**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CYNGOR TREF ABERAERON**
**HELD ON TUESDAY 13th OCTOBER 2026 at 7:00pm**
**AT THE COMMITTEE ROOM, MEMORIAL HALL, ABERAERON**

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

## 807. APOLOGIES

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

## 808. MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 8th SEPTEMBER 2026

It was **RESOLVED** to approve, as a correct record, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 8th September 2026.

## 809. FINANCE MATTERS

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

| Invoice Details | Sum |
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| Teresa Tanahill (Street Cleaning September 2026 – 114.25 hours @ £17 per hour) | £1,942.25 |
| Telemat / Antur Teifi (wifi provision April/May/June) | £128 |

## 810. BALCHDER BRO / PRIDE IN PLACE MARKET STREET PROPOSALS

Consideration was given to the Draft Proposals of the County Council under the Balchder Bro / Pride in Place funding opportunity with the purpose of improving the appearance and pedestrian access of Market Street. The Chairman conveyed the information on the proposals following his discussion with Councillor Elizabeth Evans who had received a previous presentation on the matter and had submitted amendments which had been incorporated in this draft.

Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** to submit the following comments on the proposals:

| Proposal | Town Council Response |
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| Review opportunities to enhance parallel parking and loading provision adjacent to the Cadwgan Inn and Market Street Car Park | To support the deletion of this proposal. However, the Council requests you to replace the current pavement slabs to match the new paving being installed on both sides of Market Street between the Victoria Street and Bridge Street junctions; and also to tarmac the whole length of Market Street from the Cadwgan corner to the Bridge Steet junction. These steps will ensure an |

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| | uniformity of pavements and carriageway along the whole length of Market Street, irrespective of improvements being taken or not. |
| Remove the existing chicane at the Victoria Street/ Market Street junction | To support this proposal. |
| Increase the size of existing planting areas to create stronger focal points and seasonal interest within public realm | To support the provision of the new wider pavements and the narrowing of the carriageway between the Victoria Street and the Bridge Street junctions. The Council also recommends the planting of a number of trees and the provision of permanent stone planters on the enhanced pavement on the northern side of Market Street (in front of Costcutters etc) These could also incorporate seating areas |
| Introduce 2No. Street trees within soft landscaping or footway to frame and soften the Town Hall entrance | Not to support the provision of two large trees on the Town Hall forecourt but that the area should comprise softer landscaping such as planters which incorporate benches facing away from the road.<br>Keep the right hand side (as you face it ) of Town Hall clear for things like Rememberance Day, Christmas etc. |
| Replace existing bollards with planters, where appropriate, to prevent antisocial parking and enhance public realm | Whilst supporting the provision of additional permanent planters, bollards should be kept for safety reasons at appropriate places. |
| Loading bay | Question the need for the loading bay o/s Morgan & Davies.<br>Would it be better further up towards Bridge street, then moving the disabled spots down. |
| Plants | Need to consider the relocation of existing planting outside Town Hall to re-use majority where possible. The Town Council are preapred to take over the ongoing maintenance but initial planting costs must be borne by the scheme. |

## 811. COUNCIL LAND MATTERS

It was **RESOLVED** as follows:

**a) Square Field:**

To approve the following requests for the use of the Field for the following events in 2027:
Garden Festival – 30th/31st May
Ceredigion Nature Festival – 3rd or 10th July (to be confirmed)
West Wales Shire Horses Show 25th July
Ray Ceredigion Play Day – 4th August
Annual Carnival – Bank Holiday Monday 30th August

and to provide the Football Club with this information.

**b) Parc-y-fro:**

Councillor Lloyd Garvey conveyed the request of the Ceredigion Local Nature Partnership for the siting of a swift tower, information board and swift caller and for the Council to donate a hedgehog box at a suitable location in Parc-y-Fro. It was **RESOLVED** to request a formal application to be made to the Council in this regard.

**c) Allt-y-graig:** to proceed with arrangements to deal with diseased trees which had been identified as needing attention

d) **Banc Bach:** to arrange an inspection of the site.

## 812. DIGITAL PROJECTS UPDATE

a) The photopoint sign had still to be delivered and the Clerk was requested to press the supplier for it to be delivered.

b) The LoRaWAN people counter had now been delivered and it was agreed to arrange for its installation at Parc-y-fro.

## 813. HARBOUR MATTERS

Councillor Elizabeth Evans had supplied the following information:

She continued to make representations to the County Council regarding the rationale for flood gate closures.

Officers of the County Council were monitoring the continued build-up of sand alongside the south pier.

The boats were due to be lifted out of the harbour on Thursday this week.

## 814. COMUNITY CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS

Consideration was given Community Christmas arrangements 2026 which would be held on Friday 27th November.

It was agreed to commence preparations by circulating the usual ‘to-do’ list to Members.

## 815. REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR ELIZABETH EVANS

Councillor Evans had provided the following information to the Clerk prior to the meeting:

1. With regard to the Motion to Council in respect of the Community Boundary Review, the Motion passed but not easily. I argued about the boundary changes more generally, but I couldn't be too specific about the reduction in Councillors, as we have only been about 8 in attendance at one time in the last year, so I kept it general.
2. Castle Street toilets are open following the completion of the repairs; however, I have requested basic upgrades to make them as vandal-proof as possible.
3. I've written to the brewery regarding the unsightly appearance of The Royal Oak and asked the County Council to inspect the condition of the slates on the roof.
4. The big wheely bins will be removed after the October half term.
5. I continue to have regular meetings with the police. Their increased patrols on foot and by car are making a difference. They are also targeting parking obstructions in town, and boy racers (one in particular) in the Regent Street, North beach car park area. I have spoken to the parents of the boy racer to make them aware. They were very appreciative. Let’s see if he continues.
6. Fly tipping in town continues and the service have been very pro-active in tracking fly-tippers down and helping them understand what to do. A particular problem is the purple bags of nappies every week in Market Street, they have been given the timetable but continue to fly-tip.
7. The conclusions of the on-street parking ‘yellow lines’ review will go out to consultation once the paper goes to cabinet.
8. All applications for road closures for events, or licenses on council land, need to be submitted three months in advance.
9. Usual amount of casework but no common patterns emerging.
10. I have asked for better signing for ‘no dogs’ on south beach.

11. I have asked the County Council for the re-commencement of the testing of water quality on South Beach, and also for North Beach, with a view to regaining the Town’s Rural Beach Flag. There was push-back due to the cost, but I’m pursuing this with vigour as it is so important for Aberaeron to give swimmers and water users both local and visiting, that assurance. (Also, whilst Dŵr Cymru do regular testing of water quality at North Beach, and despite being reported to me as being excellent, their data can’t be used.

**816. <u>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u>**

The following was agreed:

- To refer to the County Council the problem of blocked drains in the town
- the problem with debris being deposited on Bryn Road
- the need to review the redundant fingerposts
- to check the street cleaner's winter hours to enable a community litter picks to be undertaken.

The meeting ended at 8:10pm