

Cyngor Cymuned Ceulanamaesmawr Community Council

Minutes of the monthly meeting held on Monday 18 May 2026 at 7.45 p.m. in Tal-y-bont Memorial Hall

1. Chair's Welcome

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

Taking Minutes: Lynwen Rees Jones

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Cllrs Mererid Watson and Eryl Bray.

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 27 April 2026, were confirmed as correct.
Proposed: Ellen ap Gwynn; Seconded: Catrin Davies

5. Matters arising:

- i) Matters reported to the County Council via Clic – nothing new to report, however the following points were noted:
 - a) That the road from Penpompren Geifr to Bethesda Chapel was in poor condition.
 - b) That there were numerous potholes between Pensarn and Gwarcwm Uchaf.
 - c) That there were numerous potholes between Talybont village and Penffordd-las.
- ii) Nazareth Cemetery: the cemetery wall was bulging and would need repairing in future. There was also growth of grass, brambles and ferns that would need cutting during the summer months. It was reiterated that the cemetery maintenance costs would mean that the £10,000 offered would not last long. This would lead to the cemetery posing a financial burden for the Council in the future. Resolved to contact the solicitor noting that the Council would not accept responsibility unless a fair sum were offered, especially considering that past and present Tal-y-bont residents had contributed the sum currently in the Nazareth chapel account.
- iii) Grass cutting: the Clerk had requested that Robert Griffiths undertake the first cut later in the year and not to cut the wild flowers at this time.
- iv) Bont-goch playground: Welsh Water had carried out maintenance work at its property adjacent to the playground in mid April. It was noted that the ground was currently dry.
- v) Trees by Maes-y-felin had been cut. Cllr Eryl Bray was thanked for contacting the property owner to arrange this.
- vi) Quotes for work in Bont-goch playground: although the Clerk had requested two further quotes, nothing had been received. It was noted that between £2k and £3k had been transferred to the Council for maintenance work when the playground had opened, and Cllr Siôn Pennant noted that this should still be available. Considering the Council's current cash flow situation, it was discussed whether the gate alone should be repaired. However, as work on the fencing would also need to be carried out eventually, it was resolved complete all repairs at once and offer the work to Bedwyr Siencyn subject to funds.

6. Section 6 – Biodiversity

During May, Cllr Nia Richards had attended a training session hosted by West Wales Biodiversity Information Centre on a project that records biodiversity in communities per square kilometer

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or specific area. The area-specific approach would be very appropriate for Cae Bach; firstly by undertaking a basic audit and future monitoring allowing the recording of any increase in species diversity and numbers. Sian Saunders, WG local officer for the Bee Friendly scheme, was also present and had offered to work with us on this important aspect of the Cae Bach project. Eryl and Nia hope to meet Sian in the Cae Bach next week to start planning the way forward, and also to visit a similar project in Llanafan that has recently achieved Bee Friendly status.

7. Correspondence

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

- i) Message from Tal-y-bont resident noting that children playing in the school field in the evening are climbing over the green fence onto private land to recover balls, etc. There were concerns of possible injury. It was noted that this was a matter between the landowner and the school.
- ii) Message from Ceredigion Network offering to redesign the website.
- iii) Many Tal-y-bont residents had complained that it was dangerous driving onto the main road from Chapel Street with cars parked on the corner opposite the shop. Cars parking on pavements was noted as a particular problem throughout the village, often leading to pedestrians having to walk on the main road. It was suggested that the police and County Council should be informed, with photographic evidence given where possible. The possibility of erecting bollards was discussed, but it was noted that the purpose of bollards is to prevent driving, rather than parking, on pavements. Resolved to contact the appropriate NMWTRA officer.
- iv) Message from a Tal-y-bont resident noting vehicles speeding through the village making it dangerous to cross the road and damaging parked cars. Queried whether any calming measures could be taken. Resolved to correspond with the Chief Constable noting these concerns. The possibility of placing a notice in the noticeboards was discussed, asking resident to gather evidence and pass it on to the police.

8. Financial matters:

- i) Financial report: the Clerk had circulated details of the financial situation prior to the meeting and had presented a report during the Annual Meeting. The situation as at 18.05.2026 was as follows:

Current account	£1,019.53
Deposit account	£4,008.73
Tabernacle account	£4,654.99
Cae Bach account	£30,391.65
Petty cash	£58.29
Total	<u>£40,133.19</u>

- ii) Income since the last meeting:
Precept and cemetery grant – £13,471.67
Reimbursement from CES – £525 (including VAT)
Bank interest – £19.15

- iii) Invoices payable:
 - a) Nia Richards, Cwtsh Cynnes costs – £3.50
 - b) Ellen ap Gwynn, Cwtsh Cynnes costs – £12.60It was unanimously resolved to pay the above invoices.

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9. Playgrounds

- i) Cae Bach campaign: £200 had been raised in a quiz held at the White Lion, Tal-y-bont, and a further donation of £25 had been received from one of the village children who had been selling sweets. The third prize winner of the April 200 Club had donated the £10 to the fund.
- ii) Monthly reports:
 - Bont-goch: the equipment was all in good order. Maintenance work discussed in point 5.vi).
 - Cae Bach: the spider was rusty and could tear clothing; sharp metal protrusions on the old climbing wall frame; stepping stones slippery when wet; picnic bench still broken. Resolved to seek someone to resolve the above.

10. Any Other Business

- i) Road at Bontgoch church still in poor condition.
- ii) The gap opened in the hedge around Cae Sticil had been extended to form a substantial entrance. It was noted that the owner had no right to do this and that Cllr Catrin Davies would inform the appropriate Council department.
- iii) A fire had been lit on a grave in Bethel cemetery.
- iv) There had been rumours that someone had shown an interest in purchasing Tabernacle cemetery. The Clerk to look for the transfer documents to confirm current owners.

11. 200 Club winners

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

1st – 82, Carwyn Evans (£50); 2nd – 15, Sioned Morris (£20); 3rd – 70, Magw Ifan (£10)

Payment from the Cae Bach fund was approved.

12. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held at 7.30 p.m. on 29 June 2026 in the Memorial Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.