

Cyngor Cymuned Ceulanamaesmawr Community Council

Minutes of the monthly meeting held on Monday 24 February 2025 at 19:30 in Tal-y-bont Memorial Hall

1. Chair's Welcome

Present: Councillors Ellen ap Gwynn (Chair), Mererid Watson, Catrin Davies (County Cllr.), Enoc Jenkins, Nia Richards, Eryl Bray and Rhian Evans (Vice-chair)

Taking minutes: Lynwen Rees Jones

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Cllrs. Bleddyn Huws, Siôn Pennant, Elgan Evans and Nest Jenkins

3. Declaration of Interest

No declarations of interest were made.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 27 January 2025, were confirmed as correct after changing the year from 2024 to 2025.

Proposed: Mererid Watson; Seconded: Catrin Davies

5. Matters arising:

- i) Matters reported through Clic to the County Council:
 - a) Cwm Tŷ Nant road: Cllr. Catrin Davies had already raised the matter with County Council. Proposed: invite Charlie Jukes (Ceredigion Rally) to a Council meeting to discuss the condition of this and other roads in the area being used for the rally;
 - b) Road in front of White Lion and Black Lion: no-entry sign on road had been repainted; one-way sign yet to be erected. Cllrs. queried would it be possible to erect no entry signs at the junction with the A487, but the Clerk noted that this had already been refused by County Council;
 - c) Condition of road from Braichgarw to Penpompren: to be re-submitted. It was noted that there are three houses further along from Braichgarw and that the County Council is responsible for maintaining the road up to the bench. A Councillor noted that she was under the impression that Penpompren had agreed with County Council to arrange for the road to be resurfaced in order for it to be maintained by the Council. Resolved: to make inquiries regarding a record of this arrangement;
 - d) Litter bin for Bont-goch: request denied.
- ii) Training: eight members had attended the online training on the Code of Conduct held by County Council on 11 February. A copy of the presentation had subsequently been circulated to all members;
- iii) Cae Bach picnic table: nothing to report;
- iv) Bont-goch salt bin: approved by County Council, who had offered two options, to be located at the agreed site: small – £262.50 or large – £326.90. The cost would include installing and filling the bin. Resolved: to purchase the larger bin;
- v) Defibrillators: nothing to report.

6. Section 6 – Biodiversity

- i) Many members had attended the consultation meeting on the Tal-y-bont flood alleviation plan, which had been held at the Memorial Hall on 11 February. The general consensus was that it had been a disappointing event, that not all the relevant factors had been

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considered, that the data being used was erroneous and insufficient, that there had been a lack of communication between NRW, the Highways Department and County Council, and that the knowledge and expertise of the local residents was not being given any consideration. Attendees were told that there were insufficient funds to tackle both rivers. It was noted that a possible solution would be to ensure more space for water to flow under the bridge, e.g. by widening/demolishing the arch, but this was unlikely to happen. The closing date for submitting responses had been moved back to 28 February. It was proposed that as many people as possible should be encouraged to respond. Resolved: to respond on behalf of the Council. Resolved also: to invite Rhodri Llwyd and Annett Birkett to a meeting of the Council – such a meeting would be held in public.

- ii) In contrast, it was noted that the meetings being held by the Leri Catchment Co-design Group were very beneficial, with farmers, landowners and local residents attending and willing to contribute to discussions on the area higher up the river.
- iii) A member asked whether any of the organisations that had applied for financial aid had detailed any benefits re biodiversity. None had done so.

7. New Matters

There were no new matters to discuss.

8. Correspondence

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

- i) Letter from Cronfa Eleri noting that the request for financial assistance for the Cae Bach appeal had been successful, and that a grant of £5,000 would be awarded by Amgen soon. Cllr. Nia Richards was thanked for preparing the bid.

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 24/02/2025 was as follows:

Current account	£2,202.90
Deposit account	£46.22
Tabernacle account	£4,563.36
Cae Bach account	£17,942.67
Cae Bach float	£53.07
Cash for 200 Club prizes	£80.00

- ii) Income:

£50 cheque from James Memorials, paid in at the end of the previous week.

The Clerk had already transferred £2,000 from the Cae Bach fund to ease the cash flow situation, and would transfer a further £2,000 before the end of March. Unfortunately, cash flow would be tight until a claim could be made in October for the County Council's burial grounds grant for works carried out in the cemetery during the current financial year.

- iii) Invoices payable:

a. TME, Christmas lights	£840
b. Nia Richards, Warm Spaces costs	£12.34
c. Ellen ap Gwynn, Warm Spaces costs	£48.12

Resolved: to approve the above payments.

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- iv) Warm Spaces/Cwtsh Cynnes: the Clerk had circulated the financial situation to the members, noting that there was £983.02 in the fund before February costs. It was also noted that Cwtsh Cynnes was going from strength to strength, with roughly 25 people in attendance each week. Nic Pryor, Ceredigion County Council Connecting Communities Officer, had visited in early January and praised the welcoming atmosphere.
- v) The financial officer, Cllr. Nia Richards, had audited the accounts during the previous week, carrying out a bank reconciliation with the Clerk. The accounts were balanced.

10. Playgrounds

- i) Cae Bach campaign: a plant sale had been planned for 26 April. The fund was currently at £20,189.15
- ii) Monthly reports:
 - Bont-goch: no report received.
 - Cae Bach: slat still broken on one of the picnic tables.
- iii) Cllr. Nia Richards agreed to inspect Cae Bach during March. Proposed: to draw up an inspection rota for the coming year in alphabetical order.

11. The Cemetery

- i) The County Council had nothing planned to officially open the footpath. Resolved: to contact Llangynfelyn Community Council Clerk to discuss arranging an event.

12. Planning

Application A250083 – erection of cabinet and mobile phone tower: no objection.

13. 200 Club draw

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

1st – 184, Geraint Howard (£50); 2nd – 191, Nia Peris (£20); 3rd – 13, Su James (£10)

The prizes would be paid using cash in the Cae Bach fund.

14. Any Other Business

- i) Cattle grid blocked on the Ceulan Valley road at the turning to Cerrig Cadwgan Farm and Capel Ceulan, potholes in the road down to Capel Ceulan.
- ii) Motorbikes and off-road vehicles were destroying the road between Y Winllan and the Ceulan Valley road, causing gravel and water to spill onto the road. Proposed: requesting County Council to downgrade the road to prohibit motor vehicles from using it.
- iii) Large pot-hole in Ceulan Terrace at the corner with Maes y Felin.
- iv) It was noted that the Maesnewydd dogs had run out onto the road over the cattle grid.
- v) The fence had been repositioned to reroute the footpath down from Braichgarw over the wooden footbridge. Resolved: to inform Eifion Jones, sending photographic evidence.
- vi) Large pothole in the road at Glanyrafon Farm. Motorists were driving on the other side of the road to avoid the holes causing the road and wall to give. The cones at the location had been there for a while, and it was queried what was to be done. Cllr. Catrin Davies agreed to report this.

15. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on 31 March 2025 at 7.30pm in Tal-y-bont Memorial Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm