

Cyngor Cymuned Ceulanamaesmawr Community Council

Minutes of the monthly meeting held on Monday 26 February 2024 at 7.30 p.m. in Tal-y-bont Memorial Hall

1. Chair's Welcome

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

Present: Councillors Ellen ap Gwynn (Chair), Nest Jenkins, Bleddyn Huws, Enoc Jenkins, Nia Richards, Mererid Watson, Siôn Pennant, Rhian Evans (Vice-chair), Eryl Bray, Elgan Evans.

Taking minutes: Lynwen Jones

2. Apologies

County Cllr. Catrin Davies

3. Declaration of Interest

No declaration of interest was made.

4. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 29 January 2024

Minutes of the previous meeting confirmed as correct with the following amendments:

6 Add: ... *Linda Denton was also present in the meeting at Cwm Ceulan.*

Matters arising Add: ... *large potholes in the road between Penpompren Geifr and Bwlch Glas.*

Proposed: Enoc Jenkins; Seconded: Eryl Bray

5. Matters arising:

- i) Noted that the sandbags at the bottom of Tal-y-bont village had been moved to their new location.
- ii) Website: Siôn Pennant noted that the website was working better but that some work was still needed.
- iii) Christmas lights: there was some doubt whether the invoice from SSE was relevant to the Christmas lights. The Clerk to make further enquiries regarding the site reference on the invoice. Tom Edwards had offered to set up a meter for the Christmas lights this year to see exactly how much power is used.
- iv) Cwm Eleri kiosk: the Clerk had advised BT and the County Council of the Council's wish to adopt the kiosk, and was awaiting instructions as to the next step.
- v) First Aid course: to be left on the table while Nia Richards makes further enquiries.
- vi) Potholes in the road at Cerrig Mawr: have been fixed.
- vii) Broadband: the situation is slightly more complex than expected. The Clerk to seek a new supplier with the help of Mererid Watson and Ian Jones.
- viii) GDPR Policy: One Voice Wales had forwarded a model policy. To be left on the table until the Councillors have had time to read the documents carefully.
- ix) Training on the use of the interactive screen: the evening was a success with many in attendance. The Chair thanked Mererid Watson for providing the training.

6. Section 6 – Biodiversity

Nia Richards had replied to OVW's request for examples of actions regarding biodiversity, noting that much had been done in this area. She also noted that the Floodies had been told by the North Wales Rivers Trust that they had chosen the river Leri as one of seven rivers to be studied with regard to pollution and biodiversity over the next few years. Nia was also drafting

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a biodiversity plan for the playground with the aim of increasing biodiversity 10%. Siôn Pennant noted that it would be beneficial to include Bont-goch playground in the biodiversity plan. He noted that a footpath along the edge of the site had become blocked due to the overgrown hedge, and that there were saplings on the land by the river. Resolved that Nia ad Eryl visit the site to see what would be possible.

7. New matters

There were no new matters to be discussed.

1. Correspondence

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

One Voice Wales

- i) Information on new Buglife Wales resources
- ii) Date of the next Pethau Bychain meeting, 27 February.

Other

- iii) Elin Jones AM, Plaid Cymru: letter and questionnaire regarding 20mph zones. Resolved that Nia Richards and Catrin Davies would consider this. It was also proposed that details regarding Bont-goch could be included in the questionnaire.
- iv) Letter from a Tal-y-bont resident noting:
 - *That the hedge by the top gate of Cae Bach was overgrown and could be dangerous for children leaving the playground not being visible to drivers.* The Chair had been to Cae Bach recently and noted that the hedge was neat. She noted that the gate had been located further in from the road so that prams/bikes could be easily manoeuvred off the road. It was concluded that the hedge in question was owned by a local resident and not the Council. Resolved to see what could be done.
 - *That a bench moved from Gleanings was now situated in a shaded location on the footpath leading from the church, and that a better location was needed.* It was noted that the original bench at Gleanings had been in a dangerous location and that it had been damaged – possible due to being hit by a vehicle. The bench in question was a new one, located in the current location for ease of use by walkers.

