

**CYNGOR CYMUNEDOL CEFN CRIBWR
CEFН CRIBWR COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Dear Councillor,

You are invited to attend the next meeting of the Cefn Cribwr Community Council to be held at on Wednesday 5th November 2025 at 7.00 pm at the Cefn Cribwr Community Centre and remotely via Zoom.

AGENDA

1. Apologies.
2. To receive declarations of interest, if any, in written form.
3. To receive and adopt the minutes of Wednesday 8th October 2025.
4. Matters arising.
5. Footpaths.
6. Clerk's Report.
7. Casual Vacancy – Co-option of a Community Councillor.
8. Website.
9. Remembrance Sunday.
10. Members' Reports.
11. A.O.B. – urgent matters raised with the Chairman's consent, given before the start of the meeting.
12. Date and time of next meetings:
Wednesday 10th December 2025 at 7.00 pm
Wednesday 14th January 2026 at 7.00 pm

D L Jones, Clerk.

CEFN CRIBWR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 8th October 2025 at Cefn Cribwr Community Centre and via Zoom.

Chairman: Councillor C. Holmes

Present: Councillors C. Holmes, A. Beckett, S. Kendall, H. J. David, J. Short and K. G. Burnell.

In attendance: Mr. D-L Jones (Clerk).

1. Apologies:

Councillors D. Evans and J. Gebbie.

2. Declarations of interest received in writing:

Cllr. H. J. David declared an interest in all matters concerning the Cefn Cribwr Community Association as a member of that organisation.

Cllrs. H. J. David and A. Beckett declared an interest in all matters concerning Y Cefn Gwydd as members of that organisation.

Cllrs. H. J. David and K. G. Burnell declared an interest in all matters concerning the Cefn Cribwr Gardening Club as members of that organisation.

Cllrs. S. Kendall and K. G. Burnell declared an interest in all matters concerning Cefn Cribwr Primary School as members of the Governing Body.

Cllr. H. J. David declared an interest in all matters concerning the Cefn Cribwr Athletic Club as a member of that organisation.

Cllr. H. J. David declared an interest in all matters concerning the Cefn Cribwr Sports & Social Club as a member of that organisation.

Cllr. H. J. David declared an interest in all planning matters as a member of Bridgend County Borough Council.

Cllr. K. G. Burnell declared an interest in all matters concerning the Cefn Cribwr Sports & Social Club as Secretary of that organisation.

Cllr. K. G. Burnell declared an interest in all matters concerning Bedford Park as a relation of a member of staff.

3. Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting of Cefn Cribwr Community Council held on Wednesday 3rd September 2025 were adopted and signed as a true record.

4. Matters arising:

Mobile Speed Camera: Cllr. H. J. David reported he had requested that Go Safe deploy their mobile speed camera at other locations in the village than just Farm Road and was awaiting a response.

Drain at Beford Road: Cllr. H.J. David reported that the damaged drainpipe at Beford Road had been inspected and the defect has been issued for repair to the DLO by the Land Drainage section, which will be undertaken as soon as resources become available.

Cefn Cribwr Ironworks: Cllr. H.J. David reported that a keyholder agreement was being finalised so that volunteers from Cefn Gwydd can open and close the Ironworks every day.

Flooding of 24a and 24b Green Meadow: Cllr. H.J. David reported that Approx 28mm fell in one hour during the storm event on 13th and 14th June and caused mass flooding throughout Bridgend. Most drainage systems were overwhelmed that evening.

Ditches and drainage at Cwm Ffoes: Cllr. H.J. David reported that a significant storm event on the 13th June 2025 when 28mm of rain fell in one hour resulting in widespread flooding and disruption to local communities across the borough with hydraulic overload of local drainage networks, watercourses and rivers.

