

Cyngor Cymuned Ceulanamaesmawr Community Council

Minutes of the monthly meeting held on Monday 28 April 2025 at 19:30 in Tal-y-bont Memorial Hall

1. Chair's Welcome

Present: Cllrs Catrin Davies (County Councillor), Ellen ap Gwynn (Chair), Nest Jenkins, Bleddyn Huws, Eryl Bray, Siôn Pennant, Nia Richards, Enoc Jenkins, Elgan Evans and Rhian Evans (Vice-chair, late)

Taking minutes: Lynwen Rees Jones

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Cllr. Mererid Watson

3. Declaration of Interest

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

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 31 March 2025, were confirmed as correct.

Proposed: Catrin Davies; Seconded: Ellen ap Gwynn

5. Matters arising:

- a) Tŷ Nant valley road: nothing to report;
- b) Road in front of White Lion and Black Lion: nothing to report;
- c) Condition of road from Braichgarw to Penfforddlas: nothing to report;
- d) Condition of road at Glanyrafon Farm: nothing to report;
- i) Meeting with Rhodri Llwyd regarding the flood plan: Cllr. Catrin Davies noted that the plan was now on the WG list for Flood Investment Capital, which names 40 properties rather than the 27 impacted by the floods. It was resolved not to pose the questions agreed at the previous meeting, but instead ask what the next steps will be now that the plan is on the WG list.
- ii) Motorcycles scrambling: replies received from Clive Davies and Eifion Jones suggesting that the landowners should contact the police since the affected land is private. Resolved: to arrange a meeting between the landowners affected, the Chief Constable (Rural Crimes dept), NRW, and the Local Access Forum, on a Wednesday evening in the near future. Evidence would need to be gathered, and a map should be available at the meeting to locate the areas in question. Dafydd Llywelyn to be copied into the invitation.
- iii) Land at Maesyderi: nothing to report

6. Section 6 – Biodiversity

A short report was given by Cllr. Nia Richards, who had attended a webinar by NRW on 28 April on SUDS plans. It was noted that grant schemes were available, offering between £10k and £15k for SUDS projects. Any application would have to outline the effect on well-being, the community, the environment and biodiversity, with priority given to WFD areas and those at a high risk of flooding. No funds would be available for feasibility studies, and it would not be possible to apply for grants for new/redevelopment projects where SUDS is a legal requirement. Closing date for applications: 30 June 2025. It was noted that further details, along with the seminar slides, were available on the NRW website.

7. New matters

- i) Updating the Asset Register: the Clerc had circulated the Asset Register prior to the meeting.

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The register was approved with no changes. However, it was noted that the benches at Coetmor and at the old water works in Bont-goch were in need of repair. Resolved: to ask Robert Griffiths to carry out the repairs.

- ii) Updating Council policies: it was resolved to hold a meeting of the Policy Committee on 12 May to review and update the policies. The Clerk to distribute the relevant documents.

8. Correspondence

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

- i) 2024-25 Audit Notice from Audit Wales;
- ii) Reply from Eifion Jones, on behalf of the Local Access Forum, and Clive Davies, County Council – see point 5 iii).
- iii) Planning application – see point 12.

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 28/04/2025 was as follows:

Current account	£270.31
Deposit account	£46.35
Tabernacle account	£4,584.18
Cae Bach account	£19,907.96
Cae Bach float	£66.92
Total	<u>£24,875.72</u>

Cash in the Cae Bach fund following the plant sale:

- £740 to be deposited in the bank
- £160 for the April and May 200 Club prizes
- £66.92 to be kept as a float for the next event

It was also noted that a cash donation of £10 had been received – to be added to the float – and that a refund of £10 was due to Eryl who had been overcharged at the sale.

- ii) Income:

Cheque from James Memorials – £35

- iii) Invoices payable:

- a) Nia Richards, Cwtsh Cynnes costs £8.75
- b) Ellen ap Gwynn, Cwtsh Cynnes costs £10.35

Resolved: to approve the above payments.

- iv) 2024-25 Audit:

An Audit Notice had been issued by Audit Wales. Resolved: to ask Bryn Smith to carry out the internal audit again this year.

10. Playgrounds

- i) Cae Bach campaign: the Chair thanked everyone who had helped with the plant sale held on 26 April, raising £913.84, and it was propose to send thank you messages to Brynderwen Nurseries for their kind donation of plants to sell. It was also proposed to thank Barry Wise and Sarah Reisz, Joy Chadbourne, Frances Foster and Gill Jones for contributing plants and cakes and for their help on the day. The Committee was seeking grants to add to the fund.
- ii) Monthly report:
 - Bont-goch: the ground was very wet and the hedge needed cutting. Cllrs. Enoc Jenkins,

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Elgan Evans and Siôn Pennant were asked to meet on-site to see what could be done to dry out the ground. It was noted that trees needed to be planted to absorb the water. It was also noted that Welsh Water had been responsible for the original landscaping work, but that they had been unwilling to undertake any drainage work.

- Cae Bach: no official report had been received, but it was noted that the situation was unchanged.

iii) May inspections: Cae Bach – Ellen ap Gwynn; Bont-goch – Elgan Evans.

11. The Cemetery

A meeting had been arranged for 29 April to confirm the arrangements for officially opening the footpath. Members of both Ceulanamaesmawr and Llangynfelyn Councils would attend.

12. Planning

Application A250260 – amendments to the original plan, allowing the owner to live in the shed temporarily while work was being done to the main building. No objection.

13. Any Other Matter

- i) The situation at Cwmere was queried. It was suspected that the new building erected was not being used as a shed and that an *airbnb* was being offered (Crwban Cymru).
Resolved: to inform the enforcement officer.
- ii) Fault with the 20 mph sign on the southern approach to Tal-y-bont with no light on one side. It was noted that the Trunk Road Agency has a contract with Ceredigion Council to keep road-signs in good repair. Resolved: to report the matter to County Council through Clic copying in the Trunk Road Agency.
- iii) It was noted that the Ceredigion Rally attracts a lot of extra traffic along the back roads around the main route, which adds to the damage caused by the rally cars themselves. It was noted that Ceredigion Rally is only obliged to repair damage to the roads on the route.

14. 200 Club winners

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

1st – 114, Alan Wilson (£50); 2nd – 187, Siân James (£20); 3rd – 183, Geraint Jenkins (£10)

15. Date of Next Meeting

The Annual General Meeting would be held at 7pm on 19 May 2025 in Tal-y-bont Memorial Hall.

The May meeting would be held at 7.30pm immediately after the AGM.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm