

Cyngor Cymuned Ceulanamaesmawr Community Council

Minutes of the monthly meeting held on Monday 20 May 2024 at 7.45 p.m. in Tal-y-bont Memorial Hall following the annual general meeting

1. Chair's Welcome

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

Taking minutes: Lynwen Jones

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting. She offered the Council's condolences to Cllr. Enoc Jenkins following the passing of his father, former Cllr. Gwilym Jenkins. It was resolved to send condolences to the family, and also to pass on the Council's thanks for Mr Jenkins' hard work in the Community over the years.

2. Apologies

Councillors Enoc Jenkins and Eryl Bray

3. Declaration of Interest

No declaration of interest was made.

4. Confirmation of Minute of Previous Meeting held on 29 April 2024

The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed as correct. Proposed: Nest Jenkins;
Seconded: Bleddyn Huws

5. Matters arising:

- i) Matters reported through Clic to the County Council:
 - a. Road between Pensarn a Gwarcwm Uchaf: nothing to report
 - b. Road between Penpompren Geifr and top of Cwm Tŷ Nant: some of the deeper holes had been filled
- ii) Cwm Eleri kiosk: following the discussion regarding whether to buy a new defibrillator or relocate one from Tal-y-bont to the kiosk, Cllr. Mererid Watson had made appropriate enquiries. She noted that defibrillators are required to be located at least 500 m apart. She also noted that a new one could cost hundreds of pounds. It was estimated that the distance between the one by the White Lion and the one by Tŷ Twt was approx. 500 m, and therefore it would be possible to relocate the one by the Memorial Hall to the kiosk. The proposal was passed unanimously.
- iii) Bont-goch kiosk: the Clerk was in contact with BT.

Cllr. Catrin Davies joined the meeting at 8pm.

- iv) Policies: copies of model Financial Regulations were distributed to the Councillors. The Chair read through the document and amendments were made as appropriate. It was unanimously resolved to adopt the amended Financial Regulations.

6. Section 6 – Biodiversity

Nothing to report.

7. New matters

- i) Bench adjacent to Coetmor: it had been reported that one of the planks on the bench was

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broken and that it was now dangerous. The Clerk had therefore contacted John Henry Jones, who had subsequently removed the plank, noting that the bench was now slightly shaky. The Clerk to ask whether it is possible to repair the bench, and also the loose post at the gate to the playground.

- ii) CCTV: Cllr. Catrin Davies has made enquiries with the Police regarding setting up cameras in the playground and by the public toilets. She had been informed that only two individuals would be allowed to watch any footage as it would likely contain images of children, and that the two in question would require a DBS check. Notices warning of the presence of cameras would be required. The cost of the cameras would have to be considered when applying for grants, as well as any annual subscription for storing the data. An appropriate policy would have to be drawn up.

8. Correspondence

The Clerk had circulated all relevant electronic correspondence to the Councillors during the month.

9. Financial matters:

- i) Internal Auditor's Opinion:

The Internal Auditor had completed the audit, and the Chair read out his report. He had noted that the Clerk's salary should have been raised from £11.42 an hour to £12.42 in April 2023. This meant that the Clerk was due a back-payment of £416. The Clerk requested that this payment be made with the salary for the first quarter of the current year in the June meeting. It was resolved to approve this payment.

The Internal Auditor's report was approved, and the form was duly signed by the Chair.

- ii) Financial report: the Clerk had distributed the relevant details prior to the meeting, and it was noted that the Council's situation as at 20/05/2024 was as follows:

Current account: £6,428.95

Deposit account: £4,883.47

Tabernacle account: £4,496.45

Cae Bach account: £14,328.83

There was also £780 to be deposited in the bank following the plant sale, as well as a float of £81.14. The Clerk had not been able to deposit the money as the bank was temporarily closed.

- iii) Income:

Precept	£5,333.34
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Clothes sale and donations (Cae Bach)	£59
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Income from the plant sale	£784.52
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Interest on the Cae Bach account	£7.11
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Interest on the deposit account	£7.77
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James Memorials, grave 25(23)	£110
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Donation and sponsorship, Wainwrights (Cae Bach)	£2,680
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Cllr. Nia Richards noted that the family of Cynnull Mawr had pledged a donation to the Cae Bach Find in Memory of the late Hywel Williams. It was resolved to thank the family.

Bleddyn Huws thanked the Chair and Clerk for their work sorting out the Council's financial matters.

- iv) Invoices payable:

a. Nia Richards, Cwtsh Cynnes costs	£2.90
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b. BT, broadband	£33.54 (direct debit)
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It was unanimously resolved to pay the above. Thanks were given to Cllr. Mererid Watson for arranging the new broadband package at the Memorial Hall, and to Ian Jones for ensuring that everything was working.

10. The Cemetery

Awaiting quotations for resurfacing the main path.

11. Y Caeau Chwarae

i) Cae Bach fundraising campaign:

The Chair thanked Cllr. Catrin Davies and Elan Elidyr for visiting the school to consult with the pupils. Catrin noted that she had also consulted with the mother of a disabled child regarding the types of equipment that would be appropriate. It was hoped that a brief consultation could also be held during the Bingo Night.

Cllr. Nia Richards had been contacted with an offer of help to create educational resources for children linked to the campaign. The Chair had held a brief discussion with Tom Cosson regarding the football competition day in June. Councillors were reminded of the Bingo Night on 24 May.

ii) Monthly reports: nothing new to report.

The Crimson report was now available, and would need to be read carefully

12. Planning

Application A240339, Neuadd Fawr, Tal-y-bont. With regard to biodiversity, Cllr. Nia Richards noted that a Green Infrastructure Statement had been completed by the applicant according to Section 6 requirements. The inevitable negative effects of the development would be counteracted by planting 100 m of native hedgerows and erecting two bat boxes on site. No trees, species or features of special significance to biodiversity would be affected. The development would not be connected to the main sewerage system, and SUDS measures would be implemented. No other comments were made, and it was resolved to approve the application.

13. Any Other Business

i) Cllr. Mererid Watson noted that holes in the road between Culyn and Penffordd-las had been filled.

ii) A discussion was held about the building materials that had been tipped on land near Fron-las Quarry. Cllr. Catrin Davies noted that the matter had been considered by the departments responsible for fly-tipping and building regulations, and that it was now in the hands of the enforcement.

14. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 24 June 2024 at 7.30pm in Tal-y-bont Memorial Hall.

It was resolved to hold a meeting of the Policies Committee on 6 June 2024 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 10:20 p.m.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____