Repairs to traditional bus shelter on Cefn Cross: Cllr. H.J. David reported that following the Structural Engineers visit, the report identified that the roof required some replacement roof shingles, and clearance of the vegetation. The latter has been completed, but the installation of replacement roof shingles is still awaited. This has been followed up with our Building Maintenance section, and will be completed as soon as resource becomes available. In addition, the report noted the original concern about the wall behind the bus shelter. This has been brought to the attention of Building Control Team, who are going to contact the owner of the property behind the bus shelter.

Bus Shelter on the junction of John Street/Graig/Bryn Glas: Cllr. H.J. David reported that the public transport officer was awaiting a cost to carry out the required repairs to the bus shelter, following the structural engineer's inspection.

5. Footpaths:

The Clerk reported the footpath network would receive another cut imminently.

Cllr. H. J David reported that he had received a complaint regarding horses using footpaths and pavements. Cllr. David kindly agreed to seek clarification about the law in this regard.

6. Clerk's Report:

Correspondence:

Council noted the following:

Clerks & Councils Direct

The Clerk

Bills for payment:

Clerks Salary for September'25 (S.P. 26):	£686.75
HMRC:	£171.60
Transact Pensions:	£171.69
Mr. W. Evans: Cleaning Memorial Shelter (September'25):	£52.00

Financial Statements for the period ending 17th September 2025: Council noted the financial statement.

Planning:

Applications:

Planning Register Ambleside, 36 John Street: Ground floor sunroom extension to rear and first floor Juliet balcony to rear.

7. Community Grants:

Cllr. K. G. Burnell left the meeting for this item and took no part in the decision-making process.

Cefn Cribwr Sports & Social Club application for financial assistance for the installation of a stair lift and accessible lavatory.

It was unanimously agreed to support this application, but to defer a decision regarding the level of funding, until the outcome of the grant application to the National Lottery Fund was known.

8. Casual Vacancy – Co-option of a Community Councilor:

The Clerk reported that he had not received any applications for consideration. It was agreed to agenda this matter for the November meeting.

9. Website:

Cllr. S. Kendall reported that he was still waiting for our website provider to make the agreed updates. The Clerk will follow this up. The Chairman thanked Cllr. Kendall for all his work in this regard.

10. Remembrance Sunday:

The Clerk gave a brief overview of the usual arrangements for Remembrance Sunday: Service at Wesleyan at 10 am followed by a March to the War Memorial for the Act of Remembrance at 11 am. It was agreed the Clerk should proceed with the arrangements as outlined.

It was also agreed the Clerk should instruct Green Bros Landscapes to undertake the usual routine maintenance of the planting etc, prior to Remembrance Sunday.

11. Christmas Decorations:

The Clerk reported that he had confirmed with BCBC the usual arrangements for the provision of Christmas Decorations in the Village (3 trees: one at the Graig, one at the Community Centre, and one at the entrance to Heol Shon) to be installed and lit by Friday 28th November.

The Clerk reported that a request had been made to use the tree at The Graig once again as a Memory Tree, this event to take place on the evening of Friday 28th November. All agreed to support this worthwhile and poignant event in the life of the village.

The Clerk reported that, as requested, he had made further enquiries as to how the current scheme could be expanded and enhanced in line with the feedback received from residents. BCBC have confirmed that rope lights between the Lampposts is not an option as the distance is too great. They have suggested lamppost mounted displays and a list of companies who supply them. The Clerk circulated a brochure and suggested that perhaps a scheme which connected the tree at the entrance to Heol Shon to the Tree at the Graig with a fixture on every other lamppost. It was agreed that this would be a good starting point to get a costing. It was acknowledged that the initial cost would be high, but that good quality lights on fewer lampposts would be more cost effective in the long term. It was agreed the Clerk should proceed along these lines.

12. Members Report:

Signal Box: Cllr. C. Holmes reported he had represented Council at the Annual Signal Box Open Afternoon. This had been a most enjoyable and interesting event which was well attended by locals and visitors from further afield.

