

Ceulanamaesmawr Community Council

Minutes of the monthly meeting Thursday, 27 June 2022, at 7:30pm in Tal-y-bont.

Present: Councillors Rhian Evans (Vice Chair), Elgan Evans, Bleddyn Huws, Sion Pennant and Mererid Watson. Also the current Clerk, Mr Rab Jones, and the new Clerk Ms Sian James.

1. Welcome

The Vice-Chair, Cllr Rhian Evans, took the Chair and extended a warm welcome to everyone. She congratulated Cllr Bleddyn Huws for the honor of gaining the D.Lit degree recently.

2. Apologies

Ellen ap Gwynn, Eryl Bray, Catrin M. S. Davies, Enoc Jenkins, Nest Jenkins and Nia Richards.

3. Disclosure of Personal Interest

None.

4. Confirm the Minutes of the May 2022 Meeting

With Cllr Elgan Evans proposing and Cllr Bleddyn Huws seconding, the accuracy of the minutes were confirmed
19 May 2022.

5. Matters arising:

i. Issues Raised with Technical Services Department, CSC:

Potholes in the road, between Llwyd and Gwynfryn:
There was no update on this matter.

Water on the road between Gorwelion and Neuadd Fawr:
There was no update on this matter.

Road signs near Brynhyfryd and Bwlchygarreg:
There was no update on this matter.

Posts required on the side of the road opposite Cerrig Mawr:
There was no update on this matter.

Overgrowth of cypresses near Werndeg and Cerrig Mawr and also between Tir Banc and Pen 'Ro:
There was no update on this matter.

Gratin near Maesdogyn needs attention:
There was no update on this matter.

Need attention to the road past Eglwys Bont-Goch:
There was no update on this matter.

The turn to Ty'n Graig requires attention:
There was no update on this matter.

Attention to the U1050 road from Braichgarw to Penfforddilas:
The Chair confirmed that Cllr Catrin M S Davies had put this item on "CLIC".

Need attention to the U1086 road in Cwmceulan:
The Chair confirmed that Cllr Catrin M S Davies had put this item on "CLIC".

ii. Traffic Speed on the A487

The Chair read an update from Cllr Catrin M S Davies regarding the situation with items regarding speed on the A487 road.

iii. The Cemetery

The Clerk gave an update on recent events in the cemetery. Cllr Sion Pennant asked if they had decided on the possibility of contributing towards the costs of maintaining the Church Cemetery in Bont-goch.

The Clerk explained that the Council had considered this situation in the past and had decided that it was not suitable to use public funds towards the maintenance of the Church's property. Agreed this situation must be considered once again.

iv. Ceulanamaesmawr Community Council website

The Chairman read an update from Cllr Catrin M S Davies regarding the situation with the website.

Sion Pennant said that he is willing to help with maintaining the website in the future.

v. Tal-y-bont and District Broadway Project

There was no update on this item.

vi. Problems with sewage pollution in Tal-y-bont

There was no update on this item.

vii. Notice boards for the Council and the Community

There was no update on this item.

viii. New equipment project at Cae Bach

The Chair, Cllr Nia Richards confirmed that she had received the collection box from Cafe Cletwr and reported that there was £397.97 in the box.

ix. Problems with motorbikes in the Cwm Ceulan and Nant-y-Moch area

Cllr Elgan Evans confirmed that these problems continue.

x. Problems with the pavement in Tal-y-bont

There was no update on this item.

xi. Filling the post of Clerk

The Chair confirmed that the interview with Ms Sian James had been successful and she will take over the Clerk's Position at the end of the month. A warm welcome was extended to Sian by the Councillors. Thanks were extended to Mr Rab Jones by Cllr Rhian Evans and the Councillors for his service on behalf of the Council.

xii. Dog poo problems on Patshyn Glas

No change in the situation.

xiii. The condition of the Patshyn Glas

Cllr Elgan Evans expressed that he felt that the condition of the Patshyn Glas was much better by now.

xiv. Buildings in Coed Cwmere

No change in the situation.

xv. Nazareth Chapel Cemetery Management

It was noted that Nazareth Chapel has now officially closed but there has been no correspondence received regarding the future management of Nazareth Chapel Cemetery.

xvi. Taliesin to Tal-y-bont path project

No change in the situation. It was agreed that it was necessary to organize a meeting with Mr Eifion Jones to discuss the situation.

xvii. Defibrillator equipment

There was an update from Cllr Mererid Watson regarding the defibrillator equipment in villages Tal-y-bont and Bont-goch. It was agreed that Mererid will proceed to order the necessary goods.

