

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ABERAERON TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 14th APRIL 2026 at 7:00pm
AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, ABERAERON

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

Denfer Morgan – Town Clerk

726. APOLOGIES

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

727. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

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 and District Swimming Pool as recorded in minute 729.

728. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 10th MARCH 2026

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

729. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Minute 714 - 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 714 – 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 718 – Aberaeron and District Swimming Pool. The Members of the Council serving on the Pool Management Committee advised as follows:

- The Committee had recorded and was extended its significant thanks to this Council for its financial contribution during the 2025-26 financial year which had ensured the Pool's continuation
- The current figures for usage were encouraging, including popular swimming clubs, and tribute was paid to the hard-working Manager and staff
- The new County Council annual grant of £11,000 would be paid in three tranches during this financial year
- With regard to the electricity supply, the payment of the outstanding sum of money from the Comprehensive School was awaited and both the Pool and the School would benefit from the installation of the new electricity meter

Minute 722 – Social Media Policy – Councillor Rhodri Jones stated that he would circulate again the media guidelines.

Minute 725 – lookout tower. The Clerk advised that the ownership had been transferred to the Town Council and he was asked to ensure that it was included in the asset register and the insurance policy.

730. **FINANCE MATTERS**

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

Invoice Details	Sum
One Voice Wales (Annual Membership Fee)	£360
AaBbCc (translation of minutes Sept-Feb (6))	£557.95
Teresa Tanhaill (Street Cleaning Jan-March 2026)	£2,416

731. **PLANNING MATTERS**

Consideration was given to planning application A260182 - Old Mill, Water Street, Aberaeron. Renew wooden conservatory Install a wood burner and black flue.

Decision: No objection.

732. **COUNCIL LAND MATTERS**

It was **RESOLVED** as follows:

a) **Square Field:**

- To confirm the use of the Field on 17th July for the Air Ambulance Fire Walk
- To approve the request of Ray Ceredigion to cover the Welsh Cob statue and some of the gates to the field textile squares celebrating 'RAY and 25 years'; and to request confirmation of the time they would be in place.
- To approve request for the use of the Field for the Ceredigion Ladies League Cup Final Third Place play-off and Final on 8th and 15th May if confirmation was received that it was required by them
- To approve the request for the use of the Field for the Annual Carnival (Bank Holiday Monday 31st August) between Sunday 30th August and Tuesday 1st September

With regard to the decayed trees identified on the Field, to note the advice of Councillor Lloyd Garvey that the County Council Tree and Hedgerows Officer had agreed that the hawthorn tree be felled but that any work on the white beam be deferred until a survey had been undertaken; and it was **RESOLVED** to request Wilson Tree Surveys to re-survey the trees at square Field and Parc-y-fro.

b) **Playgrounds:** to request the Clerk to obtain a firm date for the repairs to the safety surfacing to be undertaken.

c) **Banc Bach (Tanrallt):** to request the Clerk to follow up the notification given by this Council of its interest in acquiring Tanrallt for amenity purposes.

733. DIGITAL PROJECTS UPDATE

- a) The Clerk had shared a photograph of the photopoint sign with the Members beforehand and it was agreed to discuss with the Rugby Club whether it would agree to site it for a temporary period.
- b) Sensors: the Clerk stated that the order for the LoRaWAN people counter for placing on one gate at the Parc-y-fro playground was being made.

734. HARBOUR MATTERS

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

The annual dredging of the Harbour had been completed.

Dredging the shingle bank at the Harbour entrance would be undertaken during the period 16th-23rd April. With regard to the south pier, the Consultants were progressing their survey for identifying a permanent solution to prevent the build-up of shingle; and that, in the meantime, temporary action was being taken to increase its height with boulders, but this would not involve its lengthening.

She stated that a new Harbours Manager had been appointed by the County Council and she would be meeting her shortly to discuss all relevant matters concerning the management of the Harbour.

735. TIDY TOWNS GRANT SCHEME

Consideration was given to the update provided by the Clerk. He stated that a written agreement had finally been received on 8th April which he had signed and returned.

Arrangements were being finalised with regard to the siting of the planters, the power washing of surfaces and the renovation of benches.

With regard to the painting of the benches, it was **RESOLVED** to reimburse the contractor, Nigel Bowen, with the cost of the paint, stain and other consumables which had not been included in the bid.

736. QUOTATIONS FOR COUNCIL SERVICES

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

- i) **2026-27 street cleaning contract:** To accept the only quotation received being that of Teresa Tanahill in the sum of £17,000
- ii) **Footpath Cutting contract:** To accept the quotation of Paul Hughes in the sum of £980.

737. ABERAERON MEN'S SHED

Further consideration was given to the application for financial assistance from the Aberaeron Men's Shed and it was **RESOLVED** to agree to contribute £100.

738. REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR ELIZABETH EVANS

Councillor Evans reported the following:

- Incidents of fly-tipping were being pursued by Officers of the County Council
- The Castle Lane toilets remained to be repaired as the County Council was investigating making an insurance claim in respect of the damage together with damage to a public toilet in Lampeter. The Police had advised that no action could be taken despite there being limited evidence of the incident where the Quay Parade toilets had been damaged
- Discussions were underway with Officers in respect of concerns about obstacles being created by the placing of A frames on pavements
- Officers had been requested to progress the application to List the Chalybeate Well.

The meeting ended at 8:30pm