

Cyngor Cymuned Ceulanamaesmawr Community Council

Minutes of the monthly meeting held on Monday 27 April 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, Eryl Bray, Rhian Evans, Enoc Jenkins (Vice-chair) and Catrin Davies (County Cllr – late)

Taking Minutes: Lynwen Rees Jones

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Cllrs Bleddyn Huws, Nia Richards, Mererid Watson, Nest Jenkins and Elgan Evans.

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 30 March 2026, were confirmed as correct.
Proposed: Eryl Bray; Seconded: Rhian Evans

5. Matters arising:

- i) Matters reported to the County Council via Clic:
 - a) The road at Cae'r Arglwyddes had been resurfaced as far as Maesglas.
 - b) Cars had been rallying along the road between Gwarcwm and Pen-y-sarn and its condition had worsened.
 - c) Various vehicles and motorbikes had been scrambling along the road near Glanrafon, with significant traffic along it.
 - d) The road from Pencwm to Tal-y-bont had been repaired.
 - e) Parts of the Cwm Ceulan road had been repaired.
- ii) Nazareth Cemetery: as Cllr Bleddyn Huws was not present, it was resolved to leave the matter on the table. The Clerk was requested to ask Robert Griffiths for a price for strimming cemetery to give an idea of the maintenance costs.
- iii) Bryn Smith had agreed to act as internal auditor again this year.
- iv) The Memorial Hall's latest invoice had been amended from £385 to £365 and duly paid.

Cllr Catrin Davies arrived at 7.55pm

6. Section 6 – Biodiversity

The grass had been cut in the cemetery, along with all the primroses and wildflowers. It was noted that the first cut should not have been made until late May/early June. Resolved to draw RG's attention to this and request that the wildflowers are not cut in future.

The ground in Bont-goch playground was very wet, and RG had suggested that this may be due to a leak from the adjacent Welsh Water property. Resolved to draw Welsh Water's attention to this for investigation. Proposed: Eryl Bray; Seconded: Siôn Pennant

7. Correspondence

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

- i) Courtesy and respect resolution (OVW): resolved to disregard.
- ii) National Lottery had confirmed receipt of the grant bid. The decision would be made 15 weeks after the submission date of early April

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- iii) A Tal-y-bont resident had messaged noting that overgrown trees were narrowing the road down from Maes-y-felin and damaging vehicles. It was noted that the owner lived in Birmingham. Resolved to contact the owner requesting that the trees be cut back.

8. Financial matters:

- i) Financial report: the Clerk had circulated details of the financial situation prior to the meeting; the situation as at 27.04.2026 was as follows:

Current account	£1,634.54
Deposit account	£8.72
Tabernacle account	£4,654.99
Cae Bach account	£18,897.50
Petty cash	£1,058.29
Total	<u>£26,254.04</u>

- ii) Income since the last meeting:

VAT repayment – £4,231.16 (£3,180 to the Cae Bach fund)

Plant sale – £1,072.60

Bank interest – £19.24

The Chair thanked everyone for their work with the plant sale. Resolved to send a message of thanks to those who had contributed plants and cakes and had helped with the preparations.

- iii) Invoices payable:

a) Nia Richards, Cwtsh Cynnes costs – £8.00

b) Ellen ap Gwynn, Cwtsh Cynnes costs – £40.34

It was unanimously resolved to pay all invoices.

Proposed: Catrin Davies; Seconded: Eryl Bray

9. Planning

Application A260206 – Llys Etna, Tal-y-bont: Cllr. Nia Richards had noted that all requirements regarding biodiversity had been complied with. Resolved to submit 'No comment'

10. Playgrounds

- i) Cae Bach campaign: £1,072.60 had been raised at the plant sale on 25 April. A quiz was to be held at the White Lion, Tal-y-bont on 29 April.
CES had noted that they would not be able to go any further with the drainage plan for Cae Bach and had offered a repayment of £437.50 + VAT. A new solution would have to be found, e.g. diverting any water to the drain across the road.
- ii) Monthly reports:
- Cae Bach: grass had been cut. A young mother had found a broken glass bottle in the playgrounds – this had been removed. An old metal frame had been left there – this would also need removing. Pieces of metal jutting out of the old climbing wall frame could be dangerous – these would need to be safely removed. A plank on the small picnic table had broken – resolved to ask whether Jamie Davies or Spencer Davies would be willing to repair.
 - Bont-goch: The equipment was safe. A quote for £1,002.24 had been received from Bedwyr Siencyn for repairing the fence posts and gates. Resolved to request at least two further quotes; John Henry Jones was suggested as one possible name.

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11. Any Other Business

- i) Updating policies: the Council's policies would require updating and confirming during the annual meeting. The Clerk would circulate these beforehand.
- ii) A gap had been opened in the hedge around Cae Sticil to form a new opening to the road. Queried whether this was allowed.
- iii) A stray dog had bitten a Tal-y-bont resident. It was proposed to contact the Dog Warden asking them to be seen patrolling the village.
- iv) Cllr Catrin Davies had been in contact with the officer responsible for initiating the process of lowering the speed limit in Bont-goch. More details would follow.

12. 200 Club winners

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

1st – 93, Paul Watson (£50); 2nd – 191, Enoc Jenkins (£20); 3rd – 118, Maureen Wootton (£10)

Payment from the Cae Bach fund was approved. Enoc noted that he wished to donate his winnings to the fund.

13. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held at 7.30 p.m. on 18 May 2026 in the Memorial Hall, following directly on from the annual meeting to be held at 7 p.m.

The meeting closed at 9.35 p.m.