

Ceulanamaesmawr Community Council

Minutes of the monthly meeting on Monday 25 July 2022, at 7:30pm in the Neuadd Goffa, Tal-y-bont.

Present: Councillors Ellen ap Gwynn (Chair), Catrin Davies, Elgan Evans, Eryl Bray, Rhian Evans, Bleddyn Huws, Nia Richards, Nest Jenkins, Mererid Watson and Sion Pennant (joining online). Also the Clerk, Sian James

1. Welcome

The Chair, Cllr Ellen ap Gwynn, extended a warm welcome to everyone.

The Chair said a word of thanks to Rhian Evans the deputy for chairing the last meeting.

She extended a welcome back to Nia Richards after the difficult period recently.

She extended a welcome to Sion Pennant, who was unable to join in the hall after he suffered an injury, but was joining the meeting online.

The chair also congratulated Enoc Jenkins on the recent success at the Royal Welsh.

2. Apologies

Councillor Enoch Jenkins

3. Disclosure of Personal Interest

None.

4. Confirming the Minutes of the June 2022 Meeting

Cllr Elgan Evans proposed and Cllr Bleddyn Huws seconded, the accuracy of the minutes of 27 June 2022 was confirmed.

5. Matters arising:

i. Issues Raised with Technical Services Department, CCC:

Potholes in the road, between Llety Llwyd and Gwynfryn:

Water on the road between Gorwelion and Neuadd Fawr:

Road signs near Brynhyfryd and Bwlchygarreg:

Posts required on the side of the road opposite Cerrig Mawr:

Overgrowth of cypresses near Werndeg and Cerrig Mawr and also between Tir Banc and Pen Ro.

Gratin near Maesdogon needs attention.

Need attention to the road past Eglwys Bont-Goch:

Ty'n Graig needs attention now:

Cllr Catrin M S Davies has already raised these issues by sending the information through Ceredigion County Council's 'Clic'. And she intended to send again, but she asked if anyone could send her photos for clarity as that would be more likely to ensure a quicker response. Cllr Catrin M S Davies also wanted to look into setting up a 'Clic' account that the clerk can use.

ii. Traffic Speed on the A487

Cllr Catrin M S Davies confirmed that she is still waiting to hear more about this matter.

Cllr Nia Richards added that she had received and filled in a questionnaire, she had received a response from Eluned Morgan's office asking for more information about what had been done so far. Ceulanamaesmawr Community Council 2022.

Action point : Nia Richards to send Spencer Lloyd's contact address to the Clerk.

iii. The Cemetery

There was no update on this item.

Also, during the last meeting Cllr Sion Pennant had raised the issue of the Bontgoch cemetery. A member of the public had asked if the Community Council could help with maintenance. The chair confirmed that the Council had no responsibility for the cemetery, and there will have to be a formal request for the councillors to consider. Cllr Sion Pennant added that he had asked for more information but the person had not responded so far.

The chair suggested that the cemetery committee meet on 22/8/22 at 7.30pm in the Hall to go through the boxes that have arrived from the ex-clerk, in order to go through the cemetery books and the Tabernacle book.

Members of that committee will be Enoc, Nest, Nia, and Ellen.

The Clerk to inform Enoc in advance, there will be a meeting on the 22nd of August.

iv. Ceulanamaesmawr Community Council website

Cllr Catrin M S Davies confirmed that the website is almost ready and with Cllr Sion Pennant the intention is to discuss full access with the website construction company. Also still waiting to receive English versions of the minutes from the former clerk from the start of the year 2022 for the website.

v. Bandeang Broadway Service Project

Cllr Catrin M S Davies explained that not enough local residents had shown interest in the project. The application had been submitted anyway, and it is estimated that it could take 4 months to get a further update.

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

There was no update on this item, the former clerk Rab Jones, did not contact Dwr Cymru as requested.

Cllr Eryl Bray offered to speak with Mick Fothergill and the residents at the bottom of the village who have already discussed the issues with the Dwr Cymru officer, and he could get that officer's contact information.

vii. Notice board for the Council

There was no update on this item. The committee had asked the former clerk to look into costs etc.

Cllr Nia Richards will send measurements to the clerk who will look into the costs of a wall notice board at the lower end of Talybont and for a standing one for Bontgoch.

viii. New equipment project at Cae Bach

Cllr Nia Richards gave the clerk an envelope. The contents of the envelope : £397.72 which had been collected by Siop Cletwr for the project.

Chair suggested postponing further discussion of the project until the next meeting, as there is a lot to discuss.

Cllr Nia Richards will send Cletwr's contact details to the clerk, in order to send an official word of thanks to Cletwr.

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

Cllr Elgan Evans explained that the problems continue, the committee agreed that it is a matter for the police. Elgan to contact the police. **It was agreed to remove this item from the agenda**

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

There was no update on this item. **It was agreed to remove this item from the agenda**

xi. Dog poo problems on Patshyn Glas

No change in the situation.

The Chair explained that stickers had appeared in the boxes that had arrived from the former clerk.

Cllr Catrin M S Davies suggested that she could contact Ceredigion County Council's Dog Officer, to see if they could come out and put signs up and take advantage of taking pictures to put in the local paper.

Also, regarding the condition of the Patshyn Glas, it was noted that the condition is better but not right.

Action point - Cllr Enoc Jenkins has the contact details of Gareth Bound Dwr Cymru, so he will ask him to arrange re-seeding.

xii. Buildings in Coed Cwmere

No change in the situation.

xiii. Use of the Football Field near Maes-y-Deri

No change in the situation.

xiv. Nazareth Chapel Cemetery Management

Cllr Nia Jenkins reported that the Chapel closed in mid-June, and now the members will be able to discuss the property, and the maintenance of the cemetery, this can take time. It was agreed to remove this item from the agenda

xv. Taliesin to Tal-y-bont path

The Chair reported that work was going on and that there was a timetable to follow. The County Council's public paths officer, Eifion Jones had secured money for the work so that there was no cost to Talybont or Llangynfelyn.

