

Cyngor Cymuned Ceulanamaesmawr Community Council

Minutes of the monthly meeting held on Monday 28 July 2025 at 7.30 p.m. in Tal-y-bont Memorial Hall

1. Chair's Welcome

Present: Cllrs Ellen ap Gwynn (Chair), Catrin Davies (County Cllr), Siôn Pennant Jones, Enoc Jenkins (Vice-chair), Nest Jenkins, Nia Richards, Rhian Evans, Eryl Bray (remotely) and Mererid Watson (remotely)

Taking Minutes: Lynwen Rees Jones

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Cllr Bleddyn Huws

3. Declaration of Interest

No declaration of interest was made.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 30 June 2025, were confirmed as correct.

Proposed: Nia Richards; Seconded: Nest Jenkins

5. Matters arising:

i) Matters reported to the County Council via Clic

a) 20mph sign: nothing to report;

ii) Japanese knotweed in Cae Bach: Rachel Mills had agreed to take a look to decide on the best course of action to get rid of it. It was noted that Rachel held certificates PA1 – safe use of pesticides, and PA6 – safe administration of pesticides.

iii) Meeting with Rhodri Llwyd: an invitation had been received to meet either virtually or in person in September, offering various dates. It was resolved that Cllrs Eryl Bray, Catrin Davies, Ellen ap Gwynn, Nia Richards and Mererid Watson would attend a meeting in Aberystwyth on Thursday 4 September, 2-4pm. Cllr Catrin Davies proposed co-opting Mick Fothergill to be present. This was passed unanimously.

6. Section 6 – Biodiversity

i) Cllr Nia Richards noted that the biodiversity action plan had been updated and forwarded to One Voice Wales. She also noted that she had attended a course with Coed Cymru on 9 July on listing trees of note, and briefly explained the process.

7. Correspondence

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

i) Message from Bethan Jones, Ceredigion Green Space Officer, noting an intention to plant more shrubs in the hedge along Llwybr Mai in the Cemetery, querying whether the water supply was metered and seeking permission to use the supply.

8. Financial matters:

i) Financial report: the Clerk had circulated details of the financial situation prior to the meeting; the situation as at 28/07/2025 was as follows:

Current account	£1,659.11
Deposit account	£2,046.47

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Tabernacle account	£4,603.72
Cae Bach account	£19,953.58
Total	£28,262.94

Cash in the Cae Bach fund:

- Float for next event – £50.92

(Since the last meeting, £30 cash had been used as prize money for the June 200 Club)

- ii) Local Government Pay Award 2025-26: in line with the latest information, it was noted that the Clerk's salary had been raised 43p per hour, back-dated to April 2025. This meant a back-payment of £44.72, to be paid with the next salary at the end of September. Cllr Catrin Davies proposed and Cllr Nia Richards seconded that this be approved. The motion was passed unanimously.

- iii) Income:

a) Contribution to the Cae Bach fund by the Green Co	£500
b) Cemetery income	£70.00
c) HMRC, VAT repayment (Q1)	£258.12

- iv) Invoices payable:

a) Ceredigion County Council, license renewal	£20
b) Robert Griffiths, grass/hedge cutting	£2,880

Resolved: to approve the above payments.

9. Playgrounds

- i) Cae Bach campaign: the 200 Club license was due for renewal, and a report was to be sent to the County Council (see **8.iv)a)** above). A treasure hunt would be held on 30 August – Cllr Mererid Watson had prepared the questions.
Cllr Nia Richards stated that the Cae'r Odyn Committee were eager to collaborate on fundraising. It was agreed in principle that the football fun day could be held as a joint venture.
- ii) The bench in Cae Bach had been repaired, thanks to Iolo ap Gwynn.
- iii) Monthly reports:
 - Bont-goch: the gate post was rotten and the hedge still needed cutting.
 - Cae Bach: no report had been received, but it was noted that the post by the gate was loose and that the double gate was often open as the peg holding it in place was bent.
- iv) August/September inspections: Cae Bach – Rhian Evans; Bont-goch – Elgan Evans.

10. The Cemetery

- i) County Council intended to plant more hedgerow (see **7.i)** above).
- ii) Cllr Enoc Jenkins was thanked for repairing the kissing gate.
- iii) Nazareth chapel: the cemetery would need to be stock-proofed before being transferred to the Community Council. No reply had been received from Jonathan Powell, and Cllr Nia Richards offered to contact him again.

11. Planning

Application A250523, Coed Pistyll-goch. The application was very similar to the previous one, and it was resolved to submit a 'no comment' once again.

12. Any Other Business

- i) Cwm Pady Bridge had been repaired.
- ii) A complaint had been received regarding dog fouling on the Patshyn Glas in Tal-y-bont. A long discussion was held when it was noted that signs had been placed around the edge

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prohibiting dogs from the area, in line with a proposal passed in a previous meeting. It was resolved that clearer signs were needed as the current ones were being ignored. It was also resolved to post a notice on Clonc/Facebook noting that the Council had passed a motion to prevent dogs from walking on the Patshyn Glas.

- iii) A 'road closed' sign had been erected adjacent to Gorwelion, and it was queried where the work was being carried out.
- iv) A silver car was frequently seen parked in a dangerous position on the corner in front of the Black Lion – it was agreed that this was a police matter.

13. 200 Club winners

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

1st – 184, Geraint Howard (£50); 2nd – 21, Iola Evans (£20); 3rd – 188, Siwan Evans (£10)

14. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held at 7.30 p.m. on 29 September 2025 in the Memorial Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.