

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ABERAERON TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 10th FEBRUARY 2026 at 7:00pm
AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, ABERAERON

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

695. APOLOGIES

Councillors Tim Archer and Rhys Davies apologised for their inability to attend the meeting.

696. PROCEDURE

In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Tim Archer, the Meeting was chaired by the Vice Chairman, Councillor Rhodri Jones.

697. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Councillor Phill Davies disclosed a personal and prejudicial interest in planning applications *A260016, A260024(Household) and A260025 (LBC) Beryl House, 22 North Road, Aberaeron* referred to in minute 701 and left the committee room during the consideration of those items.

Councillor Elizabeth Evans stated that she had received a dispensation from the Ceredigion Standards Committee to speak and vote on matters relating to the Aberaeron Swimming Pool as recorded in minute xxxx

698. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 13th JANUARY 2026

It was **RESOLVED** to approve, as a correct record, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 13th January 2026.

699. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Minute 678 - discussions with Aberaeron FC: a meeting needed to be arranged
Minute 678 – Festoon Lights. It was noted that new bulbs had been ordered and Martin Williams had been requested to install them.

Minute 678 – to request the Clerk to expedite discussions with the contractor to fill the holes on the surface of both playgrounds.

Minute 685 – storage requirements – Members were reminded to provide the Clerk with details of the Council equipment being kept by them in order to produce an inventory for the purpose of identifying storage requirements.

Minute 689 – Councillor Elizabeth Evans stated that advice had been received from the County Council that the wifi contract would be renewed automatically

700. FINANCE MATTERS

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

Invoice Details	Sum
SSE (Quay Parade)	£16.90

Agrigem (weedkiller) (Cllr Garvey reimbursement)	£60.89
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701. PLANNING MATTERS

Consideration was given to the following planning applications:-

- a) A260016 - Beryl House, 22 North Road, Aberaeron. Proposed minor alterations to Beryl House includes the installation of secondary glazing to front facade windows and installation of 2 no. wood stoves to main living areas. (
Decision: No objection
- b) A260024(Household) / A260025 (LBC) - Beryl House, 22 North Road, Aberaeron. Proposed works involve the installation of a new boiler and flue to be located in the conservatory extension and installation of associated oil tank to rear garden.
Decision: No objection
- c) A260063 / 064 Noddfa, 2 Belle Vue Terrace, Aberaeron. Proposed domestic garage to include removal of outhouse and rear boundary wall
Decision: No objection

702. COUNCIL LAND MATTERS

It was **RESOLVED** as follows:

a) **Square Field:**

Following receipt of the requested additional information from Air Ambulance Wales for a Fire Walk money-raising event on 10th April 2026 it was **RESOLVED** to agree to the request subject to the usual licensing conditions.

Consideration was given to the request of the Peregrine Circus to use the Field for the purpose of holding a circus and, following discussion, it was **RESOLVED** to request the applicants to consider enquiring of the Rugby Club whether their fields could be used as Members thought that this location would be more appropriate with regard to parking and other facilities.

- b) **Trees:** to note that a site visit had taken place with Dylan Jones and the diseased trees would be felled and the tree overhanging the adjoining garage at Parc-y-fro lopped.

703. 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 February payment of £1,400
- b) **2026-27 update:**

Councillor Elizabeth Evans updated Members on the current situation which included the following developments:

- The County Council had agreed to finance the installation of a new smart meter from central funds which would regularise the recording of electricity usage the between the Pool and the Comprehensive School
- The Comprehensive School was being requested to contribute a sum of £6,000 during the current financial year in order to meet the current imbalance in the financing of the electricity supply
- An additional £11,000 had been secured in the County Council annual grant, commencing in the next financial year.

704. DIGITAL PROJECTS UPDATE

- a) Town 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 and that the contract be terminated.
- b) To ascertain whether the webcam was fully operational
- c) It was noted that the photopoint was being stored by the manufacturers and to discuss with the Rugby Club whether it would agree to site it for a temporary period.
- d) Sensors: it was agreed to pursue the suggestion that sensors be placed on the gates to the Square Field and Parc-y-fro playgrounds and to trial placing one sensor at Parc-y-fro in the first instance..

705. HARBOUR MATTERS

Consideration was given to an update by Councillor Elizabeth Evans on several matters.

The County Council had appointed contractors to commence dredging the shale bank shortly, to be deposited at South Beach, which was then in line to be re-profiled. Atkins, the Scheme's Consultants, were investigating the option of lengthening the South Pier as a means of preventing the build-up of shale.

The resurfacing of the remaining area of the north pier which needed attention would commence shortly.

706. TIDY TOWNS GRANT SCHEME

The Clerk had circulated a copy of the final bid sent to Cynnal y Cardi in the sum of £10,018 and it was **RESOLVED** to request the Clerk to progress the projects in line with the revised deadline of 31st May 2026.

707. QUOTATIONS FOR COUNCIL SERVICES

It was **RESOLVED** to seek quotations for:

- the provision of the grass-cutting service at Square Field, Parc-y-fro and green areas of the Town for the next three-year period
- the provision of the street cleaning service for 2026-27

708. ABERAERON MEN'S SHED

Consideration was given to a request for a contribution of £200 towards the running costs of the Aberaeron Men's Shed.

It was **RESOLVED** to defer consideration of the request for the receipt of the latest accounts.

709. SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the draft Social Media Policy as circulated and to give further consideration to the matter at the next meeting.

710. REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR ELIZABETH EVANS

Councillor Evans reported the following:

- the County Council were considering a 4.75% increase in the Council Tax
- consideration was being given to increase school budgets by 4.1%
- the proposed resurfacing of Princes Avenue, Alban Square and Vicarage Hill would not include the area in front of the former hospital site development
- pot-holes were being reported and were being attended to in accordance with a schedule of priorities
- a business case was being prepared for an extension to the Primary School for submitting to Welsh Government
- the black metal bins were being replaced by plastic bins (with flaps)
- an update on the proposed improvements to the Allt-y-graig road had been requested

Councillor Garvey reported rubbish being deposited in the wooded area below Pengarreg.

In reply to a question from Councillor Kalinowska, Councillor Evans stated that no information had been received with regard to the problem with visibility at the Bryn Road junction.

The meeting ended at 8:40pm