

Cyngor Cymuned Ceulanamaesmawr Community Council

Minutes of the monthly meeting held on Monday 25 November 2024 at 19:30 in Tal-y-bont Memorial Hall

1. Chair's Welcome

Present: Councillors Ellen ap Gwynn (Chair), Bleddyn Huws, Eryl Bray, Siôn Pennant, Enoc Jenkins

Taking minutes: Lynwen Rees Jones

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Cllrs. Nia Richards, Mererid Watson, Catrin Davies (County Cllr.), Nest Jenkins, Rhian Evans (Vice-chair) and Elgan Evans.

3. Declaration of Interest

There was no declaration of interest.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 28 October 2024, were confirmed as correct with the following amendments.

Proposed: Eryl Bray; Seconded: Ellen ap Gwynn

5. Matters arising:

- i) Matters reported through Clic to the County Council:
 - a) Road at the church in Bont-goch: nothing to report;
 - b) Blocked drain by Cae Bach: this had been cleared;
 - c) Speed through Bont-goch: the Clerk had contacted Ken Skates regarding the matter. Nothing further to report. Resolved to update the resident who raised the matter;
 - d) Road in front of the White Lion and Black Lion: County Council had offered to re-paint the signs on the road, had noted that it was not usual to locate no entry signs at road exits, only at entries, and claimed that the Community Council had in the past refused consent to erect a blue/white one-way sign on the grass opposite the pubs. It was noted there were no entry signs at the junction with the A487 adjacent to the Wildfowler in Tre'r-ddôl. Resolved to contact County Council again, inquire when consent was denied, and note that the Council are now keen for a one-way sign to be erected.
- ii) Grass-cutting contract: resolved to place an advert in the December issue of *Papur Pawb*.
- iii) Smart meters in Bont-goch: Cllrs. Siôn Pennant noted that the situation had improved slightly and that his meter had now been connected for three weeks.
- iv) Defibrillators: the Memorial Hall Committee had been told of the intention to relocate a defib. and had inquired why not move it to Pentre Bach. They had been informed that there was a suitable place at Cwmere and that the location was further from Tal-y-bont than Pentre Bach.
- v) Remembrance Sunday: the Chair thanked Cllr. Nest Jenkins for supplying the two red wreaths; Cllr. Nia Richards for building the white wreath; and Ffion Davies for laying the white wreath.
- vi) Christmas tree: Cllr. Enoc Jenkins would try to collect and erect a Tree by 30 November. Resolved to inform the electrician of the intention to switch on the lights at 4.30pm on 5 December. Unfortunately, Fal Jenkins would not be available, and so proposed to ask Jenny

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Fothergill to lead the singing. Resolved also to ask whether the White Lion would provide drinks for the children.

vii) 'No dogs' signs: resolved to purchase six signs to be distributed as required.

6. Section 6 – Biodiversity

Nothing to report.

7. New Matters

- i) Draft budget 2025-26: resolved that the Chair and Clerk Cadeirydd would draw up a rough budget, to be discussed in a meeting of the Finance Committee in January before being presented to the full Council for approval.
- ii) It was noted that CAVO had given a grant of £1,000 for Warm Spaces.
- iii) 2024-25 grant allocation: resolved to publish an invitation to apply for grants, with a closing date of 13 January 2025. This would also be discussed in the Finance Committee meeting to be held on 13 January.

8. Correspondence

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

- i) Letter from Tal-y-bont Merched y Wawr inviting a Council Member to take part in the Christmas service. It was noted that Cllr. Eryl Bray had already agreed to do a reading/read a carol.
- ii) Letter from County Council giving a year's notice for the end of the lease on Tal-bont playing field.
- iii) Message from Eifion Jones noting that County Council would be responsible for maintaining the new footpath, but that he was looking for volunteers to do the work.

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 25/11/2024 was as follows:

Current account	£3,748.68
Deposit account	£4,931.25
Tabernacle account	£4,541.73
Cae Bach account	£18,644.15
+ float, cash:	£67.60

- ii) Income:

CAVO Warm Spaces grant	£1,000
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- iii) Invoices payable:

a. Ellen ap Gwynn, Warm Spaces costs	£16.60
b. Clerk, white wreath	£33.00
c. Nest Jenkins, red wreaths	£40.00

Resolved to approve the above payments immediately.

- d. Clerk's wages:

Back-pay April-Sept, 208 hrs @£1.05	£218.40	} £1,619.28
Pay Oct.-Dec. 104 hrs @ 13.47	£1,400.88	

Payable to the Clerk	£1,295.48
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Income tax payable to HMRC	£323.80
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Resolved to approve the above payments for the end of December.

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10. Playgrounds

- i) Cae Bach campaign: the Council was reminded of the Bingo Night to be held on 11 December at 6.30pm in the Memorial Hall. The raffle would be drawn on the night.
 - ii) Monthly reports:
 - Bont-goch: ground very wet
 - Cae Bach: no report had been received
- Cllr. Bleddyn Huws agreed to inspect Cae Bach by the next meeting

11. The Cemetery

- i) The work on the new path and fence was almost complete. The Chair thanked Eifion Jones for all the work done.
- ii) It was noted that a new double gate was needed, but not before claiming the grant for the work already done in the cemetery this year.
- iii) Cllrs. Enoc Jenkins and Elgan Evans had done some tidying up in the new part by the new bench.
- iv) It was noted that a funeral was to be held on 6 December.

12. Planning

No matters to discuss.

13. 200 Club draw

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

1st – 92, Gruffudd Jones (£50)

2nd – 39, Aeron Edwards (£20)

3rd – 191, Nia Peris (£10)

The prizes would be paid out of the raffle money.

14. Any Other Business

- i) Cllr. Bleddyn Huws noted that a sign showing the English name 'Glebe House' had erected outside St David's Church, and that this was not consistent with other local names. Resolved to contact the appropriate County Council officer noting the Council's disappointment and requesting a change to a Welsh.
- ii) Proposed to re-submit the request for a salt bin for Bont-goch – no reply had been received to the first request in February.
- iii) Cllr. Enoc Jenkins noted that a local resident was having difficulty getting planning permission to build a house on the family's land. Proposed that he should discuss this with the County Councillor.
- iv) 17 books of raffle ticket stubs were passed on to the Clerk, along with £85 cash. £80 of this would be used to pay for the November 200 Club prizes.

15. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on 27 January 2025 at 7.30pm in Tal-y-bont Memorial Hall.

The meeting closed at 9:00pm