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Aberystwyth Borough Council: Water Supplies Records

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Gwybodaeth grynodeb | Summary information

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| Lleoliad Repository: | Llyfrgell Genedlaethol Cymru = The National Library of Wales |
| Teitl Title: | Aberystwyth Borough Council: Water Supplies Records |
| ID: | GB 0210 ABWASU |
| Virtua system control number [alternative]: | vtls004165692 |
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| Dyddiad Date: | 1913-1953 (dyddiad creu date of creation) |
| Disgrifiad ffisegol Physical description: | 0.018 cubic metres (2 boxes) |
| Iaith Language: | English |
| Dyddiadau creu, golygu a dileu Dates of creation, revision and deletion: | |
| Nodyn Note [generalNote]: | Previously called Aberystwyth Water Supplies |

Hanes gweinyddol / Braslun bywgraffyddol | Administrative history | Biographical sketch

Nodyn | Note

Aberystwyth was one of a number of towns across England and Wales which established an elected borough council in the wake of the Municipal Corporations Act of 1835. Another local Act, passed in the same year, saw the establishment of Town Improvement Commissioners whose responsibilities included lighting, sanitation and the supply of water for Aberystwyth. In 1837 a reservoir was built at Brynymor Dingle and, following the drought of 1844, additional supplies were obtained by tapping springs near Plas Crug. Water was pumped to Brynymor by a steam pump, a system which remained until the 1880s. A new waterworks was built to meet increasing demand following the Aberystwyth Improvement and Water Act of 1872, and in 1873 the powers of the Town Improvement Commissioners were transferred to the Council. The Brynymor Reservoir and other existing sources proved inadequate in supplying the town's growing population and the Council decided to transport water from Llyn Llygad Rheidol to Aberystwyth through a line of underground pipes from 1880. During the 1930s corrosion in the pipes affected this supply. The Aberystwyth Rural District Council (RDC), which was experiencing a shortage of supply in its own area, offered to contribute to the cost of renewing the pipes in exchange for a supply

of water, but this scheme was rejected by the Borough Council. The Aberystwyth Rural District Council Act 1937 enabled the RDC to obtain water from the Llyn Craig y Pistyll reservoir instead, built c. 1877, and later provided additional supplies to the borough during the Second World War. Water shortages in the summer months by 1960 compelled the Borough and Rural District Councils to plan the transportation of water from Llyn Llygad Rheidol to Llyn Craig-y-Pistyll and on to the new filter plant at Bontgoch. Work on this scheme was completed in 1967 by the Cardiganshire Water Board which was formed in 1962 and administered the water supply for the town and surrounding area. This, in turn, was taken over in 1974 by the Welsh Water Authority.

Hanes Gwarchodol | Custodial history

It appears that these records were accumulated by Aberystwyth Community Council. However, some may have been acquired by Councillor P. B. Loveday, to whom several letters are addressed and whose name appears on a number of documents. Loveday, who was a member of the Aberystwyth Borough Council, served as Mayor, Chairman of the Public Works Committee, and Chairman of the Finance Committee, and was a member of the committee concerned with the Rural District Council Bill and the Borough Council's opposition to it.

Natur a chynnwys | Scope and content

The fonds comprises manuscript, typescript and printed material, including copies of acts or bills, correspondence, reports, etc., relating to Aberystwyth Borough and Rural District Councils Water Supplies.

Nodiadau | Notes

Nodiadau teitl | Title notes

Ffynhonnell | Immediate source of acquisition

Deposited by Aberystwyth Community Council in July 1976.

Trefniant | Arrangement

The records received were mostly disordered. They have been arranged at NLW into four series according to types of records, namely correspondence, reports, consultation and discussion papers, agenda and minutes of meetings, acts and bills.

Cyfyngiadau ar fynediad | Restrictions on access

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Amodau rheoli defnydd | Conditions governing use

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Rhestrau cymorth | Finding aids

A hard copy of the catalogue is available at NLW.

Disgrifiadau deunydd | Related material

Engineer and Surveyor's Report to the Water and Sewerage Committee and the Finance, Health and Housing Committee of Aberystwyth Rural District Council, 1949-1974, is NLW ex 1065.

Ychwanegiadau | Accruals

Accruals are not expected.

Nodiadau eraill | Other notes

- **Statws cyhoeddiad | Publication status:** Published

Pwyntiau mynediad | Access points

- Aberystwyth (Wales). Rural District Council
- Water-supply -- Wales -- Aberystwyth (pwnc) | (subject)
- Wales (lle) | (place)
- Aberystwyth (lle) | (place)

Disgrifiad cyfres | Series descriptions

Cyfres | Series 1 vtls004165687 (WIAbNL)0000165687: Correspondence

Dyddiad | Date: 1935-1939 (dyddiad creu) | (date of creation)

Natur a chynnwys | Scope and content:

The series comprises correspondence, including draft and copy correspondence, mostly of John F. Guile, Aberystwyth Town Clerk. The majority of the letters discuss matters relating to the Aberystwyth Rural District Council Bill, 1937, and the Aberystwyth Corporation Bill, 1938, including water charges, the supply of water to Llanbadarn, Llangawsai drainage and sanitation, and the extension of Aberystwyth borough.

