

Cyngor Cymuned Ceulanamaesmawr Community Council

Minutes of the monthly meeting held on Monday 30 March 2026 at 7.30 p.m. in Tal-y-bont Memorial Hall

1. Chair's Welcome

Present: Cllrs Enoc Jenkins (Vice-chair – in the Chair), Siôn Pennant Jones, Catrin Davies (County Cllr), Nia Richards and Eryl Bray, with Cllrs Mererid Watson and Rhian Evans joining remotely

Taking Minutes: Lynwen Rees Jones

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Cllrs Ellen ap Gwynn, Bleddyn Huws and Elgan Evans.

3. Declarations of Interest

Cllrs Enoc Jenkins and Rhian Evans declared an interest with respect to point 9 (Planning).

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

- i) The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 23 February 2026, were confirmed as correct. Proposed: Catrin Davies; Seconded: Nia Richards

5. Matters arising:

- i) Matters reported to the County Council via Clic:
 - a) The pothole at Glanrafon had been filled. Ceredigion Rally had informed of a route change to the Rally, with cars no longer racing past Glanrafon. However, many spectators would use the road and Members remained of the opinion that the road was unsafe.
 - b) Potholes on the Pen-cwm road and at Cwmere had been filled.
- ii) Nazareth Cemetery: Cllr Nia Richards had confirmed that the boundaries in the current documents were correct. The solicitor had noted that the £10,000 promised by the Presbyterian Church need not be included in the transfer contract and that the Church would be responsible for the legal fees. She had also stated that the Church were not prepared to transfer any monies from the Nazareth chapel fund to cover maintenance work. Cllr Bleddyn Huws had noted his dissatisfaction with the situation, and as he and Cllr Ellen ap Gwynn, the signatories to the contract, were absent, it was resolved to leave the matter on the table until the next meeting.
- iii) County Council had stated that the burial site grant would not be applicable to Tabernacle and Nazareth cemeteries. The possibility of seeking alternative funding sources to cover maintenance costs was discussed.

6. Section 6 – Biodiversity

The section on biodiversity for the Lottery grant had been written. Cllr Nia Richards noted that Aberystwyth Greening Group had placed a plaque at Plas-crug playground giving information about trees. The possibility of doing something similar in Cae Bach was discussed, giving the history of the ancient oak.

7. Correspondence

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

- i) Rally Ceredigion informing of a route change.

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- ii) The audit notice had been received. Proposed to ask Bryn Smith if he would be willing to act as internal auditor again this year.

8. Financial matters:

- i) Financial report: the Clerk had circulated details of the financial situation prior to the meeting; the situation as at 30-03-2026 was as follows:

Current account	£1,015.91
Deposit account	£78.67
Tabernacle account	£4,654.99
Cae Bach account	£18,455.86
Petty cash	£395.69
Total	<u>£24,601.12</u>

Invoices totalling £3,697.53 were to be paid before year end. The VAT repayment and the cemetery grant would ensure a surplus by April. In the meantime, it was resolved to temporarily transfer a further £3,000 from the Cae Bach account to cover invoices.

- ii) Income since the last meeting:

Table-top sale – £377.84

Cronfa Leri Grant – £4,000

- iii) Invoices payable:

- a) Zurich Municipal, insurance – £1,552.43

- b) OVW membership – £213

- c) Nia Richards, Cwtsh Cynnes costs – £21.50

- d) Memorial Hall hire, Jan-March – £385

- e) Clerk's salary + income tax, Jan-March – £1,445.60

It was noted that a fee of £50 had been charged to hire the Hall for the table-top sale, but that this was too much as there had been no entrance fee. It was unanimously resolved to pay all invoices subject to the Memorial Hall invoice being revised accordingly.

Proposed: Siôn Pennant; Seconded: Eryl Bray

9. Planning

Cllrs Enoc Jenkins and Rhian Evans declared an interest in this matter.

Application A260091: Bute Energy, erection of mast at Brynmawr to collect weather data for a period of five years. Wires holding the mast in place would be treated so that they would be visible to birds. Suitable mats would be placed on the ground to protect the land/plants during the building work. Officers would inspect the land for any damage. Resolved to submit 'No comment' as it had not been possible to come to a definite opinion on the effect on biodiversity due to lack of details.

10. Playgrounds

- i) Cae Bach campaign: over £350 had been raised during the table-top sale on 28 March. A plant sale would be held on 25 April.

- ii) Monthly reports:

- Bont-goch: 9 fence posts and 3 gate posts were rotten. No repairs had been carried out. The possibility of asking William Jones for an estimate for this work was discussed, and also for repairing the bench in Bont-goch.

- Cae Bach: the fence along the bottom of the playground was loose but unlikely to fall. The salt bin had been moved.

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11. Any Other Business

- i) New plank needed for the bench at Woodlands – Enoc to ask William Jones to repair this too.
- ii) It was noted that people were parking on the pavements in Tal-y-bont; this is a matter for the police rather than the Council.
- iii) Three or four cars regularly park on the pavement below the Emporium, and the possibility of lowering the kerb and painting lines on the pavement was discussed. Cllr Catrin Davies to raise the matter with NMWTRA.
- iv) The hedge at Pen-lôn was overgrown and obstructing the pavement. Suggested a letter be sent to the two properties in question.

12. 200 Club winners

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

1st – 144, Alan Wilson (£50); 2nd – 201, John Evans (£20); 3rd – 16, Sandra Laverty (£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 April 2026 in the Memorial Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.