One Voice Wales: Cllr. D. Evans reported he had circulated the OVW training plan until December 2025.

Iron Works: Cllr. H. J. David reported that a Health and Safety Survey is required before the buildings which form the Iron Works can re-open to the public. This is expected to be undertaken imminently.

Bus Shelter at Cefn Cross and The Graig: Cllr. H.J. David reported that these structures will be repaired.

Advice Surgery: Cllr. H.J. David reported that he would be holding advice surgeries at The Mules, Llys Ton, Cefn Cribwr Sports & Social Club, and The Cefn Cribwr Athletic Club over the forthcoming months.

Former Reservoir site: Cllr. H. J. David reported he had shared the proposed site boundary treatment plans from Geraint John Planning Services for the former reservoir site on Cefn Road.

Notice of temporary road restrictions at Ty Isaf on 6-8th October 2025: Cllr. H. J. David reported that due to insufficient width of carriageway to maintain vehicular access during essential improvements to the sewer work on behalf of Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water the road would be closed for the duration of the works.

Advice Surgery: Cllr. H. J. David reported that he and Cllr Gebbie would be holding their next advice surgery at Kenfig Hill RFC on Saturday 11th October and on 25th October at Pyle Family Breakfast in Pyle Church Hall.

Vehicular Access to Cae Gof: Cllr. H. J. David reported that At the request Cefn Cribwr Football Club had met with the home owner of the property at Green Meadow adjacent to the vehicular access at the western end Cae Gof adjacent to its junction with Cefn Road. He then arranged for representatives the Football club to meet with the homeowner and the family to discuss the plans to improve the access that were a condition of wider improvements by the football club at Cae Gof.

Cefn Cribwr Community Centre Roof: Cllr. H. J. David reported that a funding stream has been identified to undertake roof works at Cefn Cribwr Community Centre. Officers will be scheduling a site visit to confirm scope of the scheme in October.

Community Pantry: Cllr. H. J. David reported that the Community Pantry had received food poverty funding from the Welsh Government via Bridgend County Borough Council and BAVO. The grant will help the pantry continue to provide support. The pantry is open to everyone and there is tea, coffee and biscuits at the same time too.

Social Housing Allocation: Cllr. H. J. David reported that Bridgend County Borough Council are working with Housing Association partners to review the Social Housing Allocation Policy (SHAP) — and it wants the views of local people. The policy helps ensure fairness and transparency in how limited social housing is allocated to those most in need. The closing date is 22 October 2025. <https://beinvolvedbridgend.uk.engagementq.com/bridgend-social-housing-allocation-policy-consultation>

Mynydd Cynffig Primary School: Cllr. H. J. David reported that updated plans for the replacement Mynydd Cynffig Primary School in Kenfig Hill have been submitted to further ensure the redevelopment delivers the highest standards in education, sustainability, and community benefit while incorporating feedback from local residents. Key changes include:

Acoustic fencing will be installed around the school boundary, supported by planting around the all-weather sports pitch. Environmental assessments have confirmed that projected noise levels will remain within acceptable limits.

The all-weather pitch will now be constructed without floodlighting, responding to local feedback and environmental considerations.

Additional ecological mitigation and planting measures have been incorporated to support biodiversity, including protections for species such as dormice and slow worms.

Book Launch: Cllr. H. J. David reported that Cefn Cribwr' favorite homegrown author Neville Granville has published a brand-new book "In Earth and Sky". A special local launch of the novel will take place at Cefn's Community pub the Three Horse Shoes on Wednesday 29th October.

Annual Pet Show: Cllr. H. J. David reported that the annual village pet show at the Community Centre, organized by Cefn Gardening Club is this Sunday, 12th October beginning at 11.00am.

13. Any other business: *There was no other business.*

12. Date and time of next meetings:

Wednesday 5th November 2025 at 7.00 pm

Wednesday 10th December 2025 at 7.00 pm

David-Lloyd Jones, Clerk, October 2025.

