

Cyngor Cymuned Ceulanamaesmawr Community Council

Minutes of the monthly meeting held on Monday 29 July 2024 at 19:30 in Tal-y-bont Memorial Hall

1. Chair's Welcome

Present: Councillors Ellen ap Gwynn (Chair), Nest Jenkins, Bleddyn Huws, Rhian Evans, Nia Richards, Siôn Pennant, Catrin Davies (County Councillor), and Elgan Evans (remotely)

Taking minutes: Lynwen Rees Jones

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Councillors Mererid Watson, Eryl Bray, and Enoc Jenkins.

3. Declaration of Interest

Cllr. Catrin Davies declared an interest in the discussions regarding the public conveniences due to her role as County Councillor.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 24 June 2024, were confirmed as correct.

Proposed: Catrin Davies; Seconded: Nest Jenkins

5. Matters arising:

- i) Matters reported through Clic to the County Council: nothing to report
- ii) Bench adjacent to Coedmor and post in playground: these had not been repaired. The bench at the bridge in Bont-goch was also in need of repair – the Clerk to contact JHJ.
- iii) Quotes for work in the cemetery: two quotes had been received, Les Hopson and Sons – £2,750 + VAT; Paul Standing – £3,290 + VAT. It was resolved to offer the work to Les Hopson. Proposed: Nia Richards; Seconded: Bleddyn Huws.

6. Section 6 – Biodiversity

Nothing to report other than that a lot of correspondence had been received from One Voice Wales regarding biodiversity matters. These would need to be sifted through carefully in relation to the Cae Bach project. A discussion was also held about ideas to enhance biodiversity around the village, e.g. placing planters at both ends of Tal-y-bont village. It was noted that children would be likely to interfere with such planters on the Patshyn Glas. It was noted that a 'no dogs' sign was required on the Patshyn Glas – the Clerk to act accordingly. It was also noted that clear signs were needed to prevent vehicles from driving the wrong way along the one-way road in front of the pubs to join the main road.

7. New Matters

- i) Tal-y-bont public conveniences:
 - A meeting had been held on 16 July between Paul Williams and Shaun Bethell from the County Council, Cllrs. Ellen ap Gwynn and Nia Richards, and the Clerk. Matters discussed included maintenance costs, the 99-year lease, cleaning arrangements and *legionella* testing, and possible arrangements if the Council were to assume responsibility. Notes on the meeting had been circulated beforehand. It was noted that Shaun Bethell had promised to forward amended costs as the ones received previously were incorrect.
 - Following the meeting, it was suggested a tender could be offered for the cleaning work after drafting an appropriate contract. Cleaning arrangements in Borth PCs were queried.
 - Proposed to ask the insurance company about extra costs for insuring the PCs.

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- Queried whether the toilets were accessible

Resolved to table the matter until September when revised costs would be available.

Proposed: Catrin Davies; Seconded: Nest Jenkins

- ii) Members' allowances: the situation regarding payments and expenses was noted, and it was resolved that the councillors should complete the relevant form and return it to the Clerk.

All councillors present resolved not to accept any payments and signed the form accordingly.

- iii) Situation regarding SSE

A request had been received from debt collection agency Advantis insisting on a payment of £130.44 for unmetered supplies (Christmas lighting). The Clerk had contacted SSE in January noting that the details on the invoice were incorrect, but had not received a reply since February, other than a further invoice for £178.15 in mid-July. The Clerk had sent a detailed explanation of the situation to Advantis, who had agreed to pause the matter until a resolution could be reached. It was resolved that the Clerk should send SSE contact details for Glantwymyn Community Council Clerk as the original invoice refers to the River Twymyn

8. Correspondence

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

- i) Message from a local resident stating strong support for the 20mph limit through Tal-y-bont, and her hope that it would not be repealed.
- ii) Message from Kieron Hutchins, youth support initiative Feelz on Wheel, requesting a space to park a van. Locations in front of the Black Lion, in Maes y Deri, and in the lay-by in front of the school were discussed. Resolved to agree in principle and request more information via the Clerk, to be forwarded when received.

9. Financial Matters:

- i) Financial report: the Clerk had circulated details of the financial situation to Council prior to the meeting; the situation as at 22/07/2024 was as follows:

Current account	£4,230.56
Deposit account	£4,899.32
Tabernacle account	£4,519.87
Cae Bach account	£16,747.01
+ float, cash:	£66.60

It was noted that Cllr. Nia Richards had checked the accounts the previous week.

- ii) Income:

Cae Bach fund	£635
Interest on Cae Bach account	£25.58
Interest on deposit account	£7.80

- iii) Invoices payable:

a. BT, band eang (DD)	£33.54
b. Welsh Water, cemetery (DD)	£6.34
c. WAO, 2018-19 audit	£562
d. WAO, 2019-20 audit	£433
e. WAO, 2022-23 audit	£311
f. Ellen ap Gwynn, Cwtsh Cynnes costs	£23.94
g. Nia Richards, Cwtsh Cynnes costs	£1.45
h. Tal-y-bont Memorial Hall	£284.85

(room hire, broadband (April))

Resolved to approve the above payments.

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iv) Other costs

- a. The Chair noted that a fee of £40 would need to be paid for a licence to run the 200 Club for the Cae Bach campaign. To be paid from the Cae Bach fund
 - b. The Clerk noted that an overpayment of £135 for a plot in the cemetery would need to be repaid.
 - c. A contribution of £20 to the Show for the competition prize.
- Resolved to also approve the above payments

10. The Cemetery

The list of cemetery fees needed to be simplified. The Clerk to call a meeting of the Committee in September

11. Playgrounds

i) Cae Bach campaign:

The football fun day had been very successful, making a profit of over £600. Thanks were given to Unigryw for sponsoring the event. Very positive feedback had been received from Headmaster Mr Hefin Jones, who had noted that there had been plenty to do for all ages. Cllr. Nia Richards asked whether it would be possible to request a spot in the Show to erect a gazebo to launch the 200 Club; this would be paid for from the Cae Bach fund. The Clerk to arrange a meeting of the Committee for 12,13, or 14 August.

ii) Monthly reports:

- Cae Bach: much of the equipment was slippery; post by the gate still loose; plank on picnic table rough and in need of planing/sanding; grass had been cut; a quote for £640 + VAT had been received from CES for site visit and preparation of a drainage report – to be discussed by the Committee.
- Bont-goch: hedge in need of cutting; ground very muddy.

12. Planning

Planning request A240506: Y Felin, Bont-goch. The request, asking for permission to change the building to a holiday let, was viewed on screen. Concerns were raised regarding this change of use as the Council had agreed to the original request since it offered a permanent home for a local family. It was noted that it was currently very difficult to secure planning permission to build a house in Bont-goch. The Clerk to respond accordingly.

13. Any Other Business

- i) A local resident had noted that the County Council pin was incorrectly located on Google Maps, showing a private residence. The pin had subsequently been moved.
- ii) Cllr. Siôn Pennant proposed earmarking money for a new laptop as the current machine was old and very slow.
- iii) Cllr. Bleddyn Huws inquired as to when the grass cutting contract was due to end. It was noted that this would be in April. The Clerk to ask Dafydd how many times the grass on the Patshyn Glas had been cut this year. The new contract to be discussed in the September meeting.

14. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on 30 September 2024 at 7.30pm in Tal-y-bont Memorial Hall.

The meeting closed at 9:45pm