6. Correspondence:

i. Email regarding defibrillator equipment in Tal-y-bont from Pauline Bett.

The Clerk presented details of an email from Pauline Bett regarding the defibrillator equipment at the village of Tal-y-bont. Cllr Mererid Watson explained that she understood that Cllr Catrin Davies had responded to this email to explain the situation.

ii. Email from Mr James January-McCann regarding independence for Wales.

Darlle Cllr Sion Pennant sponsored the inclusion of an email from James January-McCann regarding independence for Wales. Following discussion it was agreed to postpone making a decision on content this email.

iii. "Toolkit" from Un Llais Cymru regarding Community Councils conveners.

Cllr Rhian Evans explained that a recent meeting of the Ceredigion One Voice Wales Committee had been held to discuss the details of a "Toolkit" from One Voice Wales for Community Council meetings and included advice on the need to maintain a "hybrid" convention. It was agreed to ask Un Llais Cymru about a copy of the "Toolkit".

7. Planning

None.

8. Financial

i. The financial situation of the Community Council

The Clerk apologized that the latest balance sheet was not available.

ii. Receive the "Annual Return" for the 2021/22 financial year

The Clerk confirmed that he had met with Mr Ieuan Morgan to discuss the details of the "Annual Return" for the 2021/22 financial year. Cllr Rhian Evans presented the details of the "Annual Return" together with Mr Morgan's comments.

Mr Morgan's comment on Item No. 1:

"No Account Book kept. Deficiency drawn to Chairman's Notice". Mr Morgan's comments were noted and it was agreed that the "Account Book" needs to be put in place for the next financial year.

Mr Morgan's comment on Item No. 2:

"Expenditure approved. VAT claim needs to be completed". It was noted that it was necessary to complete an application for the "VAT" on Community Council expenditure.

Mr Morgan's comment on Item No. 3:

"Risk assessment not included". Mr Morgan's comments were noted. It was agreed that an Assessment needed to be given in place for the new financial year.

Mr Morgan's comment on Item No. 4:

"Budgetary process completed. Reserves are high". Mr Morgan's comments were noted.

Mr Morgan's comment on Item No. 5:

"Income received is low apart from precept". Mr Morgan's comments were noted.

Mr Morgan's comment on Item No. 6:

"No petty cash transactions". Noted.

Mr Morgan's comment on Item No. 7:

"Clerk's Salary paid regularly and PAYE and NI payments made". Noted.

Mr Morgan's comment on Item No. 8:

"Asset Register updated". Noted.

Mr Morgan's comment on Item No. 9:

"Year end bank accounts only". Noted.

Mr Morgan's comment on Item No. 10:

"Receipts and expenditure records. Debtors and creditors recorded. As stated, no cash book kept". Mr Morgan's comments were noted. See the response to Item 1 above.

It was agreed to receive the annual return signed by Cllr Rhian Evans on behalf of the Chairman and also by the Clerk.

iii. Payments

It was agreed to sign a new check of £1,000-00 for the Cylch Meithrin.

A decision on the payment of £2,995-80 to the company "TME Electrical Contactors Ltd" was postponed and it was requested that the Clerk ask for more information about the details of the invoice.

9. Cae Bach and Pont-goch Play Area

i. Audit forms

It was noted that a new rota needed to be organized for inspecting the equipment Cae Bach and Bont Goch play area.

10. Any Other Business

None.

Rab Jones

23 July 2022