

Cyngor Cymuned Ceulanamaesmawr Community Council

Minutes of the monthly meeting held on Monday 27 January 2025 at 19:30 in Tal-y-bont Memorial Hall

1. Chair's Welcome

Present: Councillors Ellen ap Gwynn (Chair), Nest Jenkins, Mererid Watson, Enoc Jenkins, Bleddyn Huws, Eryl Bray, Elgan Evans, Catrin Davies (County Cllr.), Rhian Evans (Vice-chair) and Siôn Pennant

Taking minutes: Lynwen Rees Jones

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Cllr. Nia Richards

3. Declaration of Interest

Declarations of interest were made with respect to point **7 iv)** (awarding grants) as follows:

Tal-y-bont YFC – Rhian Evans, Siôn Pennant, Mererid Watson

Tal-y-bont Playgroup – Elgan Evans, Catrin Davies

Tal-y-bont Show – Elgan Evans, Enoc Jenkins

Tal-y-bont Memorial Hall – Mererid Watson, Bleddyn Huws, Catrin Davies

Tal-y-bont Flood Group – Eryl Bray, Catrin Davies

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 25 November 2024, were confirmed as correct.

Proposed: Bleddyn Huws; Seconded: Eryl Bray

5. Matters arising:

- i) Matters reported through Clic to the County Council:
 - a) Road at the church in Bont-goch: County Council did not intend carrying out any work;
 - b) Road in front of the White Lion and Black Lion: County Council had agreed to erect a blue and white one-way sign; the Clerk to inform them of the best location;
- ii) Defibrillators: the intention was to relocate the defib before the end of February;
- iii) Christmas tree: Cllr. Enoc Jenkins was thanked for supplying the tree again this year;
- iv) No dogs signs: these had been purchased and would be displayed in Bont-goch playground and on the grass at Tal-y-bont Square;
- v) Bont-goch salt bin: Clerk and Cllr. Catrin Davies to follow up on this;
- vi) Bont-goch litter bin: nothing to report;
- vii) St David's Church: there was nothing that the County Council could do with regard to the name *Glebe House*. Cllr. Catrin Davies proposed writing to the owner asking if he had considered a Welsh name and offering some suggestions, e.g. Tŷ'r Llan, Tir Dewi.

6. Section 6 – Biodiversity

Cllr. Eryl Bray noted that she and Cllr. Nia Richards would be attending a meeting the following week to discuss the response to a flood alleviation plan for Tal-y-bont.

- Some suggestions were problematic, e.g. creating pools to hold floodwater could disturb underground lead deposits, and no discussions had been held to date with landowners, etc;
- Discussions tended to focus on the Ceulan mor than the Leri;
- Consideration would need to be given to the bridge;

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- Removal of weirs had been discussed;

A public meeting had been organised in the Memorial Hall on 11 February from 3pm to 7pm.

7. New Matters

- i) Tal-y-bont public conveniences: the latest maintenance costs had been received that afternoon. County Council had accepted that there was no break clause in the contract, but had noted that it was under no obligation to keep the toilets open. County Council had also noted that it did not intend to carry out necessary repairs, so the PC was currently out of use. The following was proposed:
 - that the Clerk would contact County Council noting that the figures had arrived too late to be given careful consideration when setting the precept for 2025-26;
 - that the toilets would have to be in good working order on transferring responsibility to the Community Council;
 - that a consultation would need to be held with the community to consider whether the PC was needed;

Proposed: Rhian Evans; Seconded: Eryl Bray; Declaration of interest: Catrin Davies.
- ii) Green spaces maintenance contract: two tenders had been received, from Dafydd Williams: £6,240, and Robert Griffiths £4,800 + VAT (£5,760). The sizeable price difference was noted, and also the fact that VAT could be reclaimed on Robert Griffiths' tender. It was unanimously agreed to offer the contract to Robert Griffiths.
- iii) 2025-26 budget: the draft budget had been circulated beforehand. Minor amendments were made, and it was voted 8-2 in favour of raising the precept by £1,000 to £17,000.
- iv) 2024-25 grant allocations: it was unanimously resolved to allocate the grants as follows:

Organisation	Sum		
Tal-y-bont Young Farmers Club	£200.00		
Tal-y-bont Youth Club	£200.00		
Tal-y-bont Youth Football Club	£500.00		
Tal-y-bont Football Club	£500.00		
Tal-y-bont Playgroup (<i>Meithrin</i>)	£1,000.00		
Tal-y-bont Agricultural Society	£400.00		
<i>Papur Pawb</i> Committee	£400.00		
Tal-y-bont Memorial Hall	£1,000.00		
Tal-y-bont After School Club	£200.00		
Cletwr	£100.00		
Tal-y-bont Breakfast Club/PTA	£200.00		
Tal-y-bont Flood Group	£100.00		
Tal-y-bont Playing Fields Committee	£300.00		
HAHAV	£100.00	Local organisations	£5,100
Wales Air Ambulance	£200.00	County organisations	£100
Urdd Fund for All	£100.00	National organisations	£300
Total	£5,500		£5,500