The Clerk to respond accordingly.

2. Financial matters:

- i) Financial report: the clerk had circulated the Council's financial position as at 31/01/2024 prior to the meeting, as follows:
 - Current account: £17,147.56
 - Deposit account: £ 4,852.20
 - Tabernacle account: £ 4,474.81
 - Cae Bach Fund: £ 8,312.22 (in the current account + £105.40 cash)It was noted that it had been resolved a few years ago to earmark £5,000 for refurbishing Cae Bach, but that this had not been actioned. Unanimously resolved to transfer £1,000 to the Cae Bach Fund immediately, and that the same should be done in the next financial year.
- ii) On-line banking: the process had been started. The accounts would be active once all signatories had filled in the appropriate online form; the Clerk could then open a separate deposit account and transfer the Cae Bach funds.
- iii) The precept this year had been £15,830 rather than £16,000 as £170 had been deducted at

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source to pay for the election.

iv) Income:

James Memorials, inscription	£35.00
C.T. Evans, funeral + three double plots	£514.00
D. J. Evans, funeral	£165.00
Y Lolfa (sponsorship for the opera evening)	£150.00
Profit from the opera evening	£385.00

v) Invoices payable:

a. Arthur Jones – Christmas tree	£100.00
b. Nia Richards, Cwtsh Cynnes costs	£7.15
c. Ellen ap Gwynn, Cwtsh Cynnes costs	£6.85
d. Lynwen Jones, envelopes and stamps	£14.75
e. SSE Energy Solutions	£115.95

The Clerk had contacted SSE regarding the last invoice and had received a new invoice for £115.95. This contained no information other than a site reference number and reference to the river Twymyn. The Clerk to make further enquiries.

Unanimously agreed to pay the all the above except the SSE invoice.

3. Playgrounds

i) Cae Bach fundraising campaign:

The opera evening, held on 16 February, had made a profit of £535, including £150 sponsorship by Y Lolfa. The Chair explained that she and Elgan Evans had met in Cae Bach to discuss the problem of the water flowing in from the road. It was suggested that the best thing would be to build a ramp by the gate to divert the rainwater down the road. Elgan had agreed to discuss this with John Henry Jones, and he had agreed to do the work when starting the work in the cemetery. There was no sign of a drain in the road, and the fence post by the gate was rotten and loose and would need replacing. Celtic Waste had been to the playground to unblock the 'drain' between the swings, but had found that this was only a soakaway without any drainage pipes leading away from it. The hole was refilled for safety reasons – the grating had been missing for years. A site survey would be required before installing a new drain. It was proposed that a survey should also be carried out in Bont-goch playground. The Clerk to action.

The Chair gave a short report on the Playground Committee meeting, held on 20 February, noting that the next fundraising events would be a clothes sale on 23 March, a plant sale in April, a bingo night on 24 May, and a ball race in August. It was also noted that the Committee were considering holding a 200 Club.

ii) Monthly reports

Bont-goch: very wet underfoot and many molehills present.

Cae Bach: only one swing left; the netball hoop on the lamp-post is badly rusted and needs to be removed; the bolt on the upper gate was bent and difficult to insert into the corresponding hole on the ground; no bin, and a lot of litter collected in the lower hedge; abandoned bike in the hedge.

4. Planning

Request A240082: erection of solar panels in the garden of Brynhyfryd

Unanimously resolved to support the request.

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5. Any Other Business

- i) Large potholes in the road between Pensarn and Gwarcwm Uchaf and a section of the road without tarmac.
- ii) Large potholes in the road from Penpompren Geifr to the top of the valley, and in the road from Glanrafon to Cae'r Arglwyddes.
- iii) Road from Bwlch y Garreg to Gorwelion in a very poor state – will have to ensure that it is in a good enough condition for the rally in August.

6. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 25 March 2024 at 7.30 p.m. in Tal-y-bont Memorial Hall.

The meeting closed at 9:20 p.m.