

Cyngor Cymuned Ceulanamaesmawr Community Council

Minutes of the monthly meeting held on Monday 31 March 2025 at 19:30 in Tal-y-bont Memorial Hall

1. Chair's Welcome

Present: Ellen ap Gwynn (Chair), Mererid Watson, Catrin Davies (County Councillor), Nia Richards, Nest Jenkins, Siôn Pennant, and Rhian Evans (Vice-chair, late)

Taking minutes: Lynwen Rees Jones

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Cllrs. Bleddyn Huws, Eryl Bray and Elgan Evans

3. Declaration of Interest

Cllr. Catrin Davies declared an interest in agenda item **12. Planning**.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 24 February 2025, were confirmed as correct subject to amending item **5. i) c)** *A Councillor noted that Penpompren had agreed with County Council ... to A Councillor noted that she was under the impression that Penpompren had agreed with County Council ...*

Proposed: Mererid Watson; Seconded: Catrin Davies

5. Matters arising:

- i) Matters reported through Clic to the County Council:
 - a) Tŷ Nant valley road: Cllr Catrin Davies was in discussion with Charlie Jukes (Ceredigion Rally) with regard to the condition of this and other roads in the area as a result of being used in the rally. It was noted that Rally officials inspect the route a fortnight before the rally is held, then again a week before, and finally after the rally, and that any damage caused between inspections is repaired;
 - b) Road in front of White Lion and Black Lion: nothing to report;
 - c) Condition of road from Braichgarw to Penpompren: Cllr. Mererid Watson noted that there was no written proof of an agreement between Penpompren owners and County Council, and that the only verbal information was available. However, as there are three houses further up the road from Braichgarw, members were of the opinion that County Council is responsible for the road from Penffordd-las to Braichgarw;
 - d) Road at Glanrafon: some potholes had been filled but no work had been done with regard to the wall. Cllr Mererid Watson suggested that this was a H&S matter.
- ii) Tal-y-bont square: the Clerk had placed 'No Dogs' signs around the grass area, but dogs were still take there. Cllr Nia Richards suggested the need for a sign on the ground;
- iii) Salt bin had been delivered to Bont-goch;
- iv) Invitation to Rhodri Llwyd and Annett Birkett: message from Rhodri Llwyd on 13 March inviting members to a virtual meeting to discuss the flood mitigation plan and requesting relevant questions beforehand. Resolved to reply by asking for an explanation on:
Why does the plan only focus on the river Ceulan?
Why have no discussions been held with the relevant landowners?
Why are the proposed pools located so close to the village?
It was noted that further questions could be posed at the meeting.
It was also noted that the old bridge forms the foundation of the new bridge over the river, which was renovated in 1996, and that therefore no work would be done. A member

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suggested lowering the river bed under the bridge, but this would not be possible as the bed was made of rock. Cllr Nest Jenkins queried whether it would be possible to remove the dam below Salon Leri.

6. Section 6 – Biodiversity

- i) Nothing new to report, but Cllr Nia Richards would prepare an end of year report in due course.
- ii) As organisations had not included any information on environmental effects in their grant applications even though the invitation to apply requires this, it was proposed that an application form be prepared for the following year. It was noted that Llangynfelyn Council had such a form, which could give some ideas.

7. New Matters

- i) Talybont public conveniences: nothing to report. Resolved to leave the matter on the table for the time being.
- ii) 2023-24 Audit: the Chair read the Auditor's opinion to the Members. Following discussions, it was noted that an explanation should be given noting that not all funds are available for use by the Council, i.e. the Tabernacle account and the Cae Bach account, and therefore these could not be considered when setting the precept. It was noted also that all public correspondence should be put on the website.
The Clerk to arrange for the notice of completion and all relevant documents to be placed on the website and in the public noticeboards

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 Eifion Jones noting that County Council was making inquiries into the public footpath that had been diverted;
- ii) Tesco Strong Starts – invitation to apply for grant funding: Cllr Nia Richards was discussing the possibility of applying for a grant for a project to build planters etc. for Cae Bach. This would help to improve biodiversity in line with the wishes of the children who had participated in the consultation.

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 31/03/2025 was as follows:

Current account	£2,049.93
Deposit account	£46.22
Tabernacle account	£4,584.18
Cae Bach account	£19,535.81
Cae Bach float	£53.07
Total	£26,269.27

It was noted that £4,000 was on loan to the Council from the Cae Bach Fund, and that a £128 VAT repayment (first three quarters of the year) also needed to be transferred to the Cae Bach account.

The Clerk had applied for the VAT repayment for the final quarter to the sum of £479.20, £250 of which would go to the Cae Bach Fund.

It would not be possible to apply for a grant for work done in the cemetery during the year,

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to the sum of £6,805, until October.

ii) Income:

Cheque from James Memorials – £70

Interest on Tabernacle account – £20.82

Interest on Cae Bach account – £23.14.

iii) Invoices paid during the month, having been approved via e-mail:

a. Zurich Municipal, insurance 2025-26 £1,282.37

b. CES, percolation tests in Cae Bach £1,440

iv) Invoices payable:

c. OVW membership £204

d. Talybont Memorial Hall, room hire £240

e. Nia Richards, Cwtsh Cynnes costs £24.35

f. Ellen ap Gwynn, Cwtsh Cynnes costs £7.25

g. Clerk's net wage, Jan-March 2025 £1,120.68

h. Income tax on Clerk's wage £280.20

Resolved: to approve the above payments.

10. Playgrounds

- i) Cae Bach campaign: a plant sale had been planned for 26 April. Entry would be free, but refreshments would be for sale.

It was noted that CES would be carrying out percolation tests in Cae Bach on 4 April as part of the drainage plan. Resolved to place notices on both gated and in the noticeboards, and also to post a message on Clonc.

ii) Monthly reports:

- Bont-goch: ground very wet and full of molehills. It was noted that not many children use the playground due to the ground's condition, and that the picnic bench was sinking into the mud. It was proposed that a site visit was needed to see what could be done to drain the ground. Resolved to ask Cllrs Enoc Jenkins and Elgan Evans for advice.

- Cae Bach: no report had been received.

- iii) Cllr. Mererid Watson agreed to inspect Cae Bach in April. Proposed: to draw up an inspection rota for the coming year in alphabetical order.

11. The Cemetery

Opening of new footpath: Llangynfelyn Council was very keen to arrange an official opening, and had asked the public for their opinion. Cllr Catrin Davies noted that Mr Hefin Jones, the primary school Head, was happy to arrange for the pupils to participate in such an event. Following discussions, it was resolved to form a joint committee with members of both Councils, and that Catrin would discuss with the Llangynfelyn Chair.

12. Planning

Application A240260 – appeal of decision to refuse permission. Council had given 'No comment' to the original application. Application details were searched online, but it was not possible to see the relevant documents. Resolved that it was not possible to comment as the grounds for appeal were unknown. Clerk to act accordingly.

13. Any Other Business

- i) Two landowners had complained about bikes scrambling on the mountains near Llety Ifan Hen. Cllr Catrin Davies had discussed this with Eifion Jones, representative of the Local Access Forum. Resolved to write to the Forum, with a copy to Clive Davies, noting the

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concerns. Catrin noted that anyone wishing to make a complaint should send photographic evidence.

- ii) Cllr Catrin Davies proposed asking Barcud what their intention was with regard to the land it owned at Maesyderi. The original intension had been to build six more houses, and there was local need for more homes. It was resolved to contact County Council's housing department and Barcud regarding the situation. It was also resolved to request a detailed map of this part of the village to see who owned which pieces of land.

14. 200 Club Draw

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

1st – 132, Carys Davies (£50); 2nd – 85 Margaret Hatch (£20); 3rd – 117 Liz Hughes (£10)

15. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held on 28 April 2025 at 7.30pm in Tal-y-bont Memorial Hall.

The Chair wished Cllr Mererid Watson all the best as this would be her final meeting before the birth of her baby.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm