

Cyngor Cymuned Ceulanamaesmawr Community Council

Minutes of the monthly meeting held on Monday 25 March 2024 at 7.30 p.m. in Tal-y-bont Memorial Hall

1. Chair's Welcome

Present: Cllrs Nia Richards (in the Chair), Mererid Watson, Bleddyn Huws, Nest Jenkins, Eryl Bray, Enoc Jenkins, Catrin Davies (County Cllr.), Rhian Evans (Vice-chair, late).

Taking minutes: Lynwen Jones

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Cllrs Ellen ap Gwynn, Siôn Pennant and Elgan Evans.

3. Declaration of Interest

No declaration of interest was made.

4. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 26 February 2024

Minutes of the previous meeting confirmed as correct.

Proposed: Eryl Bray; Seconded: Nest Jenkins

5. Matters arising:

- i) Matters reported through Clic to the County Council:
 - a. Road between Pensarn and Gwarcwm Uchaf: potholes had been filled temporarily
 - b. Road between Penpompren Geifr and head of Cwm Tŷ Nant – nothing to report
 - c. Road between Glanrafon and Cae'r Arglwyddes – nothing to report
 - d. Road between Bwlch y Garreg and Gorwelion – both the Night Owl Rally and Ceredigion Rally will be using this road, which will need to be repaired.
- ii) Cwm Eleri kiosk: ownership was being transferred to the Community Council. Resolved to allow the Clerk to pay the £1 fee on receipt of the invoice.
- iii) First Aid Course: Nia Richards had contacted the paramedic living in Tal-y-bont, who intended to arrange a course. The Council would pay for the use of the Memorial Hall.
- iv) Broadband: supplier had been changed from Andrews and Arnold to BT. The new hub is to arrive on 5 April, with an engineer due to install the hub on 8 April. Resolved to allow the Clerk to set up a direct debit to pay for the broadband.
- v) GDPR policy: The Chair noted that the model policy was extremely long and detailed. Catrin Davies noted that Dinas Mawddwy Council had comprehensive GDPR and Freedom of Information policies. Proposed to request a copy. Catrin also noted that she had contacted the police regarding setting up a CCTV camera in Cae Bach. Those watching any footage would be required to attend a relevant course and be subjected to a DBS check. The police had suggested setting up a camera by the public toilets in light of recent fires having been set there.
Catrin suggested forming a Policies Committee – to be considered at the AGM.

6. Section 6 – Biodiversity

Nia Richards noted that Cynnal Cymru are developing a new training module on biodiversity basics for One Voice Wales and that they had requested the use of images of the Council's work at the Tal-y-bont show sponsoring the award for best wildlife friendly garden. This would form one of the case studies. The Clerk had contacted the Show's Committee to request suitable images.

7. New matters

There were no new matters to be discussed.

8. 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) List of training until June.

Other

- ii) CCC Ethics and Standards Committee inquiring whether the Council would be interested in face-to-face training on the Code of Conduct. It was resolved that this would be beneficial and the Clerk was tasked with arranging this.
- iii) CCC Property Services requesting a meeting via MS Teams to discuss Tal-y-bont public toilets. Ellen ap Gwynn had requested that a meeting be held after Easter. The Clerk to arrange.
- iv) Office of Elin Jones – reminder about the questionnaire regarding 20mph zones. Following a lively debate on the matter, it was resolved that Nia Richards and Catrin Davies would complete and return the questionnaire.
- v) Audit Wales: it was noted that the audit notice had been received and that the Council would be subject to a full audit this year. This would include an audit of the cemetery records. The Clerk had contacted the local funeral directors to request their records of burials in Tal-y-bont cemetery in order to ensure that the Council's records were correct. Nia Richards proposed that the Cemetery Committee should meet to discuss this. She also proposed deciding on an appropriate way to mark reserved graves in the cemetery. Catrin Davies suggested the Clerk also contact the funeral directors in Dinas Mawddwy (Dilwyn Rees) in case they also hold funerals in Tal-y-bont.

9. Financial matters:

- i) HMRC: the Clerk had contacted HMRC and had been told that the Council is in credit to the sum of £702.08. The income tax (£237.40) on the Clerk's salary would be deducted at source for the last quarter of 2023-24 and the first quarter of 2024-25, along with a proportion of the income tax for the second quarter of 2024-25.
- ii) Financial report: the clerk had circulated the Council's financial position as at 18/03/2024 prior to the meeting, and it was noted that the financial position as at 24/03/2024 was as follows:

Current account:	£13,835.74
Deposit account:	£ 4,867.68
Tabernacle account:	£ 4,494.45
Cae Bach Fund:	£10,307.37 (in the current account and as petty cash, and including a contribution of £1,000 from the Council)
- iii) Online banking: the online accounts were now active and Nia Richards had completed a banc rec. earlier in the month. The Clerk would open a dedicated account for the Cae Bach Fund in the new financial year.
- iv) Income:

Clothes Sale – Cae Bach Fund	£980.15 (see also point 10i. below)
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Money was still being received after the sale.
- v) Invoices payable:

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a. Clerk's salary, January-March 2024	£950.20
b. Membership of One Voice Wales	£193.00
c. Nia Richards, Cwtsh Cynnes costs	£18.90
d. Memorial Hall, hire and broadband Jan-Mar 2024	£346.99
e. Memorial Hall, hire of Hall for clothes sale	£40.00

(to be paid in cash from the clothes sale income)

From 1 April 2024, Memorial Hall hire costs would increase to £15 for the Lower Hall and £50 for the Main Hall.

Unanimously agreed to pay the all the above invoices. Proposed: Catrin Davies; Seconded: Bleddyn Huws

10. Playgrounds

i) Cae Bach fundraising campaign:

The clothes sale raised £980.15 on the day. Members of the Committee later made some items available for sale on Vinted - to be taken down after the Easter holidays. The remaining clothes were distributed to various local charities. Nia Richards thanked the Committee members and local residents for their assistance over the weekend. Proposed to post information on the event on social media.

Nest Jenkins noted that Tesco offered free food for events held to raise money for charity.

ii) Survey of Cae Bach:

Catrin Davies had asked Alun and Einion Williams to survey Cae Bach re. drains etc., giving an idea of what needed to be done and an estimated cost. It was also noted that a similar survey was needed in Bont-goch playground.

iii) Monthly reports: no reports had been received.

11. Planning

There were no planning applications to discuss.

12. Any Other Business

i) A local resident would often be seen collecting litter in the area. On the same subject, it was noted that the signs and bus shelters in the village needed cleaning, and that the individual in question had shown an interest in an initiative such as 'Tal-y-bont in bloom'. Proposed to pass on a thank you card in Cwtsh Cynnes on the following day.

ii) Everyone was reminded that photo ID would be needed to vote in the election on 2 May. The Clerk to place a notice in the noticeboards and *Papur Pawb*.

iii) The flag outside the Memorial Hall was badly torn. Resolved to buy a new flag.

iv) One of the defibrillator batteries was flat and Mererid Watson had ordered a new one at a cost of £195 + VAT. In the meantime, she had placed a notice in the box. She noted that the battery life was 5 years if the defibrillator is not used.

13. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 29 April 2024 at 7.30 p.m. in Tal-y-bont Memorial Hall.

The meeting closed at 9:30 p.m.

Signed: _____

Date: _____