



AMMANFORD TOWN COUNCIL

CYNGOR TREF RHYDAMAN

MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY 27 JULY 2026

at Ammanford Rugby Club and remotely via Microsoft Teams

The Chair Cllr. C Higgins Presided over the meeting.

Meeting Started at 18:07

Chair: Cllr C Higgins

PRESENT

- Cllr C Higgins – Chair
- Cllr A Jones – Online
- Cllr C Hope – Online
- Cllr E John – Online
- Cllr J Owen
- Cllr K McMinn-Davies - Online
- Cllr LI Davies
- Cllr N Morgan
- Cllr S Evans
- Cllr W Erasmus – Online

ALSO PRESENT

- Jayne Grazette – Chief Officer & RFO
- Roisin Finch – Deputy Clerk and Minute Taker
- Geena Ware – Estates & Administration Officer
- PCSO Arwyn Rees – Ammanford Neighbourhood Policing Team
- Rhodri Jones – Representative, Ammanford AFC
- Anthony Rees – Jac Lewis Foundation

FCM1.27072026 – Ymddiheuriadau a Rhesymau dros Absenoldeb / Apologies and Reasons for Absence

Apologies were received from:

- Cllr P Allchurch – Unwell
- Cllr C Evans – Unwell
- Cllr H Howells – Holiday
- Cllr D Harries – Holiday

RESOLVED: To accept the apologies and reasons for absence.

FCM2.27072026 – Datganiadau o Ddiddordeb / Declarations of Interest

No new declarations of interest were received.

FCM3.27072026 – Cyfranogiad y Cyhoedd / Public Participation

Two members of the public attended the meeting online to provide information in relation to Agenda Item 14.1.

The Chair exercised their discretion to bring Agenda Item 14.1 forward for consideration at the start of the meeting.

Cllr W Erasmus joined the meeting at 6:09pm.

FCM14.27072026 – I Dderbyn Ceisiadau am Gymorth gan y Gymuned / To Receive Requests for Support from the Community

14.1 Site Investigation Works at Ammanford AFC

Cllr C Hope provided an overview of the proposed project and explained the need to undertake a feasibility/site investigation study before progressing to a planning application and seeking further funding.

Members were advised that an application had been submitted to Mynydd y Betws for grant funding of **£15,000**.

It was reported that the feasibility study would cost approximately **£23,000** and would assess the site due to its former use in connection with coal mining.

Ammanford AFC intended to apply for £15,000 from Mynydd y Betws and had been advised that the application would have a strong case if supported by Ammanford Town Council.

A request was therefore made to Ammanford Town Council for financial assistance of **£7,745**.

Members were advised that consideration had been given to the Council's powers under **Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976**.

Cllr C Hope introduced Anthony Rees, Chair of the Jac Lewis Foundation and representative of Cyfle.

Mr Rees provided an overview of the work undertaken by both organisations and their importance within the local community. He explained that the proposed community building could provide a future base for Cyfle, an apprenticeship scheme which may lose its current base in Ammanford within the next two years as resources are increasingly centralised in Carmarthen.

Mr Rees also outlined the work of the Jac Lewis Foundation and the support it provides within the community.

Rhodri Jones addressed Council regarding the importance of improving local sporting facilities and the potential for enhanced facilities to support progression to higher levels of sporting participation and achievement.

Cllr C Hope proposed that the Council support the grant application as presented.

Anthony Rees and Rhodri Jones left the meeting at **6:24pm** to allow Council to consider the request.

Following a detailed discussion, Cllr A Jones proposed an amendment that the organisations should first approach Carmarthenshire County Council to explore whether the Town Hall could be utilised to accommodate the organisations. Should this not prove possible, the request for financial assistance could then be brought back to Ammanford Town Council for further consideration.

Amendment

Proposed: Cllr A Jones

Seconded: Cllr W Erasmus

Vote:

- For: 4
- Against: 3
- Abstentions: 2

The amendment was carried.

