



Cyngor Tref Rhydaman
Ammanford Town Council

Minutes of the EMERGENCY EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of Ammanford Town Council held on 27th May 2025 in Ammanford Town Hall and via MS Teams

Meeting commenced at 18:00

The Mayor, Cllr. Heulwen Howells presided over the meeting.

Present:

- Cllr Heulwen Howells (Mayor)
- Cllr Anthony Jones
- Cllr Johnny Owen
- Cllr Clare Hope
- Cllr Nigel Morgan
- Cllr Emyr John
- Cllr Calum Higgins

Also Present:

- Mrs Sara Murray – Interim Clerk
- Ms Jayne Grazette – Interim Deputy Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer (RFO)

Apologies for Absence:

- Cllr Maria Griffiths
- Cllr Colin Evans
- Cllr Lyn Brodrick

Declarations of Interest:

- Cllr Heulwen Howells declared an interest as her spouse is an employee of Carmarthenshire County Council.

1. Update on Ammanford Town Hall

Cllr Heulwen Howells (Mayor) provided members with an update on the ongoing situation regarding the future of Ammanford Town Hall.

Correspondence had been received from Wendy Walters (Chief Executive, Carmarthenshire County Council) and Joyce Watson MS in response to letters sent by the Town Council expressing serious concerns about the proposed closure and redevelopment of the Town Hall.

The Clerk also reported legal advice obtained from Clarke Willmott Solicitors. The solicitor outlined that, under Section 25 of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954, the Town Council may be entitled to an extension of its current occupation. It was further noted that Carmarthenshire County Council had offered the Town Council temporary alternative office space within the library building, rent-free, for a period of six months.

Cllr Anthony Jones expressed his deep disappointment with Carmarthenshire County Council's handling of the situation, highlighting a lack of respect, no consultation, and no consideration given to the impact on Town Council staff or on local democratic operations.

18:41 – Cllr Lillo Davies joined the meeting.

The issue of storage for Town Council materials was discussed. The Interim Deputy Clerk reported that the Clerk had received confirmation that Carmarthenshire County Council's archive services are available but do not accept financial records.

Resolved:

1. **That a letter of complaint be sent to Joyce Watson MS** and a formal request made for the matter to be raised at the Senedd (Welsh Parliament).
2. **That a letter be sent to Wendy Walters**, requesting that Ammanford Town Council work collaboratively with Carmarthenshire County Council to be involved in the planning process and to explore the inclusion of a community facility and dedicated Town Council office within the proposed redevelopment.
3. **That no further legal advice be sought at this stage**, as the likely outcome would be the same (i.e., a short-term extension of occupation).
4. **Preparations begin for the packing and storage of Town Council property**, with items to be moved into appropriate storage as required.

Proposer: Cllr Anthony Jones

Seconded: Cllr Nigel Morgan

All in favour

Meeting ended 18:58

Signed:

Dated:

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