

Cyngor Cymuned Ceulanamaesmawr Community Council

Minutes of the monthly meeting held on Monday 27 October 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, Nest Jenkins, Eryl Bray (remotely), Catrin Davies (County Cllr), Bleddyn Huws, Nia Richards, Enoc Jenkins (Vice-chair) and Rhian Evans

Taking Minutes: Lynwen Rees Jones

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Cllr Mererid Watson

3. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Nia Richards declared an interest with regard to items **11.i)** and **11.ii)**.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 29 September 2025, were confirmed as correct subject to the following amendments: **5.ii)** replace '*Steve Harlow*' with '*Steve Hallows*'; **11.iii)** replace '*Cllr Nia Richards agreed to look for someone to give the English reading and lay the wreaths*' with '*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*'.

Proposed: Siôn Pennant; Seconded: Bleddyn Huws

5. Matters arising:

- i) Matters reported to the County Council via Clic
 - a) Pothole at corner of Ceulan Terrace: not repaired, but someone had attempted to fill it with rough pebbles, which had subsequently spilled out onto the road;
 - b) Road at entrance to Glanrafon: nothing to report;
 - c) Road towards Braichgarw: County Council workers had been out to survey the road;
 - d) Bont-goch: pothole in road adjacent to Church had been filled;
 - e) 20 mph sign: Highways Agency had ordered new signs and the hedge had been cut from Gwynfryn lane to the signs.
- ii) Tal-y-bont Flood Plan: the Clerk was still awaiting the minutes and documents of the meeting held in early September. Cllr Eryl Bray noted that County Council had promised to meet with the Floodies. Resolved: to contact Rhodri Llwyd again to note the above and arrange a meeting. It was also noted that Bute Energy had requested a meeting with the Floodies with regard to the potential Waun Hesgog project.
- iii) Shaping Place Ceredigion – Tal-y-bont: Cllr Catrin Davies and the Clerk had met with Chris Jones earlier in the month to discuss the village's characteristics and needs, and Chris had arranged a public meeting to be held in the Memorial Hall on 21 November between 12pm and 7.30pm.
- iv) Maesyderi EV charging points: residents were keen to have two sets of two charging points in the village, but County Council had stated that all four would have to be kept together according to the current supply company. Cllr Catrin Davies proposed asking whether it would be possible to locate them adjacent to the Patshyn Glas. It was noted that the parking spaces would not be reserved for electric vehicles only. Resolved: to suggest three locations to County Council and ask what the options would be, before consulting with the residents.

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- v) New laptop: Cllr Siôn Pennant had found a suitable laptop for ~£650 + VAT. A suitable software package would also be required. Cllr Enoc Jenkins proposed buying the laptop and suitable software as soon as possible; this was seconded by Cllr Catrin Davis and passed unanimously.
- vi) Christmas lights: Cllr Enoc Jenkins had ordered the Christmas tree. The lighting ceremony would be held on 4 December at 4.30pm, and it was proposed that the Head of the primary school be invited to conduct the singing.

6. Section 6 – Biodiversity

- i) Cllr Nia Richards noted that she and Cllr Eryl Bray would be submitting an article to the next issue of *Papur Pawb* on wildlife in the garden over winter, and that the Section 6 Report was ready to be included on the website. It was noted that the website was not very manageable and that this would need to be remedied.

7. Correspondence

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

- i) Meeting with County Council officers on 25 November – to be discussed at the next meeting.
- ii) In-Kind Direct: Cllr Nia Richards had heard, via Denmark Farm, of a scheme to purchase various items for a discounted price for eligible local people, and had registered the Cwtsh Cynnes as a partner.

8. Financial matters:

- i) Financial report: the Clerk had circulated details of the financial situation prior to the meeting; the situation as at 26/10/2025 was as follows:

Current account	£946.53
Deposit account	£1,074.16
Tabernacle account	£4,621.97
Cae Bach account	£39,932.23
Total	£46,034.89

- ii) Income since the last meeting:

- a. Cae Bach fund: 200 Club + interest – £49.68; donation from the Friends of Nazareth Chapel via the J. M. Jenkins Maesgwyn Memorial Fund – £275
- b. Interest on deposit account – £2.29
- c. Cemetery income – £100
- d. VAT repayment for Q2 – £560.72

- iii) Expected income:

- a. The Clerk had claimed a £6,805 grant from County Council for work carried out in the Cemetery during 2024-25
- b. The Friends of Tregerddan Residential Home were distributing residual monies in the account since the closure of the home. This meant a gift of £723.56 for CaMM subject to being used for the benefit of elderly residents of the parish. This would be added to the Cwtsh Cynnes fund, and it was resolved to contribute £10 a head from the fund towards the Christmas lunch on 4 December (approx. 30 people would be attending).
- c. The final tranche of the precept was expected at the end of October – £5,666.66

- iv) Invoices payable:

- a. Nia Richards, Cwtsh Cynnes costs – £8.75
- b. Ellen ap Gwynn, Cwtsh Cynnes costs – £14.50

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c. Nest Jenkins, 2 x red wreaths – £40

d. Ceredigion County Council, Bont-goch grit bin – £391.20

Resolved: to approve the above payments. Proposed: Bleddyn Huws; Seconded: Siôn Pennant

9. Tal-y-bont Public Toilets

Message from Shaun Bethall querying CaMM Council's intentions with regard to the public toilets in Tal-y-bont. Resolved to reply that the lease is still binding and that the Council did not wish to change the current arrangements.

10. Playgrounds

- i) Cae Bach campaign: a general letter had been circulated to large businesses asking for donations. The Bingo Night had been postponed as the PTA had held a similar event very near to the proposed date. The next event would be advent windows around Tal-y-bont village. Cllr Catrin Davies had met with a Lottery officer to discuss the grant application.
- ii) Monthly reports:
 - Bont-goch: no report had been received, but it was noted that both sides of the hedge needed cutting from the gate down to the bridge as this land also belonged to CaMM.
 - Cae Bach: some planks needed renewing on the picnic benches; Cllr Bleddyn Huws had removed some old screws that posed a danger. It was noted the permission would not be given to divert surface water from Cae Bach into County Council owned pipes.

Cllr Nia Richards declared an interest with regard to items 11.i) and 11.ii), and she and Cllr Eryl Bray left the meeting at 9.15pm.

11. Planning

- i) Application A250742: conversion of Nazareth Chapel, Tal-ŷ-bont to a dwelling. The documents were studied and discussed, before resolving not to oppose and to submit a 'no comment'.
- ii) Application A250784: extension to Rhiwlan, Tal-y-bont. The documents were studied and discussed, before resolving not to oppose and to submit a 'no comment'.
- iii) Application A250788: extension to Cwm Glas, Tal-y-bont. The documents were studied, and Cllr Nest Jenkins raised concerns with regard to privacy and where the water from the new roof would drain. Following a discussion, it was resolved not to oppose and to submit a 'no comment'.

12. Any Other Business

- i) County Council had been opening trenches along the roadside down Cwm Ceulan.
- ii) The Hall Committee had requested a new 'Marine issue' banner as the present banner was badly torn again.

13. 200 Club winners

A random number generator app was used to choose the September winners, as follows:
1st – 175, Gwen Botting (£50); 2nd – 148, Eurllys Jones (£20); 3rd – 1, Cian Llewelyn (£10).
Payment from the Cae Bach fund was approved.

14. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held at 7.30 p.m. on 24 November 2025 in the Memorial Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.50 p.m.