

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF CYNGOR TREF ABERAERON HELD ON
TUESDAY 12TH MAY 2026 AT ABERAERON MEMORIAL HALL AT 7.00pm**

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

739. ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR 2026-27

It was proposed and duly seconded and unanimously **RESOLVED** to elect Councillor Rhodri Jones as the Town Mayor for the 2026-27 municipal year.

Councillor Jones paid tribute to the work undertaken by Councillor Tim Archer during his year in office and conveyed the Council's appreciation for the service and contribution made by him to the Council and to the community in general.

740. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

The newly elected Town Mayor, Councillor Rhodri Jones, signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

741 APOLOGIES

Councillors Rhys Davies and Elizabeth Evans apologised for their inability to attend the meeting.

742. TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT ON HIS YEAR IN OFFICE

Councillor Tim Archer, the out-going Town Mayor, thanked his fellow Members for their support and assistance during his term and presented his report on his year in office.

743. ELECTION OF DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR 2026-27

It was proposed and duly seconded and unanimously **RESOLVED** to elect Councillor Phill Davies as the Deputy Town Mayor for the 2026-27 municipal year.

744. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

The newly elected Deputy Town Mayor, Councillor Phill Davies, signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

745. MEMBERSHIP OF OUTSIDE BODIES

It was **RESOLVED** to appoint:

- i) The Clerk as the Council's representative on the One Voice Wales Ceredigion Area Committee; and
- ii) Councillor Tim Archer to continue as the Council's Representative on the Aberaeron and District Swimming Pool Committee

It was noted that the Town Mayor was an Honorary Member of the Rotarians.

746. APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR

It was **RESOLVED** to appoint Mr Gwyn Jones as the Internal Auditor for the 2025-26 Annual Accounts.

747. MEMBERS PAYMENTS SCHEME 2026-27

Consideration was given to the recommendations of the Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru dated February 2026 and it was **RESOLVED** to adopt the following Scheme for 2026-27:

Allowances Included in the Scheme

Care costs
Extra Costs Payment / Set Payment for Consumables
Travel and Subsistence
Overnight Stay

Allowances Not Included in the Scheme

Senior Role
Mayor or Chair
Deputy Mayor or Vice Chair
Financial Loss
Attendance Allowance

The meeting closed at 7.20 pm.

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748. APOLOGIES

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749. PERSONAL

Members noted the passing of Mrs Kay Pascoe, the widow of former Councillor and Town Mayor, Mr Alan Pascoe, and both respected teachers in the Town.

750. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 14th APRIL 2026

It was **RESOLVED** to approve, as a correct record, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 14th April 2026.

751. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Minute 729 - discussions with Aberaeron FC: The Clerk was requested to forward again a copy of the draft licence with a view to having an early meeting with representatives of the Club.

Minute 729 – 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.

752. FINANCE MATTERS

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

Invoice Details	Sum
Antur Teifi (wifi provision Jan-Feb-March)	£126
Shaw and Sons (Binding of two Minute Books)	£415.20
Urban Recreation (playground safety surfacing repairs)	£4,800
Teresa Tanahill (April Invoice)	£1,004

753. PLANNING MATTERS

Consideration was given to planning application

- a) A260253 - Tegfan, Aberaeron. (Reserved Matters) Condition 3 - Details of the access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of the proposed dwelling. Condition 6 - Reptile Mitigation Method Statement provided as additional information to satisfy condition

Decision: To note the application.

- b) A260256 - British Red Cross, 3 Market Street, Aberaeron. Replacement of existing external signage with a new panel

Decision: No objection.

754. COUNCIL LAND MATTERS

It was **RESOLVED** as follows:

- a) **Parc-y-fro:** to monitor the trailers being parked in a corner of the field.
- b) **Banc Bach (Tanrallt):** to note the action being taken to complete the acquisition as previously authorised by the Council.

755. DIGITAL PROJECTS UPDATE

- a) The Chairman stated Mr John Lewis had agreed to store the photopoint sign on a temporary basis and that arrangements were now in hand to deliver it to his yard in order to assist with a decision as to its eventual permanent siting
- b) **Sensors:** the Clerk stated that the order for the LoRaWAN people counter for placing on one gate at the Parc-y-fro playground had been made and would be delivered when in stock.

756. HARBOUR MATTERS

Councillor Tim Archer stated that some 28 vessels had obtained moorings for the current season, down from 44 and around 90 pre-Covid. It appeared that several were being sold and that there was a number of smaller vessels obtaining moorings.

The shale at the Harbour mouth had been cleared again and it was envisaged that taking this action in April should last some twelve months with the next scheduled dredging in April 2027.

Councillor Elizabeth Evans' report included a note stating that the south pier could not be raised higher with rocks at present as Natural Resources Wales required an appropriate licence for the work.

757. TIDY TOWNS GRANT SCHEME

Consideration was given to the update provided by the Clerk.

The siting of the planters, the power washing of surfaces and the renovation of benches were proceeding. Councillors Darryl Evans and Rhodri Jones agreed to view the broken slats on the benches at the Alban Square bus stop and arrange the necessary repairs.

The Clerk stated that the invoices for all the work being undertaken needed to be settled before 31st May and it was **RESOLVED** to give delegated authority to the Clerk to pay the following invoices and to submit the claim to Cynnal y Cardi:-

Nigel Bowen (painting of benches, playground equipment etc.)

Llanarth Garden Centre (supply of plants and tubs)

Bright Black (power washing of pavements)

Amazon UK (supply of litter pickers and hi vis vests) (Clerk's reimbursement for card payment)

758. LAURA McCABE DANCE ACADEMY

Consideration was given to a request for support from the Laura McCabe Dance Academy in helping a group of six local young dancers who have been selected to represent Wales at the Dance World Cup Finals. It was noted that the current and previous Town Mayor would be making contributions from the Town Mayor's Fund.

759. REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR ELIZABETH EVANS

The following matters had been received from Councillor Evans for reporting:

- Further information was awaited in respect of the County Council toilets in the Town
- All yellow lines had been re-painted on roads in the Town
- She had requested that signage be provided on approaches to the river and the breakwater asking cyclists to dismount and that they should be in place shortly
- NRW had investigated milk spillages from tankers at the Panteg / A487 junction but had decided that no action needed to be taken as it was not significant enough but that nearby residents remained unhappy with foul odour
- Fly tipping continued in the Town and she had requested Officers to work constructively with identified residents
- She had asked for the repairs to the road surfaces at Water Street and Albert Street to be expedited
- She was awaiting information about the proposed re-design of Market Street and County Hall.

760. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Rhodri Jones proposed and it was agreed to raise again with the Local Highway Authority this Council's contention that the double white lines at the South Road corner leading from Vicarage Hill should be replaced by double yellow lines which would clarify prohibition of parking as this is what caused the problem in this area and not overtaking by vehicles.

Councillor Tim Archer proposed and it was agreed to extend an invitation to the six Members who had been elected to serve the Region in the Senedd.

The meeting ended at 8:15pm