

Cyngor Cymuned Ceulanamaesmawr Community Council

Minutes of the monthly meeting held on Monday 25 September 2023 at 7.30 p.m. in Tal-y-bont Memorial Hall

1. Chair's Welcome

Present: Councillors Ellen ap Gwynn (Chair), Bleddyn Huws, Nia Richards, Mererid Watson, Elgan Evans, Nest Jenkins, Catrin Davies (County Councillor), Siôn Pennant, Rhian Evans (Vice-Chair) (late).

Clerk: Lynwen Jones

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Eryl Bray, Enoc Jenkins

3. Declaration of Interest

Nia Richards declared an interest with regard to **7 ii)**, Nazareth Chapel Cemetery

4. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 31 July 2023

Proposed: Nest Jenkins. Seconded: Nia Richards

The minutes of the previous meeting unanimously confirmed as correct.

5. Matters arising:

i) Matters reported to the County Council via Clic:

- a. Lighting near Cytringan: a new pole had been erected. Cost to be discussed at the next meeting
- b. Wall at the roadside near Cwm Pandy still in need of repair
- c. 20 mph signs had been erected in Tal-y-bont
- d. Salt bins: it was noted that the green bins were the property of the Community Council and that the yellow bins were the property of the County Council. Nest Jenkins noted that the bin on the road to Carreg Cadwgan was broken. Councillors were requested to consider where any extra bins were needed – to be discussed at the next meeting
- e. The drain at Glanrafon was overflowing

ii) New noticeboards:

Bont-goch – had been erected; some local residents had voiced their concern about the lack of access, even though the old noticeboard was open to all. It was noted that it needed to be locked in order to remain closed.

Tal-y-bont – the map board will have to be moved before erecting the noticeboard on the wall of the toilets, but there was no key to open it in order to remove it. Clerk to contact a locksmith.

The following policy was agreed with regard to the use of all three Council noticeboards: all materials displayed must be bilingual; no personal advertisements allowed, only public notices. Keyholders: Bont-goch – Siôn Pennant; lower Tal-y-bont – Nia Richards; outside the Memorial Hall – Ellen ap Gwynn; the Clerk to hold a key for each noticeboard.

Action – Clerk to display the above information in the noticeboards

iii) Work in the cemetery: the hedge had been trimmed but work had not yet started on the new handrail. The mound of earth had been removed from the proposed location of the new bench. It was noted that the grass between the graves was untidy.

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Action – the Clerk to ask Dafydd Williams to trim as soon as possible, and to ensure that the hedges around the cemetery, Cae Bach and Bont-goch play park are cut before the current contract ends.

- iv) Maintenance Contract: the current contract ends in March 2024. The Clerk had circulated a draft contract prior to the meeting. This was discussed and amended, and it was agreed that it should be in place for three years

Action – Clerk to place the details in Papur Pawb, the noticeboards, on Facebook and on the website, and to also ask Dafydd Williams, Rob Griffiths and Tom Chambers whether they wish to tender

- v) Training: Eryl Bray had attended training with Llangynfelyn Community Council but was not available to give feedback. Catrin Davies suggested that she might be able to arrange for someone to deliver training to the Council, and that a bursary for up to £100 was available from One Voice Wales to pay for training
- vi) The website: Siôn Pennant and Catrin Davies had been in contact with the designers, who had said that the technical problem had now been solved. It was hoped that we would be able to manage the website very soon.

6. Section 6 – Biodiversity

Nia Richards presented a short report: an hour-long slot had been secured on the Local Nature stand at Tal-y-bont Show; there had been a lot interest in the recording ancient and remarkable trees project and in the discussion on non-native and invasive species. She had received hundreds of packs of native wildflower seed, most of which had been distributed. Some had been kept to sow ready for next year.

Mick Fothergill and members of the Flood Group had been testing the rivers, which were found to be relatively clean with plenty of indicator species present. Ellen ap Gwyn noted that the Group would be performing random tests along the river all the way to Borth, and that a substantial grant had been received from Tir Canol for this work. The Group was also looking at various ways to slow the flow of the river.

Catrin Davies noted that Welsh Water would be holding a public pop-in meeting in the Memorial Hall on the morning of 10 October to discuss flooding and the sewerage system. The representatives would be showing how to prevent rainwater from entering the system, as this, apparently, is the cause of the problem. She also noted that a discount is available on water bills if it can be proven that no rainwater enters the system.

7. New Matters

- i) Business Risk Assessment: the Clerk had circulated copies to the Councillors prior to the meeting. The document was approved on condition that minor amendments are made with respect to 'Fraud'.
- ii) Nazareth Cemetery: a message had been received from Cliff Williams on behalf of Ceredigion and North Pembroke Presbytery enquiring whether Ceulanamaesmawr Community Council would be prepared to take ownership and responsibility of Nazareth Chapel Cemetery, Tal-y-bont. A sum of £10,000 (from the sale of the Chapel) would be available for maintenance work. It was noted that burials no longer occurred there, but that people still visit the graves. Continued access would need to be assured; Chapel House and the vestry also share the same path. Following discussions, the Council agreed with the proposal in principle, on condition that the boundaries are secure, that there is public

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access to the cemetery, and that all matters are legally covered beforehand.

Action – the Clerk to respond as above

- iii) Footpath across the cemetery: Eifion Jones had passed on the current situation to the Clerk, noting that all matters of probate had been concluded and that the County Council hoped to complete the purchase of the land in question in the current financial year. He had also noted that a site meeting would be needed to discuss the hedge/fence.
- iv) Remembrance Sunday: Nest Jenkins agreed to perform the Welsh reading and to purchase two wreaths. It was noted that an English reading would also be required, and a discussion was held regarding who could do this.
- v) Christmas: Nest Jenkins was of the opinion that the Council spent too much money at Christmas. On the table, to be discussed at the next meeting.

8. Correspondence

The Clerk had circulated all relevant electronic correspondence to the Councillors during the month. The following correspondence was particularly noted:

- i. Glyn Saunders Jones, Atebol, had very kindly agreed to sponsor the Bingo Night, to be held on 29 September 2023, to the sum of £180
- ii. Cliff Williams, Ceredigion and North Pembroke Presbytery (discussed in 7ii) above).

9. Planning

Application A230595: Brynywawr, Tal-y-bont. Unanimous support.

Action – the Clerk to act accordingly

10. Financial matters:

- i) Internal Auditor's response:
The Chair read the response of the internal auditor, Ieuan Morgan, to the 2022-23 accounts – a very positive response.
- ii) The Council's current financial position:
The clerk had circulated the Council's current financial position prior to the meeting, as follows:

Current account:	£10,626.65
Deposit account:	£4,813.32
Tabernacl account:	£4,435.10
- iii) Income:

James Memorials re. Mr Gordon Smith	£130
Duck race money	£1,029
Atebol – sponsorship for the Bingo Night	£180
C.T. Evans re. Mr Evan Jenkins	£245
- iv) Invoices payable:

a. Clerk's salary: July, August and September	£950.08
b. Income tax on Clerk's salary	£237.60
c. Ellen ap Gwynn – coffee for Cwtsh Cynnes	£6.85

(It was noted that approx. £220 remained in the account for Cwtsh Cynnes)
Resolved unanimously to pay the above.
- v) Online banking: the Clerk asked the signatories to fill in the appropriate form, to be sent to the bank.
Catrin Davies proposed arranging a rota whereby a signatory would inspect the accounts once a month.

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11. Playgrounds

- i) Fundraising: the Clerk had circulated the minutes of the Parks Committee meetings, held on 2 August and 12 September, to the Councillors prior to the meeting. £1,209 had been paid into the account in the current year for the restoration work in Cae Bach. A Bingo night would be held on 29 September 2023 – a request was made for any helpers to be present by 6 o'clock. There would be no fundraising event in October, but a Quiz and Cheese and Wine evening would be held on 23 November.
- ii) Monthly reports:
Bont-goch: nothing new to report – still very wet underfoot
Cae Bach: one of the spider's legs was slightly loose.

12. Any Other Business

- i. Loose road surface near the grating at Glanrafon, with debris falling in. A County Council officer had visited
- ii. Nest Jenkins noted that rubble and building materials had been fly-tipped near the quarry at Fron-las and that she had contacted the police. Catrin Davies to report via Clic
- iii. The kiosk at Cwm Eleri still not working – to be discussed at the next meeting
- iv. Road surface near Tŷ Nant still in poor condition
- v. The batteries in both defibrillators are losing power – will need to be renewed in the new year
- vi. 40 mph buffer zone needed to the south of the 20 mph zone through Tal-y-bont
- vii. Rotten plank on Bont-y-Felin – Clerk to report to Eifion Jones.

13. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 30 October 2023 at 7.30 p.m. in Tal-y-bont Memorial Hall.

The meeting closed at 10:15 p.m.

Signed: _____

Date: _____