

Cyngor Cymuned Ceulanamaesmawr Community Council

Minutes of the monthly meeting held on Monday 28 October 2024 at 19:30 in Tal-y-bont Memorial Hall

1. Chair's Welcome

Present: Councillors Ellen ap Gwynn (Chair), Mererid Watson, Catrin Davies (County Councillor), Enoc Jenkins, Siôn Pennant, Nia Richards, Rhian Evans (Vice-chair), Elgan Evans, and Eryl Bray (remotely)

Taking minutes: Lynwen Rees Jones

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Cllrs. Nest Jenkins and Bleddyn Huws.

3. Declaration of Interest

Cllrs. Catrin Davies and Mererid Watson declared an interest in the discussions in point **7. ii)**

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 30 September 2024, were confirmed as correct with the following amendments: **11. i)** change Eifion Roberts to Eifion Jones; **14. ix)** change Carreg y Dwgan to Carreg Cadwgan

Proposed: Nia Richards; Seconded: Rhian Evans

5. Matters arising:

- i) Matters reported through Clic to the County Council:
 - a) Road in front of church in Bont-goch: the matter had been closed but the road had not been mended. Resolved: to contact Rhodri Llwyd asking for an explanation;
 - b) Blocked drain by Cae Bach: nothing to report;
 - c) Road from Braich-garw to Penffordd-las: County Council had closed the matter stating that it is a bridleway. Resolved: to re-submit the matter stating that it is a road;
 - d) Speed through Bont-goch: County Council had responded stating that WG would be producing new speed guidelines in 2025;
 - e) Road in front of the White Lion and Black Lion: nothing to report;
 - f) Potholes in road at Carreg Cadwgan: nothing to report;
 - g) Water on road at Bwlch-glas works: nothing to report.
- ii) Grass-cutting contract: the contract was amended further following a conversation with Dafydd Williams. Resolved: to publicise in *Papur Pawb* and on social media. Proposed: Siôn Pennant; Seconded: Rhian Evans.
- iii) Smart meters in Bont-goch: Cllrs. Catrin Davies and Siôn Pennant and the Clerk had contacted Ben Lake, MS, with regard to this matter. Nothing further to report.
- iv) Defibrillators: Cllr. Mererid Watson had purchased new pads. The defib. At the Memorial Hall in Tal-y-bont would be relocated to the kiosk in Cwm Eleri. It was noted that large reflective stickers would need to be placed on the kiosk.

6. Section 6 – Biodiversity

Cllrs. Nia Richards and Catrin Davies had attended a meeting of the Leri Catchment Co-design Group on 25 October. It was noted that the sessions are led by facilitators and that the intention was to produce a flood plan noting what actions are possible locally. There will be no obligation to carry out the recommended work, but anyone doing so would be recompensed.

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The hope was that any plans would align with farmers' current plans for their land. The group would meet again on 5 December.