Action point - Arrange a date to have a site meeting on the route during September.

xvi. Defibrillator equipment in Tal-Y-Bont and Bont-goch

Cllr Mererid Watson reported that there was no box in Bontgoch, so she had postponed buying the necessary equipment. The committee agreed that Cllr Mererid should buy a box and the necessary equipment.

6. Correspondence:

i. Email about defibrillator equipment in Talybont from Pauline Betts

Cllr Catrin M S Davies had responded to Ms Betts, and the **item can come off the agenda.**

ii. Innovative Practice Conference – _14 September 22

The chair proposed that she, Cllr Rhian Evans and the clerk needed to arrange to attend the conference.

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

The issue was discussed including what would be the impact on the committee/community if I joined. After discussion, Cllr Sion Pennant proposed a vote, Bleddyn seconded. 7 were in favour, 2 abstained, and 1 against.

iv. Toolkit from Un Llais Cymru regarding Community Council meetings

One Llais Cymru had offered advice on holding 'hybrid' meetings. The Chair suggested that it will be necessary to discuss further at the next meeting.

v. One Llais Cymru has sent a training list available 2-4 August.

It was noted that there was no interest

vi. It was noted that several emails/correspondence had come from the former clerk shortly before the meeting

As there had not been enough time to share the correspondence with the councillors before the meeting, the chair advised that these could be shared after the meeting.

One email was about bunting in Talybont, and to make sure that it was put up safely. The chair took the opportunity to thank everyone who had given time to help with preparing bunting throughout the village.

Action point - clerk to forward the correspondence by the next meeting.

7. Planning

i. Planning application A220382 - Hengoed, Bontgoch, Talybont, SY24 5DP

There was no objection or note to raise

ii. A220391 - Greenacres Nursery, Nursery & Kennels, Ynyslas, SY24 5LB

It was noted that the site of the application is not within the boundaries of Ceulanamaesmawr

8. Financial

i. The financial situation of the Community Council

It was noted by the Chair that the annual form had gone to the external auditor and that they had confirmed receipt.

It was noted by the Chair that neither the checkbook, nor the full HSBC statements had arrived from the former clerk although he had received several requests to bring the complete information before the meeting.

A few pages had arrived and the balance was as follows

04.6.22

Current Account - £15236.90

Savings Account - £9749.67

The Chairs suggested to Cllr Rhian Evans and Cllr Bleddyn Huws to arrange to speak with Rab Jones the former clerk about the financial matters that need attention. And to contact HSBC to ask for the historical statements of the accounts, and start the process of changing the signatories and the current address on the accounts, as they have the address of Rab Jones.

ii. Payments

Agreed these can be paid once the check book comes from the former clerk

Costs of tree/decorations on the Patsyn Glas Christmas 2021 : TME – £2995.80

Room hire costs/ Hall Committee: £142.50

New printer for the clerk's job / Iolo ap Gwynn - £64.99

Action points – Cllr Rhian Evans to contact Rab Jones to ask for the bank account statements and the cheque book.

Cllr Bleddyn Huws to contact HSBC to change names and address etc on the accounts.

Another issue that was raised in the financial discussion was having a cupboard to keep the documents that had come in the boxes.

Action point – the clerk to look at the prices of a Bisley cabinet with lock.

Also a cheque for £1000 which had been posted at the beginning of June to Siwan Haf Evans, secretary of Cylch Meithryn Talybont, was returned to the clerk.

A new cheque had been prepared during a meeting on the 27th of June by former clerk Rab Jones, after this cheque had been lost.

9. Cae Bach and Pont-goch Play Park

i. Audit forms

It was noted that a new rota needed to be organized for inspecting the furniture at Cae Bach, Tal-y-bont and Bontgoch play park. Cllr Mererid Watson agreed to take on the responsibility of inspecting the Bont-Goch play park furniture, as Sion Pennant is currently unable to do so.

Cllr Nia Richards proposed to send an electronic form containing a checklist to the clerk.

Action point – the clerk to prepare a rota for the councilors to inspect the furniture in the play parks after receiving the electronic form.

10. Any Other Business

i. Braichgarw Path

It was raised by Cllr Eryl Bray that the road to Braichgarw needed attention. The gate was open but the road was narrow because the bushes were overgrown. Cllr Nest Jenkins confirmed that Dafydd Penpompren Uchaf had been cutting the growth. It was agreed that a word of thanks should be sent to him on behalf of the Community Council. It would also be necessary to look at the information in the boxes, to see if there was any information there regarding the maintenance of 'common land'.

Action point - clerk to send a letter of thanks to Dafydd Penpompren Uchaf.

ii. Rubbish has collected underneath apartments and Central Stores

The issue was raised by Cllr Nia Richards that there are bags of rubbish just below the door that leads up to the flats above the local shop. The shop's rubbish can also be left out in the same place. The bags create problems in terms of reaching the mailbox, and could cause rat problems. The rubbish can be seen there every day.

It was agreed that a letter needed to be sent to the owner and landlord of the building, namely Dylan Roberts.

Action point – the clerk to prepare and send a letter to the owner of the building asking him to speak to the residents of the flats and the shop, and ask them to stop putting the rubbish in the ground before the rubbish collection date.

The meeting ended at 10:35pm.

Clerk of Ceulanamaesmawr Community Council

30 July 2022