

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

PRESENT: Councillor Tim Archer (Chairman); Councillors Rhys Davies, Phill Davies, Darryl Evans, Elizabeth Evans, Lloyd Garvey, Rhodri Jones and Agnieszka Kalinowska.

Denfer Morgan – Town Clerk

711. APOLOGIES

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

712. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Councillors Lloyd Garvey and Rhodri Jones disclosed a personal and prejudicial interest in planning application A260106 referred to in minute 716b) below and left the room during consideration thereof.

Councillor Elizabeth Evans stated that she had received a dispensation from the Ceredigion Ethics and Standards Committee to speak and vote on matters relating to the Aberaeron Swimming Pool as recorded in minute 718.

713. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 10th FEBRUARY 2026

It was **RESOLVED** to approve, as a correct record, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 10th February 2026 subject to correcting the reference to 'xxxx' in minute 697 to '703'.

714. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Minute 699 - discussions with Aberaeron FC: Councillor Elizabeth Evans stated that she had discussed the situation with a representative of the Football Club and that the Club would be taking steps to complete the Square Field licence.

Minute 699 – 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.

715. FINANCE MATTERS

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

Invoice Details	Sum
SSE (Belle Vue Terrace Lights Dec-Feb Qtr)	£317.52
SSE (Quay Parade Lights Dec-Feb Qtr)	£277.25
<i>Clerk's Salary (Qtr 4 Jan-Feb-March)</i>	
Denfer Morgan	£1,517.36
HMRC (PAYE)	£379.34
Clerk's administration costs (12 months)	£127.99

716. PLANNING MATTERS

Consideration was given to the following planning applications:-

- a) Applications A260099/100 - 2 Queen Street, Aberaeron. Proposed Extension & Alterations
Decision: No objection
- b) A260106 - Tremle, South Road, Aberaeron. Replacement Dwelling
Decision: No objection

717. COUNCIL LAND MATTERS

It was **RESOLVED** as follows:

a) **Square Field:**

Consideration was given to the following requests for the use of the Field and the decisions as recorded were taken:

Peregrine Circus: further consideration was given to this application in accordance with the information provided by the applicant. Several Members stated that they were still of the opinion that an edge of town location would be more appropriate for the holding of such an event as it appeared was the case in other towns. It was felt that the Field, located in the centre of the Town and with residential properties located on two sides, was not suitable for the siting of caravans for a period of several days; and that an edge of town site would also provide better parking facilities for those attending the circus.

It was **RESOLVED** not to agree to the request for the reasons outlined above and to suggest again that the applicant considers enquiring of the Rugby Club whether their fields could be used.

Ceredigion Costcutter League Cup Final: to approve the use of the Field on easter Monday 6th April.

b) Banc Bach: it was agreed to follow up the positioning of an electric fence alongside a section of nearby footpath.

718. 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 March payment of £1,400
- b) **2026-27 update:**
Councillor Elizabeth Evans stated that matters were progressing with regard to the changes in the financing of the electricity supply for the Pool.

719. DIGITAL PROJECTS UPDATE

- a) The data collected was reported, discussed and noted.
- b) 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.
- c) Sensors: it was **RESOLVED** to order the recommended LoRaWAN people counter for placing on one gate at the Parc-y-fro playground.

720. HARBOUR MATTERS

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

The dredging the shale bank had been undertaken but it had reappeared.

She was making representations following the decision of the County Council to cancel the next scheduled meeting of the Harbour Users Committee due to it falling within the “pre-election period” being implemented by that Council.

721. TIDY TOWNS GRANT SCHEME

The Clerk advised that arrangements were proceeding to discuss the proposals for the siting of the planters, the power washing of surfaces and the renovation of benches with the County Highways Authority and the Trunk Road Agency, as required by Cynnal y Cardi.

722. SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

It was **RESOLVED** that the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and the Clerk progress a policy.

723. QUOTATIONS FOR COUNCIL SERVICES

It was **RESOLVED** to as follows:-

- i) **Three-year grass cutting contract:** To accept the quotation received from Dylan Jones 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 in the following sums. The Clerk advised that the prices submitted for 2026-27 were within the total budget provision and that suitable funds would be provided for the following two years.

Year	Square Field	Parc-y-fro	Green Areas
2026-27	£3,640	£2,640	£2,400
2027-28	£3,830	£2,730	£2,400
2028-29	£4,060	£2,890	£2,400

- ii) **2026-27 street cleaning contract:** To request the Clerk to make arrangements to advertise the contract for the provision of the street cleaning service

for 2026-27 w.e.f. 1st May 2026 and to extend the current contract until 30th April.

724. REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR ELIZABETH EVANS

Councillor Evans reported the following:

- The road leading to the properties at Allt-y-graig was regularly being inspected for subsidence
- Water Street has not been given high priority in the schedule for repairing pot-holes
- Damage to toilets caused by vandalism was being dealt with but there was no date given for the re-opening of the toilets at Castle Lane
- A new Police Sergeant had been appointed for the town and a request had been made for increased communication with the Council
- Work was underway to improve the coastal footpath south of South Beach
- A request had been made to increase the policing of vehicles parked adjacent to dropped kerbs following two recent accidents involving injuries
- A person found responsible for fly-tipping at Castle Lane had been identified and was being dealt with.

725. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Cob statue: reference was made to a proposal by Ray Ceredigion to cover the Cob statue with textile knitted squares as part of their celebrations in August and the Clerk was requested to seek further information.
- b) Lookout Tower on the Quay: to request the Clerk to investigate its ownership in order to arrange repairs to the metal steps as a matter of urgency.

The meeting ended at 8:45pm