Disgrifiad ffisegol | Physical description: 1 folder

Lleoliad ffisegol | Physical location: ARCH/MSS (GB0210)

Nodyn | Note:

Preferred citation: 1

Trefniant | Arrangement:

Arranged chronologically.

Ffeil / rhestr eitemau | File / item list

| Cod cyfeirnod Ref code | Teitl Title | Dyddiadau Dates | Statws mynediad Access status | Cynhwysydd Container |
|---|---------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1/1 vtls004165682 (WIAbNL)0000165682 | File - | 1935-1939 | | 1/1 (1). |

Cyfres | Series 2 vtls004165688 (WIAbNL)0000165688: Reports, consultation and discussion papers

Dyddiad | Date: [1923x1953] (dyddiad creu) | (date of creation)

Natur a chynnwys | Scope and content:

The series comprises reports (typescript and printed), including manuscript notes and covering letters, with responses and discussions of them by councillors and members of various committees. Among the issues discussed are schemes for improving water supplies, sources of supplies and the quality of water; the condition of the water main and replacement of pipeline; proposals for a joint water supply scheme for the Borough and Rural District Councils; Llangawsai drainage; matters relating to the Rural District Council Bill, 1937, and the Borough Council's opposition; water charges; the Aberystwyth Corporation Bill, 1938; the extension of the borough; and proposals for a joint water board for Northern Cardiganshire.

Disgrifiad ffisegol | Physical description: 2 folders

Lleoliad ffisegol | Physical location: ARCH/MSS (GB0210)

Nodyn | Note:

Preferred citation: 2

Trefniant | Arrangement:

Arranged chronologically.

Ffeil / rhestr eitemau | File / item list

| Cod cyfeirnod Ref code | Teitl Title | Dyddiadau Dates | Statws mynediad Access status | Cynhwysydd Container |
|---|---------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| 2/1 vtls004165683 (WIAbNL)0000165683 | File - | 1923-1937 | | 2/1 (1). |
| 2/2 vtls004165684 (WIAbNL)0000165684 | File - | [1937x1953] | | 2/2 (1). |

Cyfres | Series 3 vtls004165689 (WIAbNL)0000165689: Agenda and minutes of meetings

Dyddiad | Date: 1937-1951 (predominantly 1944-1948) (dyddiad creu) | (date of creation)

Natur a chynnwys | Scope and content:

The series comprises manuscript notes and typescript copies of minutes of meetings, mainly between representatives of the Aberystwyth Borough and Rural District Councils and mostly concerning water supplies, charges, and the establishment of a joint water board for the northern part of the county. Also included is a copy of the agenda of a meeting of the Parliamentary Committee.

Disgrifiad ffisegol | Physical description: 1 folder

Lleoliad ffisegol | Physical location: ARCH/MSS (GB0210)

Nodyn | Note:

Preferred citation: 3

Trefniant | Arrangement:

Arranged chronologically.

Ffeil / rhestr eitemau | File / item list

| Cod cyfeirnod Ref code | Teitl Title | Dyddiadau Dates | Statws mynediad Access status | Cynhwysydd Container |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| 3/1 vtls004165685 (WIAbNL)0000165685 | File - Agenda and minutes of meetings | 1937-1951 (predominantly 1944-1948) | | 3/1 (1). |

Cyfres | Series 4 vtls004165690 (WIAbNL)0000165690: Acts, bills and statutory instruments

Dyddiad | Date: 1913-1937 (predominantly 1937) (dyddiad creu) | (date of creation)

Natur a chynnwys | Scope and content:

The series comprises printed copies of the Aberystwyth Corporation Act, 1913, with covering letter; the Aberystwyth Rural District Council (RDC) Bill, 1937, including Financial Memorandum; Petition of Aberystwyth Council against the RDC Bill, as presented to the House of Commons and the House of Lords, with typescript copies of the 'Brief for the Petitioners'; minutes of proceedings before the House of Commons and the House of Lords Select Committees; the RDC Act, as presented to the House of Lords; and the Aberystwyth Corporation Bill.

Disgrifiad ffisegol | Physical description: 1 box

Lleoliad ffisegol | Physical location: ARCH/MSS (GB0210)

Nodyn | Note:

Preferred citation: 4

Trefniant | Arrangement:

Arranged chronologically.

Ffeil / rhestr eitemau | File / item list

| Cod cyfeirnod Ref code | Teitl Title | Dyddiadau Dates | Statws mynediad Access status | Cynhwysydd Container |
|---|--|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| 4/1 vtls004165686 (W1AbNL)0000165686 | File - Acts, bills and statutory instruments | 1913-1937 (predominantly 1937) | | 4/1 (2). |