

Cyngor Cymuned Ceulanamaesmawr Community Council

Minutes of the monthly meeting held on Monday 24 November 2025 at 7.30 p.m. in Tal-y-bont Memorial Hall

1. Chair's Welcome

Present: Cllrs Ellen ap Gwynn (Chair), Nia Richards, Bleddyn Huws, Siôn Pennant Jones, Catrin Davies (County Cllr), Eryl Bray, and Rhian Evans

Taking Minutes: Lynwen Rees Jones

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Cllrs Nest Jenkins, Mererid Watson and Elgan Evans

3. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Rhian Evans declared an interest with regard to item **5.ii**).

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 27 October 2025, were confirmed as correct.

Proposed: Catrin Davies; Seconded: Bleddyn Huws

5. Matters arising:

i) Matters reported to the County Council via Clic

a) Pothole at corner of Ceulan Terrace: nothing to report;

b) Road at entrance to Glanrafon: the condition of the road was getting worse;

ii) Tal-y-bont Flood Plan: documentation from the meeting held in early September had been received and distributed to the Councillors. Rhodri Llwyd had responded to the enquiry noting that he would not be meeting the Floodies until much later in the process when the proposed plans had been drawn up.

Relating to this, it was noted that Bute Energy were eager to meet with the Floodies to discuss the Waun Hesgog project, and that the Floodies were also eager for such a meeting. *Cllr Rhian Evans declared an interest in the matter.* It was also noted that money would be available from the Bute Community Fund once a proposed plan had been produced, whether or not the project came to fruition. The Playground Committee had resolved not to apply for financial aid from this fund in order to remain unbiased. It was noted that the area where the windmills would be erected contained a lot of peat. Cllr Catrin Davies agreed to forward a copy of the PPT from the Development Management Workshop held on 17 November to the Councillors.

iii) Shaping Place Ceredigion: a number of Councillors had attended the open meeting held on 21 November, and it was noted that the response of the local residents during and after the meeting had been excellent. Councillors were urged to visit the relevant website.

iv) Maesyderi EV charging points: a message had been received from County Council noting that the charging points would be located adjacent to the Patshyn Glas.

v) Public toilets: County Council had stated that it accepted the Community Council's point of view regarding the contract, but that they were not required to keep the public toilets open. Cllr Siôn Pennant drew the meeting's attention to clause **2.d**) in the contract, which states that the County Council agrees: *Not to do anything which shall or may be or become a nuisance, damage, annoyance or inconvenience to the Community Council.* It was resolved to remind County Council of this.

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6. Section 6 – Biodiversity

- i) The Chair thanked Cllrs Nia Richards and Eryl Bray for the article published in *Papur Pawb*. The Section 6 Report had now been translated and was ready to be uploaded to the website. It was noted that someone had tried to treat the Japanese knotweed in the Cae Bach with chemicals without the Council's approval. Resolved: to ask Rachel Mills for a schedule for eradicating the Japanese knotweed appropriately. The Lottery grant application was almost ready to submit, but the planting plan being prepared by Jon would need to be included.

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 officials on 25 November – it was agreed that no-one would attend this year.

8. Financial matters:

- i) The Audit of the 2024-25 accounts had been completed, and the Auditor's opinion was presented to the Council. Resolved: to display the Audit completion notice and the accounts in the noticeboards and on the website for a total of two weeks, commencing immediately. Following the Auditor's comments, it was resolved that a public session would need to be held in order to consult with the public on relevant matters.
- ii) Financial report: the Clerk had circulated details of the financial situation prior to the meeting; the situation as at 24/11/2025 was as follows:

Current account	£6,546.07
Deposit account	£1,075.44
Tabernacle account	£4,621.97
Cae Bach account	£39,439.25
Cash	£62.92
Total	<u>£51,745.63</u>

It was noted that Cllr Nia Richards had completed a bank reconciliation to the end of September before the last meeting. An update was given regarding the budget, noting that the cemetery grant (£6,805) would be paid 'during April' according to County Council.

- iii) Income since the last meeting:
 - a. Final part of the Precept – £5,666.66
 - b. Donation to the Warm Spaces fund by Friends of Tregerddan – £723.56
 - c. Bank interest – £48.30
 - d. Donation to Cae Bach fund – £10
- iv) Invoices payable:
 - a. Nia Richards, Warm Spaces costs – £10.84
 - b. Ellen ap Gwynn, Warm Spaces costs – £40.49
 - c. Clerk's salary, October-December – £1,445.60 (to be paid end of December)
 - d. Nia Richards, Cae Bach costs – £20.86 (to be paid from Christmas Fair profits)
 - e. As agreed in the October meeting, a £300 deposit had been paid to the Wildfowler from the Warm Spaces fund as a contribution to the cost of the Christmas lunch.

The above payments were unanimously approved.

9. Playgrounds

- i) Cae Bach campaign: following the mailshot asking for financial aid, only two replies had been received – one refusal, and one directing the Committee to a grant for which it was

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ineligible. The Committee would be holding a stall in the Memorial Hall's Christmas Fair on 29 November, with Nia, Eryl and Ellen having been busy preparing items for sale. Ruth Jên had supplied calendars at a discounted price to sell on the stall. The Advent Windows forms would also be for sale at the stall for £5, to be returned by 31 December.

ii) Monthly reports:

- Bont-goch: a tree had fallen into the playground; this would have to be removed and the broken fence repaired. The Clerk had contacted Robert Griffiths re. cutting the hedge to the bridge;
- Cae Bach: leaves were collecting on the inside of the hump by the small gate. It was also noted that County Council had no suitable system to carry surface water away. Resolved: to contact CES for an update.

10. Planning

- i) A250852: Hazelmere, Tal-ŷ-bont – application to further extend the planning permission period. The documents were studied and discussed, before resolving not to oppose and to submit a 'no comment'.

11. Any Other Business

- i) Following an article in *Papur Pawb* about Nikki Thomas' tireless work collecting litter around the village, it was proposed that a Group should be formed to lend a hand. Resolved: to ask Nikki for her opinion. It was noted that a risk assessment may be required, and that inquiries should be made regarding insurance.
- ii) Proposed to assemble a crew to clean the road signs and bus shelters.
- iii) Cllr Catrin Davies had received complaints regarding:
 - a. Rubbish outside Tal-y-bont Shop;
 - b. Clutter outside the Emporium;
 - c. The mess on the bicycle path at Maesnewydd – resolved to correspond with the family noting that complaints had been received and asking them to ensure that the manure be cleared from the road and pavement whenever the cattle cross.
- iv) Flag: an appropriate one was available from Mr Flag for £100.32 inc. VAT; resolved to purchase this after checking with Mr Ieuan Morgan.
- v) Christmas tree: the school Head had agreed to bring the children down to sing two carols and to lead the singing. Resolved to confirm the arrangements and thank him.
- vi) A meeting of the Finance Committee was to be held on 12 January to discuss the Budget and grant applications.
- vii) A meeting of the Cae Bach Committee would be held on 13 January.

12. 200 Club winners

A random number generator app was used to choose the November winners, as follows:
1st – 63 Siân Saunders (£50); 2nd – 99, Dylan Davies (£20); 3rd – 22, Lola Williams (£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 26 January 2026 in the Memorial Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.