7. New Matters

- i) It was noted that vehicles were driving at speed through Tal-y-bont from the north.
Proposed: to move the 20 mph nearer Maes y Deri to slow traffic before reaching the school.
Proposed: to respond to the consultation on speed limits (through Clic). Cllr. Catrin Davies proposed contacting Ken Skates requesting to move the 20 mph nearer Maes y Deri, adding a 40 mph buffer zone at the southern end of the village, and lowering the limit in Bont-goch to at least 30 mph.
- ii) 'Ceulanamaesmawr Community Council support the County Council's efforts to lobby for a fairer funding formula to ensure better services for the county.'
Proposed: Ellen ap Gwynn; Seconded: Rhian Evans
Cllrs. Catrin Davies and Mererid Watson declared an interest. The motion was carried unanimously.
- iii) 'Ceulanamaesmawr Community Council calls upon the UK Government to delegate control of all assets in the possession of the Crown's Estate in Wales, and along its coastline, to Welsh Government. It also calls for the revenue stream of these assets to be transferred entirely to WG and for WG to be given the right to use them as it sees fit.'
Proposed: Enoc Jenkins; Seconded: Siôn Pennant
The motion was carried unanimously.
- iv) Remembrance Sunday: Resolved: to ask Cllr. Nest Jenkins to purchase the wreaths.
Cllr. Eryl Bray proposed purchasing one red wreath and one white wreath. Cllr. Catrin Davies proposed an amendment, that two red wreaths should be purchased – one each to represent both world wars – as well as a white wreath. The amendment was seconded by Cllr. Rhian Evans and passed unanimously. Proposed: to ask Cllr. Nest Jenkins to do the Welsh reading again. Cllr. Nia Richards agreed to seek individuals to lay the wreaths. The service would be held at 10.45 on 10 November in the Memorial Hall. The Clerk to ask Y Lolfa to print posters, and to distribute them.
- v) Christmas arrangements: the Cwtsh Cynnes Christmas lunch would be held in the Wildfowler, Tre'r-ddôl at lunchtime on 5 December, and the tree lights would be switched on at 4.30pm on the same day – there would also be carol singing and refreshments. Cllr. Enoc Jenkins agreed to arrange a tree. The Clerk to contact the electrician to set up the lights.

8. Correspondence

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

- i) Local Council Employment Agreement: the Clerk left the room as the document contents were discussed. When she returned, it was noted that the Council had decided to raise the Clerk's salary to point 8, £13.47 per hour, in recognition of the hours worked, back-dated to April 2024.

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 23/10/2024 was as follows:

Current account	£5,970.50
Deposit account	£4,923.23

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Tabernacle account	£4,541.73
Cae Bach account	£18,435.03
Uncashed cheque	(£135.00)
+ float, cash:	£147.60
ii) Income:	
C. T. Evans	£80.00
Final part of precept (31/10/2024)	£5,333.33
iii) Invoices payable:	
a. Les Hopson and Sons, cemetery tarmac	£3,300.00
b. JHJ Fencing – cemetery railing	£5,106.00
+ erection of noticeboards	
(resubmitted in place of previous invoice)	
c. Mererid Watson, defibrillator pads	£197.96
d. Ellen ap Gwynn, Cwtsh Cynnes costs	£3.25
e. Clerk, printing paper	£4.00
Resolved: to approve the above payments.	

10. Playgrounds

- i) Cae Bach campaign: The 'Shake Your Booty' evening had been postponed until the new year. A Bingo Night was to be held on 11 December at 6.30 in the Memorial Hall. Raffle tickets would be sold throughout November with the winners being drawn during the Bingo Night. Resolved: to ask Morrisons to sponsor the evening with mince pies. Updated costs had been received from Proludic; these would have to be studied for the Lottery grant application.
- ii) Monthly reports:
 - Bont-goch: hedge needed cutting
 - Cae Bach: no report had been received

11. The Cemetery

No matters to discuss.

12. Planning

No matters to discuss.

13. 200 Club draw

A random number generator app was used to choose the October winners, as follows:

1st – 15, Ifor Jones (£50)

2nd – 172, Yvette Evans (£20)

3rd – Kate January McCann (£10)

14. Any Other Business

- i) Cllr. Catrin Davies proposed a 'no dogs' sign be erected on the grass in front of the pubs.
- ii) Cllr. Catrin Davies proposed a litter bin should be purchased for Bont-goch.
- iii) Cllr. Nia Richards noted the mess on the cycle path following hedge cutting at Maesnewydd, and also the mess on the main road, pavement and cycle path where the cattle cross. Cllr. Catrin Davies to deal with the matter.
- iv) Cllr. Catrin Davies noted that she had received a letter from Hywel Dda UHB regarding communication boards for playgrounds. Cllr. Nia Richard noted that one had already been reserved for Tal-y-bont playground

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- v) Resolved to hold a meeting of the Playground Committee in the Memorial Hall on 6 November at 5 o'clock to discuss the revised Proludic costs.

15. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on 25 November 2024 at 7.30pm in Tal-y-bont Memorial Hall.

The meeting closed at 9:40pm