- v) Nazareth Chapel Cemetery: Cliff Williams had contacted Cllr. Nia Richards noting that the cemetery was ready to be transferred. Council would have to liaise with a solicitor specialising in land transfer matters, and Nia had spoken with Jonathan Powell from Powell and Davies solicitors, who had stated that he would be willing to look at the relevant paperwork. Cllr. Catrin Davies proposed and Cllr. Mererid Watson seconded that Jonathan Powell should be requested to do the necessary work as long as no cost would be incurred

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by the Community Council, i.e. that the fees be paid by the Presbytery, and that the boundaries were clear in the deeds. This was passed unanimously.

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 County Council offering free, online Welsh language training for Councillors on the Code of Conduct at 6pm on 11 February. All Councillors were urged to attend.

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 27/01/2025 was as follows:

Current account	£1,234.99
Deposit account	£2,943.78
Tabernacle account	£4,563.36
Cae Bach account	£19,976.08
+ float, cash:	£213.07

- ii) Income:

£50 cheque from James Memorials to be paid into current account.

The Clerk had claimed a VAT repayment of £1,867.99 for the first three quarters.

The Clerk advised temporarily transferring £4,000 from the Cae Bach fund to facilitate cash flow until the end of the year. Resolved to approve this.

- iii) Invoices payable:

a. Ellen ap Gwynn, Warm Spaces costs	£9.99
b. Nest Jenkins, red wreaths	£40 (since last meeting)
c. Ceredigion County Council, playing field rent	£10
d. Aeron Press, raffle tickets	£60 (Cae Bach fund)
e. Memorial Hall, room rental	£310 (of which £40 from Cae Bach fund)
f. Nia Richards, Warm Spaces costs	£14
g. Eryl Bray, Warm Spaces costs	£1.75
h. Clerk, 'no dogs' signs	£14.60

Resolved to approve the above payments.

N.B. On 10 December, Dafydd Williams had presented an invoice for £3,260 for the maintenance work on the community's green spaces for the year. Members had approved payment in December by e-mail to the Clerk.

10. Playgrounds

- i) Cae Bach campaign: plans were afoot for two events in the coming months – a dance night and a plant sale. The fund had reached £20,189.15
 - ii) Monthly reports:
 - Bont-goch: ground very wet; hedge at lower end had not been cut properly – it needs cutting all the way to the river.
 - Cae Bach: broken slat on one of the picnic tables. Resolved to ask Jamie Davies if he could fix this.
- Cllr. Eryl Brays agreed to inspect Cae Bach next month

11. The Cemetery

- i) The surface along the whole length of the path had been completed but not the fence. Members proposed holding a small opening ceremony. Clerk to discuss with Eifion Jones.

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12. Planning

No matters to discuss.

13. 200 Club draw

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

1st – 195, Jayne Jones (£50)

2nd – 139, Kevin Roberts (£20)

3rd – 2, Eryl Bray (£10)

The prizes would be paid out of the Cae Bach float. Prize handed to Cllr. Eryl Bray immediately.

14. Any Other Business

- i) Bins had not been collected on the appointed day over the Christmas period.
- ii) The grating at the bottom of the road by the hairdressers in Tal-y-bont was blocked, with frozen water during cold weather posing a danger.
- iii) The road from Neuadd Fawr was in poor condition with cables on the ground. Cllr. Enoc Jenkins asked how much money the Rally produced in Ceredigion and it was noted that the County contributes around £250k to the Rally. All members agreed that the Rally was held at the expense of local roads, and that the money was not used to repair them. It was proposed to contact the Council noting that the community did not benefit from the Rally, and if Ceulanamaesmawr roads are to be used, then they should subsequently be repaired to an acceptable standard. It has been held for many years to the detriment of the roads, which are not then repaired.
- iv) Concern was raised that the County Council's system for inspecting roads was not working, as workers would focus on one matter at a time rather than carrying out a comprehensive inspection of all needs.
- v) Concern was raised over dog mess on the grass at Tal-ybont square. The Clerk had purchased 'No Dogs' signs to be displayed there and in Bont-goch playground.

15. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on 24 February 2025 at 7.30pm in Tal-y-bont Memorial Hall.

The meeting closed at 10:15pm