installing additional sensors and locations suggested were the harbour and river levels. Members were invited to think of suitable locations. Councillor Elizabeth Evans was also request to obtain a copy of the wifi contract with the County Council.

#### **690. HARBOUR MATTERS**

Consideration was given to several matters.

In the first instance reference was made to the shale collecting at the southern side of the harbour entrance and Councillor Elizabeth Evans referred to the action being taken by the County Council in relation to this including ongoing discussions with the scheme's design consultants. The County Council would be dredging the shale bank shortly. It also appeared that it would be the responsibility of the County Council to meet the cost of any work identified as being additional to the original contracted work, estimated to be £4.1m to be met from its reserves.

Secondly, reference was made to the erosion of South Beach and the shingle bank which was being attended to.

It was noted that the boats were due to return to the harbour on 21<sup>st</sup> April.

Budget discussions were indicating that there would be a 5% increase in mooring fees.

#### **691. TIDY TOWNS GRANT SCHEME**

Consideration was given to the terms of the proposed Tidy Towns Grant Scheme whereby a sum of £10,000 was available for the financing of schemes to enhance the appearance of the Town.

It was **RESOLVED** to produce a bid based on the Scheme's Guidelines and to authorise the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillor Elizabeth Evans and the Clerk to agree its contents.

#### **692. 2026-27 BUDGET, PRECEPT AND COUNCIL TAX**

Consideration was given to the Draft Budget produced by the Clerk for discussion by Members.

There followed a detailed discussion of the Council's budgetary requirements in the context of the services proposed to be delivered during the 2026-27 financial year.

This included discussion of the contribution to be made to the Aberaeron and District Swimming Pool as referred to in the decision recorded in minute 683 above and it was agreed to adjust the budget headings to accommodate this decision.

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

- i) an increase of 4% in the Council Tax;
- ii) a Budget for 2026-27 in the sum of £64,875;
- iii) a Precept in the sum of £55,083; and
- iv) a Council Tax for Band D properties in the sum of £65.57.

**693. CEREDIGION COMMUNITY REVIEW**

It was agreed that the Mayor and the Clerk sit in the One Voice Wales webinars on the Ceredigion Community Review.

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

Councillor Evans reported the following:

- she was dealing with ongoing problems with visibility on the Bryn Road / Princes Avenue junction connected to the construction works
- pot-holes were constantly being reported
- the A482 was scheduled to be resurfaced from the start of Princes Avenue to the Vicarage Hill roundabout.

The meeting ended at 10:00pm