

Cyngor Cymuned Ceulanamaesmawr Community Council

Minutes of the monthly meeting held on Monday 23 February 2026 at 7.30 p.m. in Tal-y-bont Memorial Hall

1. Chair's Welcome

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

No declaration of interest was made.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

- i) The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 26 January 2026, were confirmed as correct subject to the following amendment: **8.iii)** replace '*it was resolved to hold a consultation ...*' with '*the possibility of holding a consultation ... was discussed*'.

Proposed: Catrin Davies; Seconded: Bleddyn Huws

The Clerk thanked Cllr Siôn Pennant for setting up the new laptop ready for use, and this was supported by the Chair.

- ii) The minutes of the Cemetery Committee meeting held on 4 February 2026, were confirmed as correct. The Chair gave the following summary of the meeting:
- a) A recommendation was made to increase the cemetery fees by £10 in light of increasing costs, and to offer a full-sized plot rather than a 3x3 ft plot for burial of ashes.
 - a) The fence along the main road would need to be repaired, and three names had been suggested for quotes when the time came.
 - b) Nazareth cemetery:
 - Documents had been received from the solicitor. There was no detailed map indicating the boundary; no mention was made of the promised £10,000 from the Presbyterian Church; there was no reference to who would pay the legal fees. It was noted that there was a substantial sum in the Nazareth funds, and it was suggested that a portion of this be requested to cover maintenance costs. The Clerk had contacted the solicitor about the above.
 - The cemetery would eventually need to be added to the insurance and the maintenance contract.

It was resolved to accept the Committee's suggestion regarding the amended fees.

Proposed: Catrin Davies; Seconded: Elgan Evans.

It was resolved to leave the fence for the time being until the financial situation had improved. It was queried whether the County Council grant for work in burial grounds would be available for Tabernacle and Nazareth cemeteries – the Clerk to make inquiries.

5. Matters arising:

- i) Matters reported to the County Council via Clic:
- a) Potholes at Cwmere had been filled.

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- b) Resolved to resubmit the complaint regarding the road condition at Glanrafon, including photos.

Cllr Nest Jenkins had spoken with Arfon Jones, Ceredigion Rally, who had noted the condition of the road at Glanrafon. The Rally would be held on 5 and 6 September, with cars rallying from Bontgoch to Ponterwyd, including past Glanrafon. It was resolved to request a detailed map of the route and also to express concern to County Council regarding the condition of the roads as some sections are unsafe.

6. Section 6 – Biodiversity

Cllrs Nia Richards and Eryl Bray would prepare a piece for the biodiversity section of the Lottery grant application. There would be a 10% increase in biodiversity in the Cae Bach following the planting of hedges and wildflower areas. The schoolchildren had requested that nesting boxes be installed too. It was noted that someone had attempted to remove the Japanese knotweed without authorisation.

7. Correspondence

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

- i) Cronfa Eleri – award of a £4,000 grant for the Cae Bach fund.
- ii) Hywel Dda – consultation on the pharmacy services in the county. The Councillors were urged to respond to the consultation

8. Financial matters:

- i) Financial report: the Clerk had circulated details of the financial situation prior to the meeting; the situation as at 16-02-2026 was as follows:

Current account	£1,341
Deposit account	£78.59
Tabernacle account	£4,638.80
Cae Bach account	£32,842.56
Cash	£78.20
Total	<u>£38,979.77</u>

There was £39,920.76 in the Cae Bach fund, with £7,000 of this having been transferred to the Council's current account. Also, there was £1,449.65 in the Cwtsh Cynnes/Warm Spaces fund. This meant a deficit of £2,390.64 in the Council's account. A further expenditure of £3,470 was expected before year end. The VAT repayment (£962) and the cemetery grant (£6,805) would not be received until April, but these payments would ensure a surplus of over £1,900.

- ii) Income since the last meeting:

Cae Bach fund (contributions and Games& Chili afternoon) – £688.85

- iii) Invoices payable:

- a) Pugh Computers, Microsoft licence – £138.24
- b) Nia Richards, Warm Spaces costs – £9.37
- c) Ellen ap Gwynn, Warm Spaces costs – £7.29

Resolved unanimously to approve all payments.

9. The Cemetery

Discussed under 4.ii) above.

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10. Playgrounds

- i) Cae Bach campaign:
 - a) A games and chili afternoon had been held on 21 February, raising £531.58. A tabletop sale would be held on 28 March for £10 per table; refreshments would also be served. Five tables had already been reserved.
 - b) Gerwyn Jones intended to launch his Walking Wales campaign on 1 March. His intention was to undertake 10 challenges over the next year, with a portion of the money raised going to the Cae Bach fund. He also intended walking 53 circuits of Tal-y-bont in 24 hours in September – to note Cae Bach's 53rd anniversary. Locals would be welcome to join the walk at certain periods.
 - c) A meeting of the Committee would be held on 4 March.
- ii) Monthly reports:
 - Bont-goch: work not yet completed; Cllr Siôn Pennant offered to contact John Henry Jones directly to show exactly what needed to be done;
 - Cae Bach: inspection to be held before the end of the week, along with relocation of the grit bin.

11. Any Other Business

- i) Pencwm road in poor condition.
- ii) It was queried where exactly the EV chargers would be located at the lower end of Tal-y-bont. County Council had no right to dig on the Patshyn Glas itself, and location opposite Mur Mawr would cause a narrowing of the road. Resolved to request a plan from County Council, and propose that the chargers be located opposite the pubs.
- iii) Road closures: Erglodd to Taliesin, 2-13 March; Y Lolfa to the Golden Key, 16-20 March.
- iv) Road between Pensarn and Gwarcwm Uchaf in very poor condition. The road on either side had been resurface, but this section had been left out. Clerk to ask why.
- v) The 'No Dogs' signs had been removed from the Patshyn Glas and dogs were regularly being walked there. Proposed that new, more permanent signs be purchased.
- vi) A map/plan of the cemetery should be available on the website.

12. 200 Club winners

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

1st – 79, Sam Pace (£50); 2nd – 73, Menna Morgan (£20); 3rd – 16, Nikki Myring-Thomas (£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 30 March 2026 in the Memorial Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.