Signed..... date.....

Clerk's Report to Council 5th November 2025

Correspondence:

Clerks & Councils Direct
The Clerk
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Bills for payment:

Clerks Salary for October'25 (S.P. 26):	£686.75
HMRC:	£171.60
Transact Pensions:	£171.69
Mr. W. Evans: Cleaning Memorial Shelter (October'25):	£52.00
Pyle Community Council – Remembrance Wreaths:	£209.00
Boverton Nurseries – Daffodil Bulbs:	£1,230.00
P J Landscapes - FP Maintenance:	£850.00
P J Landscapes – Plant Daffodil Bulbs:	£450.00
Green Bros Landscapes – War Memorial:	£960.00
Cefn Cribwr Athletic Club – Community Firework Display:	£800.00

Financial Statements for the period ending 17th October 2025: (Appendix 1)

Planning:

Applications:

[P/25/557/FUL](#) 15 Bedford Road: Conversion of existing single storey garage together with single storey extension to rear.

D L Jones, Clerk

2nd Nov 2025

Cefn Cribwr Community Council			
Cash Book Comparison Against Budget			
Period Ending 17th October 2025			
	Budget	Actual to Date	
	2025/26	2025/26	
Bank Statement Balances as at the 01/04/25		£	£
Community Account - 91482637	£ 9,981.02	£ 9,981.02	<i>Opening</i>
Business Manager Account - 1457411	£ 36,935.00	£ 36,935.00	<i>Balances</i>
	£ 46,916.02	£ 46,916.02	
INCOME:			
Precept	£ 42,000.00	£ -	
Other Income	£ 37,500.00	£ 55,690.50	
	£ 79,500.00	£ 55,690.50	
EXPENDITURE:			
Clerk	£ 8,137.29	£ 4,772.35	
HMRC	£ 2,034.32	£ 1,355.24	
Pension	£ 2,034.32	£ 1,154.58	
Footpaths	£ 2,600.00	£ 800.00	
Footpath Creation	£ 250.00	£ -	
Spring Bulbs	£ 1,750.00	£ -	
Memorial Shelter Cleaning	£ 700.00	£ 416.00	
War Memorial, Pentice & Bus Shelter Maintenance	£ 7,000.00	£ 600.00	
Hire of Chamber	£ 450.00	£ 408.00	
Print & Misc expenses (inc Rememberance)	£ 1,250.00	£ 76.47	
Web Site	£ 300.00	£ 191.87	
Postage	£ 50.00	£ -	
Telephone & BB	£ 575.00	£ -	
Statutory & Depreciation	£ 300.00	£ -	
Insurance	£ 1,150.00	£ 1,123.50	
Member's Allowance	£ 2,000.00	£ 150.00	
Civic Service	£ 350.00	£ -	
Subs OVW/SLCC/ALCC	£ 550.00	£ 294.00	
Travel	£ 100.00	£ -	
Poppy Wreaths	£ 2,000.00	£ 350.00	
Grant Aid	£ 3,500.00	£ 500.00	
Grant - Com Assoc	£ 3,000.00	£ -	
Play Scheme		£ -	
Audit Fees	£ 800.00	£ 195.60	
Legal Fees	£ 1,000.00	£ -	
Christmas Decorations	£ 4,500.00	£ 4,456.48	
Election Fees	£ -	£ -	
Summer Planting Scheme	£ 6,000.00	£ 1,572.71	
Community Project Match Funding	£ 60,000.00	£ 19,650.43	
Misc	£ 1,250.00	£ -	
Contingency	£ 2,000.00	£ -	
VAT		£ -	
	£ 115,630.93	£ 38,067.23	
Cash at Bank	£ 10,785.09	£ 64,539.29	<i>Cash book balance</i>
Current liabilities			
Contingency: Surplus/(Deficit)	£ 10,785.09	£ 64,539.29	