

Cyngor Cymuned Ceulanamaesmawr Community Council

Minutes of the monthly meeting held on Monday 26 January 2026 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), Nia Richards, Eryl Bray, Bleddyn Huws, Siôn Pennant Jones, Nest Jenkins and Enoc Jenkins (Vice-chair), and Cllrs Mererid Watson and Rhian Evans (remotely)

Taking Minutes: Lynwen Rees Jones

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

2. Apologies

No apologies received

3. Declarations of Interest

Point **5.ii)** (Waun Hesgog project) – *Enoc Jenkins, Rhian Evans*

Point **8. ii)** (grant allocations):

Tal-y-bont YFC – Rhian Evans, Mererid Watson

Tal-y-bont Show – Enoc Jenkins

Papur Pawb Society – Catrin Davies

Tal-y-bont Memorial Hall – Mererid Watson, Bleddyn Huws, Catrin Davies

Tal-y-bont Flood Group – Eryl Bray, Catrin Davies

Tal-yr-hwyl after-school Club – Catrin Davies

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 24 November 2025, were confirmed as correct subject to the following amendments: **5.ii)** amend '*but the Floodies were not keen for such a meeting...*' to '*and the Floodies were also eager for such a meeting ...*'; **5.iii)** amend '*the Chair had attended the open meeting*' to '*a number of Councillors had attended the open meeting*'. Proposed: Catrin Davies; Seconded: Bleddyn Huws

5. Matters arising:

- i) Matters reported to the County Council via Clic: nothing to report;
- ii) Bute Energy Presentation (Waun Hesgog): Councillors were encouraged to pass on their responses to the presentation to Cllr. Catrin Davies. It was noted that neither the Community Council nor the County Council would have any say in the decision to grant or deny permission for the project.
Cllrs. Catrin Davies and Siôn Pennant had attended the meeting on 22 January, and gave the following summary: Three Bute Energy staff members were present, as well as representatives from a number of affected community councils. An explanation had been given of the Community Fund, which would be worth £1.58m a year. On seeing a map of the relevant area, it was queried why the electricity would be sent to England (it would travel across to Powys and out towards Oswestry). It was noted that the electricity would be carried via wooden poles but that this would be the responsibility of Greenglen. It would be possible to produce cheaper electricity locally, but this would require significant administration. A further meeting would be held in May. (*Cllrs. Enoc Jenkins and Rhian Evans declared an interest.*)

6. Section 6 – Biodiversity

Nothing to report, but Cllr Nia Richards asked to see the grant forms submitted in order to note the responses to the biodiversity section.

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7. Correspondence

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

- i) Place Making – the Clerk would forward all correspondence, as appropriate.

8. Financial matters:

- i) Financial report: the Clerk had circulated details of the financial situation prior to the meeting; the situation as at 26/01/2026 was as follows:

Current account	£4,563.18
Deposit account	£1,077.96
Tabernacle account	£4,638.80
Cae Bach account	£39,798.36
Cash	£37.20
Total	£50,115.50

The VAT repayment for the final quarter was expected to be over £950. There was approximately £14,500 to be spent before the end of the financial year, including grants, giving a deficit of approx. £1,000. As the cemetery grant would not be paid until April, roughly £8,000 would need to be transferred temporarily from the Cae Bach account to the main Council account. The transfer was approved.

- ii) 2025-26 Grant Aid

Following a short discussion on the Finance Committee recommendations, it was unanimously agreed to allocate grants as follows:

Organization	Sum		
Talybont YFC	£200		
Talybont Youth Club	£200		
Talybont Youth Football Club	£500		
Talybont Senior Football Club	£500		
Talybont Cylch Meithrin	£1,000	*	
Talybont Agricultural Society	£400		
Papur Pawb Society	£400		
Talybont Memorial Hall	£1,000		
Tal-yr-Hwyl after school club	£200		
Cae'r Odyn Galch Playing Fields	£300		
Blood Bikes Wales, Aberystwyth	£100		
HAHAV	£100		
Wales Air Ambulance	£200		
Urdd Fund for All	£100		
			Summary
		Local organizations	£4,700
		County organizations	£200
		National organizations	£300
	Cyfanswm	£5,200	£5,200

*Although the Cylch Meithrin had not submitted an application by the closing date it was unanimously resolved to offer a grant of £1,000 subject to receiving an application by the end of the month. It was therefore resolved to also invite the Flood Group and any other local organizations to submit an application.

- iii) 2026-27 Budget:

Following discussion on the draft budget recommended by the Finance Committee, increasing costs and the tax base, it was proposed the precept be increased to £20,000. Proposed: Enoc Jenkins; Seconded: Catrin Davies. Resolved unanimously to approve the amended budget. As there was a possibility that maintenance costs for the Talybont public conveniences would need to be considered in future, the possibility of holding a

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consultation with local residents via Clonc was discussed.

- iv) Income since the last meeting:
 - a. VAT repayment Oct.-Dec. – £241.24
 - b. Cemetery – £255
 - c. Bank interest – £19.35
 - d. Cae Bach fund – £535.08
 - e. Remainder of the County Council grant (Cwtsh Cynnes) – £100
 - f. Donation to Cae Bach from Sue Marcus (via Eryl Bray on the night) – £16
- v) Invoices payable:
 - a. Memorial Hall hire, Oct.-Dec. – £210
 - b. TME Electrical, Christmas tree lights – £960
 - c. Nia Richards, Warm Spaces costs – £12.49
 - d. Ellen ap Gwynn, Warm Spaces costs – £22.84
 - e. Robert Griffiths, hedge and grass maintenance – £4,680

As Robert Griffiths' invoice was considerably more than expected, and before approving payment, it was resolved to seek further details of any work carried out over and above the contract. Resolved unanimously to approve all other payments

9. The Cemetery

- i) A meeting of the Cemetery Committee to be called on 3 or 4 February to discuss various matters.
- ii) Nazareth cemetery: the Cemetery had been fully fenced and was ready to be transferred. It was noted that £10,000 would be given to the Council to cover Maintenance costs. All the necessary paperwork was in order with the solicitor. Resolved that Cllrs. Ellen ap Gwynn and Bleddyn Huws would sign the documents; the Clerk to arrange a convenient date with the solicitor.

10. Playgrounds

- i) Cae Bach campaign: Phase 1 of the project was progressing, with some new equipment having been ordered to fulfil the terms of the County Council grant. A grant application had been made to the Leri Fund, and the Lottery grant was almost complete.
- ii) Monthly reports:
 - Bont-goch: work to replace the post at the upper gate was near completion; the lower gatepost was rotten and needed replacing. Resolved to contact John Henry Jones for the repair work;
 - Cae Bach: fence around the land behind the playground had fallen. The nearby salt bin had been hit by a vehicle; resolved to move the bin to a safer location.

11. Any Other Business

- i) Numerous potholes in the road at Cwmere which were difficult to avoid.
- ii) The back wall at Dyffryn bordering the river Ceulan was looking unsafe, with a rope tied to the bridge holding the fence in place. Resolved to contact the owners noting the Council's concern.
- iii) A large pothole had appeared in the road near the entrance to Glanrafon, with vehicles driving nearer to the unsteady wall to avoid it.

12. 200 Club winners

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

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1st – 10, William Jones (£50); 2nd – 7, Tara Foster (£20); 3rd – 144, Alan Wilson (£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 23 February 2026 in the Memorial Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.55 p.m.