A further vote was taken on the substantive motion as amended.

Vote:

- For: 4
- Against: 3
- Abstentions: 2

RESOLVED: That the Chief Officer approach Carmarthenshire County Council in the first instance to explore the potential use of Ammanford Town Hall as premises. Should this option not be available, the request for financial assistance will be brought back to Ammanford Town Council for further consideration.

Cllr C Hope requested clarification as to whether her original proposal to support the grant application had received a seconder. It was confirmed that no seconder had been received.

FCM4.27072026 – I Ystyried Materion Plismona / To Consider Policing Matters

PCSO Arwyn Rees provided an update on policing matters within the area.

Members were advised of:

- Two incidents of criminal damage at Ebenezer Chapel;
- An incident of criminal damage at the Arcade; and
- Ongoing issues involving off-road motorcycles.

PCSO Rees left the meeting at **7:12pm**.

FCM5.27072026 – I Dderbyn Adroddiad y Maer / To Receive the Mayor's Report

The Mayor's Report had been previously circulated to Members.

RESOLVED: That the Mayor's Report be received and noted.

FCM6.27072026 – I Dderbyn Adroddiad y Cynghorwyr Sir / To Receive the County Councillors' Report

The County Councillors' Report had been previously circulated.

No report had been received from Cllr C Evans.

RESOLVED: That the report be received and noted.

FCM7.27072026 – I Dderbyn Adroddiad y Clerc a'r RFO / To Receive the Clerk & RFO Update

The Chief Officer & RFO provided a verbal update on matters within the local area and the work of the Council.

The update included staff training undertaken, recently completed events and forthcoming Council events and activities.

RESOLVED: That the update be received and noted.

FCM8.27072026 – Cadarnhau Cofnodion y Cyfarfodydd Canlynol / Confirmation of the Minutes of the Following Meetings

i) Full Council Meeting – 29 June 2026

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 29 June 2026 as a true and accurate record.

ii) Extraordinary General Meeting – 13 July 2026

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting held on 13 July 2026 as a true and accurate record.

FCM9.27072026 – I Dderbyn Diweddariad Ariannol Chwarter 1 / To Receive the Quarter 1 Finance Update

i) Llyfrau Arian Chwarter 1 / Q1 Cashbooks

RESOLVED: To accept the Quarter 1 Cashbooks.

ii) Cysoniadau Banc Chwarter 1 / Q1 Bank Reconciliations

RESOLVED: To accept the Quarter 1 Bank Reconciliations.

iii) Gwirioneddol yn erbyn Cyllideb Chwarter 1 2026–2027 / Q1 Actual v Budget 2026–2027

RESOLVED: To accept the Quarter 1 Actual v Budget Report for 2026–2027.

iv) Adroddiad Ariannol Chwarter 1 y Prif Swyddog a'r RFO / Chief Officer & RFO Quarter 1 Financial Report

Cllr C Hope confirmed that she had met with the Chief Officer & RFO and had been provided with the relevant bank statements.

Cllr Hope requested that a detailed list of payments also be provided and thanked the staff team for the work undertaken.

It was agreed that the list of payments would be presented to the Finance Committee meeting scheduled for **15 September 2026**.

Cllr E John requested clarification regarding the rent payable for the Council's new premises.

Cllr A Jones asked whether Section 106 funding was available from new developments.

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY: To receive and approve the Chief Officer & RFO Quarter 1 Financial Report.

FCM10.27072026 – I Dderbyn Adroddiad Blynnyddol y Cyngor ac Adroddiad Cynnydd yn erbyn Amcanion Bwrdd Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus Sir Gaerfyrddin a'r Nodau Llesiant 2025–2026 / To Receive Ammanford Town Council's Annual Report and Progress Report against Carmarthenshire PSB and Well-being Objectives 2025–2026

The Chief Officer & RFO provided a verbal update regarding the consolidation of the relevant reporting documents.

RESOLVED: To approve the Annual Report and Progress Report against Carmarthenshire PSB and Well-being Objectives 2025–2026.

FCM11.27072026 – I Gymeradwyo'r Polisi Cymorth Ariannol wedi'i Ddiweddaru / To Approve the Updated Financial Assistance Policy

Members were advised that the principal amendment to the policy was to change the funding application window to **twice per year**.

Cllr C Hope left the meeting at 7:33pm.

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the updated Financial Assistance Policy.

FCM12.27072026 – Cymeradwyo'r Broses Ymgeisio Ddiweddaredig ar gyfer Grant Cymorth Ariannol Adran 137 / To Approve the Updated Application Process for Section 137 Financial Assistance Grants

The Deputy Clerk provided Members with an overview of the proposed changes and the reasons for updating the application process.

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the updated application process for Section 137 Financial Assistance Grants.

FCM13.27072026 – I Gytuno ar Amserlen ar gyfer Grantiau Cymorth Ariannol / To Agree a Timeline for Financial Assistance Grants

Members considered the proposed timetable for the Financial Assistance Grant process.

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the proposed timeline for Financial Assistance Grants.

FCM14.27072026 – I Dderbyn Ceisiadau am Gymorth gan y Gymuned / To Receive Requests for Support from the Community

14.2 IMMAF World Championships

The request for support was considered by Members.

14.3 Camps International Expedition to Peru – Summer 2027

The request for support towards a Camps International expedition to Peru in summer 2027 was considered.

Members discussed the Council's powers in relation to providing financial assistance directly to individuals.

Cllr W Erasmus suggested that consideration should be given to whether an exception could be made for individuals demonstrating exceptional sporting achievement.

The Chair, Cllr C Higgins, advised Members that Section 137 contained specific requirements and that the Council could not provide the requested grants directly to individuals under the proposed arrangements.

RESOLVED: That the Council was unable to provide financial assistance to the individual applicants under the relevant grant arrangements.

FCM15.27072026 – Derbyn Dyfynbris i Ddisodli'r Rheiliau o Amgylch y Maes Hamdden sy'n Bryder Diogelwch / To Receive a Quotation to Replace the Railings around the Recreation Ground which are a Safety Concern

The Chief Officer & RFO provided Members with an overview of the quotations received for replacement fencing around the Recreation Ground.

Cllr A Jones asked whether the proposed works would also help prevent vehicles from accessing the Recreation Ground.

The Chair provided an overview of the current issues regarding vehicle parking and access at the Recreation Ground.

Cllr N Morgan recommended that further quotations be sought for an alternative option incorporating concrete posts.

Cllr W Erasmus left the meeting at 7:44pm.

Following discussion, Members considered delegating authority for the fencing works up to a maximum expenditure of **£10,000**.

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY: To delegate authority to progress the necessary fencing works, subject to a maximum expenditure of £10,000, including consideration of quotations for concrete posts.

FCM16.27072026 – I Dderbyn y Broses ar gyfer Ymgynghori â'r Gymuned fel y Cytunwyd yng Nghyfarfod Llawn y Cyngor ar 29 Mehefin 2026 / To Accept the Process for Community Consultation as Agreed at the Full Council Meeting on 29 June 2026

Cllr C Higgins provided Members with an update regarding the proposed community consultation process.

Cllr A Jones requested that a banner be produced to promote the consultation.

Cllr C Higgins confirmed that a variety of methods would be made available to enable members of the community to access and participate in the consultation.

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the community consultation process and the proposed methods for public participation.

FCM17.27072026 – Cynllunio / Planning

Planning Application PL/10955

Cllr E John advised Members that the application had previously been considered and recommended that Council review the comments previously submitted and resubmit its earlier observations in relation to the application.

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY: To resubmit the Council's previous comments in relation to Planning Application PL/10955.

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at **8:02pm**.

Signed: _____

Chair

Date: 28th September 2026

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