

Cyngor Cymuned Ceulanamaesmawr Community Council

Minutes of the monthly meeting held on Monday 29 September 2025 at 7.30 p.m. in Tal-y-bont Memorial Hall

1. Chair's Welcome

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

Taking Minutes: Lynwen Rees Jones

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

2. Apologies

No apologies were received.

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 July 2025, were confirmed as correct.

Proposed: Ellen ap Gwynn; Seconded: Eryl Bray

5. Matters arising:

- i) Matters reported to the County Council via Clic
 - a) Pothole at corner of Ceulan Terrace and Maesyfelin: not repaired, to be reported again;
 - b) Condition of 20 mph sign: lights not working, sign dirty and worn – to be reported again;
 - c) The Chair noted that the Cwm Ceulan road was in a reasonable condition. However, there were still potholes to be repaired;
 - d) Road at entrance to Glanrafon: no work had been done to date.
- ii) Meeting with Rhodri Llwyd, 4 September: Cllrs Ellen ap Gwynn, Catrin Davies, Eryl Bray, Nia Richards, Eryl Bray and Mererid Watson had met with Rhodri Llwyd and Steve Hallows (Corporate Manager responsible for water) to discuss the flood plan. The meeting was summarised as follows: all plans require SAB Board and NRC approval; there are a number of plans on the waiting list, with Tal-y-bont plan in position 149/2,207 nationally and 6/167 in the County. Each stage requires WG approval. The plans available at the open evening in the Memorial Hall had been an outline business plan for stage 2. Cllrs had noted that the River Leri had not been given any consideration in the plan. Rhodri Llwyd recognized that relationships with the local residents was poor, and noted that consultations would be held with landowners and interested parties going forward. Next steps: Clerk to request a copy of the minutes and the PowerPoint presentation, and for the data and information used in the modelling process.

6. Section 6 – Biodiversity

- i) Cllr Nia Richards noted that she and Cllr Eryl Bray would be submitting an article to the November issue of *Papur Pawb* on the dangers of waste entering the rivers.

7. Approval of Grant Allocation Policy and Application Form

Cllr Elgan Evans joined the meeting at 8.10pm

The relevant documentation had been circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting. Minor amendments were made to both documents before being unanimously approved. The Policy

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and application form would be uploaded to the website. Resolved: to forward the application form to all recipients of the invitation to apply, and reference in *Papur Pawb*.

8. Correspondence

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

- i) Message from Ceredigion Council stating their intention to locate 4 EV charging points at Maesyderi: Cllr Catrin Davies stated that the proposed location was inconvenient as it is used by residents for parking. She had suggested a more convenient location for the whole village to use, and was awaiting a reply from County Council. It was noted that theses would be slow speed/overnight chargers, which would not attract vehicles passing through the village.
- ii) Ceredigion Space Making Project – Talybont: Cllr Catrin Davies and the Clerk were to meet Chris Jones on 2 October to discuss plans. It was proposed that a public session be held once more information is available.

9. Financial matters:

- i) Financial report: the Clerk had circulated details of the financial situation prior to the meeting; the situation as at 29/09/2025 was as follows:

Current account	£2,317.14
Deposit account	£2,071.87
Tabernacle account	£4,621.97
Cae Bach account	£30,889.51
Total	£45,900.49

Cash in the Cae Bach fund:

- Float and 200 Club prize money – £169.67

It was noted that the Clerk's laptop was dated and very slow, and that a new one would be required fairly soon. The cash-flow situation would notably improve once the grant for works in the cemetery had been claimed in October. Finance would also need to be made available to cover the cost of appropriate software.

- ii) Income since the last meeting:
 - a) Cae Bach fund: 200 Club, Treasure Hunt, grant, interest – £15,145.38
 - b) Cemetery income – £250
 - c) Bank interest – £23.59
 - d) VAT repayment (to be claimed end of month) – £560.72
- iii) The following was passed on to the Clerk during the meeting:
 - a) Money for 2025-26 200 Club – £260
 - b) Donation from Sue Marcus – £28.25
- iv) Invoices payable:
 - c) Nia Richards, Cwtsh Cynnes costs – £14.53
 - d) Ellen ap Gwynn, Cwtsh Cynnes costs – £29.28
 - e) Clerk's wages – £1,490.32 (including £298.20 income tax to be paid to HMRC)
 - f) Mererid Watson, defibrillator pads – £132
 - g) Tal-y-bont Memorial Hall, room hire July-Sept – £145
 - h) A. Jones, 2024 Christmas tree – £150
 - i) Siôn Pennant, spare key for noticeboard – £9.00

Resolved: to approve the above payments. Proposed: Nest Jenkins; Seconded: Siôn Pennant

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10. Playgrounds

- i) Cae Bach campaign: 2025-26 200 Club had already raised over £2,000, however £800 would be used for prizes. The Treasure Hunt/Chilli Evening had been a great success despite the heavy rain, raising £509.50. a number of people reported having thoroughly enjoyed the event. Thanks was given to Mair Nutting for her contribution of food, and for all her work with the preparations before and on the day. The next meeting of the Committee would be held in early October.
- ii) 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 hump at the lower gate was preventing excess water from entering the site.Resolved: to ask Robert Griffiths to repair the gateposts in both playgrounds and also to cut the hedge at Bont-goch.
- iii) October inspections: Cae Bach – Rhian Evans; Bont-goch – Elgan Evans.

Cllr Mererid Watson left the meeting at 8.50pm

11. Any Other Business

- i) The Council wished to congratulate Dewi Jenkins on his success at the 2025 International Sheep Dog Trials bringing prestige to the area. Resolved: to send an appropriate congratulatory message.
- ii) The road from the bottom of Tal-y-bont to Benfforddilas remained in poor condition with the tarmac having worn away completely on one side in places. It was proposed that Cllr Catrin Davies follow this up.
- iii) The Council was reminded that the Remembrance Sunday Service would be held on 9 November. Resolved: to ask Y Lolfa to print the posters. Cllr Nest Jenkins agreed to give the Welsh reading, Cllr Catrin Davies agreed to look for someone to give the English reading, and Cllr Nia Richards agreed to look for someone to lay the wreaths. Resolved: Cllr Nest Jenkins would purchase the red wreaths on behalf of the Council again. Cllr Eryl Bray proposed retaining the wreaths rather than purchasing new ones each year in order to prevent plastic waste, and to give a financial contribution equivalent to the purchase cost to the British Legion. Resolved: to discuss the matter for next year.
- iv) Cllr Enoc Jenkins agreed to acquire the Christmas tree with a view to holding the lighting ceremony on 4 December.

12. 200 Club winners

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

1st – 68, Gwerfyl Pierce Jones (£50); 2nd – 93, Paul Watson (£20); 3rd – 118, Maureen Wooton (£10). Payment from the Cae Bach fund was approved.

13. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held at 7.30 p.m. on 27 October 2025 in the Memorial Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.