

# Cyngor Cymuned Ceulanamaesmawr Community Council

## Minutes of the monthly meeting held on Monday 19 May 2025 at 8pm in Tal-y-bont Memorial Hall

### 1. Chair's Welcome

**Present:** Cllrs Ellen ap Gwynn (Chair), Nest Jenkins, Siôn Pennant Jones, Bleddyn Huws, Nia Richards, Catrin Davies (County Cllr), Elgan Evans, Enoc Jenkins and Rhian Evans

**Taking minutes:** Lynwen Rees Jones

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting; she congratulated Cllr Mererid Watson on the recent birth of a daughter and wished the family well.

### 2. Apologies

Cllr. Mererid Watson

### 3. Declaration of Interest

No declaration of interest was made.

### 4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 28 April 2025, were confirmed as correct.

Proposed: Bleddyn Huws; Seconded: Nest Jenkins

### 5. Matters arising:

- i) Matters reported to the County Council via Clic
  - b) Road at Carreg Cadwgan: the matter had been closed;
  - c) Road in front of White Lion and Black Lion: the one-way sign had been erected;
  - d) Condition of road from Braichgarw to Penfforddilas: some work had been done near the gate, but more was needed;
  - e) Water on road near Bwlchglas: the pipe had been repaired;
  - f) Condition of road at Glanyrafon Farm: nothing to report. Resolved: to send a reminder to County Council.
- ii) Meeting with Rhodri Llwyd regarding the flood plan: there had been no reply. It was resolved to contact once again.
- iii) Motorcycles scrambling: no meeting had been arranged to date. Members were asked for photographic evidence to be sent with the invitation.

### 6. Section 6 – Biodiversity

A comprehensive report had been given by Cllr. Nia Richards during the AGM. She noted that she would also be presenting an updated version of the biodiversity plan to One Voice Wales.

### 7. New matters

- i) Plans to erect new wind turbines in the area: the Chair noted that Eluned Lewis from Bute Energy was eager to talk with the Council about the money that would be available to the community following the erection of new wind turbines at Cwm Einion/Nant y Moch. It was queried whether the local community as a whole would be able to benefit from the energy produced, e.g. through lower energy bills, rather than through grants alone. Resolved: to invite Eluned Lewis to give a presentation at the June meeting (to start at 7pm)
- ii) Tal-y-bont public conveniences: an SLA had been sent by County Council for the upkeep of the public toilets at a cost of £5,673 p.a. Following a lengthy discussion, it was resolved not to sign the contract as no funds had been budgeted due to the late circulation of the costs, and that the contract between the Community and the County Councils was still in force. A public consultation would need to be held on the future of the toilets.

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### 8. Correspondence

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

- i) County Council consultation on diverting a public footpath in Bont-goch – no objection.

### 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 19/05/2025 was as follows:

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|--------------------|-------------------|
| Current account    | £5,925.85         |
| Deposit account    | £46.41            |
| Tabernacle account | £4,584.18         |
| Cae Bach account   | £20,692.44        |
| Total              | <u>£31,248.88</u> |

Cash in the Cae Bach fund:

- Float for next event – £76.92  
(including £10 contribution received since April meeting)
- May 200 Club prizes – £80

- ii) Income:

- a) I.B. Williams and Son, inscription £35
- b) First precept payment £5,666.67

- iii) Invoices payable:

- a) CES, second payment, drainage plan £1,440
- b) Nia Richards, Cwtsh Cynnes costs £3.50
- c) Ellen ap Gwynn, Cwtsh Cynnes costs £9.00
- d) Lynwen Jones, Clerk's costs (memory stick) £8.99

Resolved: to approve the above payments.

- iv) 2024-25 Audit:

Mr Bryn Smith had carried out the internal audit and the annual return was presented to the councillors. The Chair read the comments and the return was approved and duly signed. The Audit Notice will be uploaded to the website and placed in the noticeboards mid-June.

Cllr. Nia Richards proposed it would be beneficial to hold a 'Meet the Councillors' event sometime soon, noting that grants were available for such events.

### 10. Playgrounds

- i) Cae Bach campaign: no events had been held since the plant sale, which had raised over £900 towards the fund. It was intended to hold a fun football day on the school field at the end of June. Jenkins Milk had offered to supply free milk, milkshakes, etc. to be sold at the event. Councillors were invited to lend a helping hand on the day.
- ii) Monthly reports:
  - Bont-goch: Cllrs. Enoc Jenkins, Elgan Evans and Siôn Pennant had not had a chance to meet on site, and no inspection had been carried out.
  - Cae Bach: the picnic table had not been repaired. The Clerk had received the April report from Cllr Mererid Watson during the month
- iii) June inspections: Cae Bach – Eryl Bray; Bont-goch – Siôn Pennant.

### 11. The Cemetery

A meeting had been held on 29 April to arrange the official opening of the footpath. Cllrs Ellen

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ap Gwynn and Nia Richards had been present on behalf of Ceulanamaesmawr Council, with Cllr Rhian Nelmes on behalf of Llangynfelyn Council. Also in attendance were Llangynfelyn Clerk, Teresa Jones, with the Ceulanamaesmawr Clerk taking minutes. It had been resolved to hold the opening on 19 June, meeting at Maesyderi at 1.30pm and then walking to the border between the parishes at Nant-y-ddyrnen. Following a few words, when the name of the path would be revealed, children would cut a ribbon on either side of the stile. The older children would then walk to Coed Dafydd for light refreshments. Some of the children had already designed a poster, and a competition would be held to design a logo. The winner's name would be announced on the day, with the intention of using the logo on signs at either end of the path. The Chair had offered a £10 gift voucher as the prize for the winner. As there is a counter on the path, it was proposed to ask Eifion Jones for the number of users to date.

### 12. Planning

There were no planning applications to consider.

### 13. Any Other Matter

- i) There was another instance of three sheds possibly being used as holiday lets at Cwmere, at the far end of the field by the stile. Resolved: to enquire with the enforcement officer whether permission had been granted.
- ii) A dog had attacked a member of the community as they walked in the vicinity of Cwmere. It was suspected that the dog had come from the mobile caravan in the trees. Permission had previously been granted to store tools in the shed in the woods. Council was unsure whether permission had been granted to reside in a caravan at the site in question. Resolved: to contact the enforcement officer.
- iii) Cllr Catrin Davies had been told that the land behind Maesyderi did not belong to Barcud, and that there was no site in Tal-y-bont earmarked for community housing. The Chair noted that the land in question belonged to County Council.

### 14. 200 Club winners

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

1<sup>st</sup> – 135, Rory-George Rees (£50); 2<sup>nd</sup> – 191, Nia Peris (£20); 3<sup>rd</sup> – 58, Harry James (£10)

### 15. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held at 7.30pm on 30 June 2025 in the Memorial Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm