



Cyngor Tref Rhydaman
Ammanford Town Council

**Minutes of the EGM of Ammanford Town Council held on 26th June
2025 in Ammanford Town Hall and via MS Teams**

Meeting commenced at 6pm

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

Present:

- Cllr Heulwen Howells (Mayor)
- Cllr Calum Higgins (Deputy Mayor)
- Cllr Johnny Owen
- Cllr Colin Evans
- Cllr Anthony Jones
- Cllr Nigel Morgan
- Cllr Llio Davies
- Cllr Clare Hope
- Cllr Deian Harries

Also Present:

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

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Lyn Brodrick, Cllr Marie Griffiths and Cllr Emyr John

Mayor Cllr Heulwen Howells explained that an emergency meeting was called to the uncertainty of having access to Town Hall for a Full Council meeting on the night of the 30th of June 2025. The annual return had to be signed before or on the 30th of June. It had been reviewed by the Finance Committee but needed to be ratified by the full Council.

2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations given

3. To agree the Council's Annual Return for the financial year ending 31st March 2025

Cllr Clare Hope requested that it was minuted a thank you to staff for getting the Council to a stage where they can meet the deadline of the Annual Return submission. It was agreed that the Annual Return be accepted.

Proposed by Cllr Clare Hope
Seconded by Cllr Colin Evans
All in Favor

Resolved that the Annual Return for 2024-2025 was accepted by the Council and should be submitted to Audit Wales.

4. To agree one councillor, other than the Mayor, to sign the underlease required for Ammanford Rugby Football Club relating to part of Ammanford Recreation ground.

The Council discussed the lease for the Ammanford Rugby Football Club and that how the original lease had been signed off by previous members of the council. Solicitor had informed the Council that signatories were incorrect. The signatories needed to be a Councillor and the Mayor in front of the Clerk.

Proposed Cllr Anthony Jones
Seconded Cllr Llio Davies
All in favor

This was Resolved to have Cllr Clare Hope and Mayor sign the Rugby Club lease on the evening of the 26th June 2025 in front of the Clerk.

During the meeting Cllr Wayne Erasmus had emailed the Interim Clerk to notify her he was trying to join the meeting, and he was not being allowed in. The Interim Clerk notified the Council and tried to assist but could not see any notification of him waiting in the lobby. The Interim Clerk sent another email with meeting details.

5. To receive information regarding future operations and storage.

Given the sensitive nature it was agreed to go in camera. No public were in attendance. Due to the delegated powers of the Mayor Cllr Heulwen Howells, and Deputy Mayor Calum Higgins a decision was made on where the Council should store their property due to leaving the Town Hall on the 30th June 2025.

No vote was required but Councillors agreed they would take a vote.

Proposed Cllr Clare Hope
Seconded Cllr Colin Evans
All in Favor
Cllr Johnny Owen abstained

Cllr Anthony Jones voiced strong disappointment and disbelief over the ongoing situation

surrounding Ammanford Town Council's forced departure from the historic Town Hall building.

This building belongs to the people of Ammanford and the wider Amman Valley — taxpayers who have invested in it for generations. The way Ammanford Town Council has been treated throughout this process demonstrates a complete lack of respect and support from members of Carmarthenshire County Council.

Cllr Jones also highlighted the lack of engagement and transparency at higher levels, noting that only one Member of the Senedd responded to the Town Council's correspondence — and that response, he stated, was "a fabrication of the truth."

Significant funding has been diverted toward the Town Hall situation — resources that could and should have been invested in local parks, green spaces, and other vital community assets.

Ammanford Town Council remains committed to challenging the process and is calling for ministerial intervention.

We will continue to fight our corner. Welsh Government Ministers must be informed and must conduct a formal review into the processes and procedures being carried out by Carmarthenshire County Council.

Cllr Wayne Erasmus joined 18:18, having difficulty accessing the meeting.

Meeting Finished 18:19

Signed:

Dated: