

Ceunant Mountaineering Club - Annual General Meeting  
Saturday 21st March 2026  
At 4.30pm  
Venue: Ty'n Lon

**Attendees:**

Luke Bowman Fiona & Kevin Devine, Magda Perrott, Margaret Beddard, Pam Coyle, Karina Bogucka, Sara Lopez Ebbers, Joseph Cahill, Paul Jepson, Tony & Ann Millichope, Duncan Frisch, Fiona Jones, Andy Gill, Dave Balcin, Tony Mynette, Richard Greaves, Ian Smith, Caroline Ball, Flo Gueniat, Frances Laureano.

**Apologies:** Bill Beddard, Juliette Edwards, Jim Daly, Jim Brady, Maggie McAndrew, Julie & Andy Ring, Craig Shelley, Naomi & David Simmonite, Stewart Moody, Mick Carr, Richard Hubbard, Elly Holmes, Paul Hennelly, David Tapley, Stuart Haycock, Pauline Kuithan, Matt & Kirsty Robinson, Nik Howard, Dominic Matters, Amy Thorpe.

**1 Introductions, Welcome and Apologies:**

Luke Bowman opened the meeting thanking everyone for coming along. He read out apologies (see above)

**2 Minutes of the last AGM on 16th March 2025:**

Minutes were approved. There were no matters arising not covered by agenda.

**3 Reports**

**3.1 Chair**

Luke opened by saying what a great year the club had had. He thanked all committee members for their support throughout the year, and the many individual contributions. Special thanks to:

- Paul Jepson for doing the food at both the Work Meet and the Burns Night Dinner.
- Craig for once again putting together a year planner for the 2026 meets list.
- Tony Millichope and Stuart Bevan for auditing the accounts.
- Caroline and Magdalena for organising the family meets.

He then went onto provide an annual reminder regarding club trustees. They remain as previously reported Jim Brady, Tony Millichope, Tony Mynette, and Steve Harvett. He also drew our attention that in 2023 were registered with HMRC

Some useful reminders (repeated and new):

- Please continue to be mindful of the costs of heating Tyn Lon. Only use the heating when required.
- The cost of waste removal cost the club £540 for 2026, so it's not cheap! Please be considerate and take recyclable items home with you if you are able.
- The hut fees Are now £7.50 member / £10 guest. The numbers in the annual accounts and overview provided by Andrew Bevan will highlight how this cost increase has contributed to ensuring that we are able to balance the books for Ty'n Lon.

- We have also utilised Ty'n Lon for a number of the meets on the annual events calendar and will do so again over the next 12 months to encourage use of the cottage by members.
- We will also instigate a quarterly cost review throughout 2026 to ensure that, in the current climate of cost increases, we ensure that we keep on top of the bills and can course correct if necessary. On the topic of people and governance, the BMC is encouraging every club to have a designated safeguarding officer. These will be myself, Luke Bowman, and Frances Laureano De Leon. We are here for you to approach on any general or sensitive issues, and as a member any of us can reach out to the BMC for further support if needed through the information available directly on the BMC website.

Finally, Luke reported that at the AGM in 2025 the club agreed to increase the annual subscription fees to £40 from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026 and then increase yearly in-line with the annual BMC increase.

Most people are now paying with direct debit which makes it easy to where the BMC annual increments be made more frequently.

Provisional membership cost will also be increased to £30 Plus yearly increase. Note – BMC fees alone were £30.74 in 2026, which was an increase of £1.41 compared to 2025.

A quick bit of research indicates an expected inflation rate of approx. 2% by the end of 2026. This would mean membership fees for 2027 will be approx.:

- £40.61 for full membership
- £30.60 for prospective membership

Actual fees will be increased in line with BMC increases once we have been notified (normally anytime from Sept)

### 3.2 General Secretary & Membership Report by Fiona Devine:

The Ceunant MC continues to be an active club and thanks to the support of my fellow committee members runs very efficiently. Safeguarding became more prominent and as you will be aware we did take action to suspend a member Nathan Spencer due to unconnected criminal action. Nate has confirmed that he is not renewing his membership. I'd particularly like to thank Luke in handling this membership matter so swiftly.

| Membership 2025             |            |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| Full Members                | 123        |
| Prospective upgrade to Full | 7          |
| Prospective                 | 4          |
| Life Members                | 4          |
| Overseas                    | 3          |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>141</b> |

We had 4 prospective members in our books Nigel Fernandes, Rafal Malczyk, Sharon Sandford and Kirsty Robinson.

7 Prospective Members were elected to full membership. They are Chris Burgess, Dominic

Matters, Matthew Robinson, Matthew Lyon, Nathaniel Spencer, Julen Santamaria, Srivatsa Mohan Ram.

Our Life Members are Bill Beddard, Stuart Haycock, Tony Mynette and John Pettet

We have 3 residents outside of UK they are Lucy Ring, Alison Brady and Paul Collis

Our total membership stood at 141 members.

Thank you to everyone that's completed a DD mandate for the collection of annual subs, this really will make the collection easier for the club. Even if you have DD set up and or a standing order, please check if your details are up to date on membermojo and confirm or not you want to share your email with other members of the club. Proceeding to payment, checkout is simply to confirm how you are going to pay. Your bank details do not pass through, nor are stored on membermojo.

We no longer post our membership cards, but it will be attached to your payment receipt email for printing off. Likewise, but more sophisticated, the BMC introduced a new digital membership card which you are able access and download your card to your phone's digital wallet via the BMC's online portal

### **3.3 Hut Warden report – Kevin Devine:**

#### **Energy**

We are all aware of the increasing cost of gas and electricity. For Gas we are currently on a fixed price deal which runs until mid-2027. So, we are not exposed to the extreme LPG price increases we have seen in the past few weeks. However, please try not to be wasteful when using the central heating. Particularly if there are only one or two people in the building. Consider if you really need the heating on. Flogas are supposed to monitor our use and deliver automatically when we get low. This has been working better this year. But I try to keep an eye on it and “encourage” them to deliver before we get too low. If you are here in the winter and feel like sending me a tank reading that's very much appreciated.

#### **Roof repairs**

We are having some repairs carried out on the roof. Mostly replacing cracked or missing slates. Also replacing the render beside the dining room roof which we hope will stop the water getting in.

#### **Refuse**

The green wheelie bin is for general waste. It's collected every 3 weeks. The collection calendar is on the noticeboard.

- Please recycle as much as possible. Take it home if you have to.
- Please compress general waste to get as much as possible in the wheelie bin.
- Please minimise the waste you create.

The brown wheelie bin is for garden waste only. Please don't put other waste in there, and please don't put dog poo in there.

Don't leave large amounts of cardboard next to the fireplace. Recycle it or take it home.

#### **Gwynedd Visitor Levy**

In Wales, local councils have a power to start the Visitor Levy from 1 April 2027. Gwynedd is consulting on introducing the levy, but no decision has yet been made. They must give 12 months' notice before the levy starts. The proposed rate is 75p per night.

### 3.4 Treasurer's Report – Andrew Bevan:

Andrew circulated copies of the accounts which had been audited by Tony Millichope & Stuart Bevan. See Annex 1

Andrew then went through each fund as detailed below.

#### **Ty'nlon fund**

Members were using the hut more, so the increased hut fees introduced in 2024 were now starting to make a slight difference. Over the year we have been looking at reducing our energy costs, increasing lagging to the hot water boiler and pipes which have helped. More measures are being looked at such as not having gas heating available from April to September. This met with a mixed reaction, but Andrew was keen to say that nothing had been decided and would play it by ear. Overall, we had a slight surplus of **£292**.

#### **General Fund**

Andrew explained that we had made a small loss of **£540** less than the previous year but we need to do a bit more. Increasing the members fee from 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2026 to £40 and increasing thereafter each year by rate of inflation should help. This keeps pace with BMC affiliation fees which also increases by inflation.

#### **Questions raised from the floor.**

Tony Mynette questioned whether increasing hut fees might be more appropriate than the membership fee. Flo suggested increasing hut fees each year by inflation. Andrew answered that the club manage accounts separately, so Membership fee covers cost of servicing that member. Increasing each year would be an administration burden needed to balance this. Joe Cahill suggested increasing outside bookings and the fee. This was noted and the committee will investigate. **ACTION** – review OB and charges

Tony Millichope questioned that as the club paid an admin fee for each DD whether this and what proportion pay by this method as subscription doesn't give a breakdown. Luke responded DD gives the club flexibility to easily raise fees, reliance on members changing their standing order and/or making BACS payment in timely manner is poor. **ACTION** – cttee to review and provide fuller response.

Kevin asked why the recent increase to hut fees didn't seem to have had made any impact. Tony Millichope answered that this should become more apparent next year though any gains would be marginal.

### 3.5 Hut Secretary's Report – Magda Perrot:

We heard that the number of bookings for 2025 has dropped to 10, a bit lower than 2024. We also had 2 internal bookings to celebrate our members' BIG birthdays. The trend of low bookings in February, March and November was thought to be attributed to weather. Also, there is a lack of bookings in August & September probably due to the holiday season.

We are actively looking to increase external booking to maintain hut costs by opening booking system for all weekends in the year including bank holidays which we usually spend in other locations.

Magda introduced a feedback form for completion by outside bookings, which will hopefully provide more constructive comments in relation to hut location, equipment etc.

We have also introduced more hut-based events for our club to encourage all members to join and enjoy time in Wales. These events include:

- Burns Night weekend in Jan.
- Orienteering weekend.
- 2 Family meets, one in the summer and one in December before Christmas.
- AGM in March.
- Club weekend meets in May and July.
- Welsh 3000s Weekend in June.
- BBQ meet in August.
- Orienteering in September.

### **3.6 Outdoor Meets Report – Ian Smith and Caroline Ball**

Before talking about the meets, Ian held up an example HMS Karabiner that the clubs are having lasered to commemorate our 70<sup>th</sup> year. Contact Ian if interested, £13 normally retail at £19.

We heard that the meets program was well supported. We hosted 19 weekend meetings, and several of the bank holiday meets ran over 4 days. All were well attended, Devon attracted 30. This year we have scheduled more meetings (26), We have already had 4 with an average attendance of 20.

Ian then regaled memorable highlights – Luke destroying Chris Burgess's new tent when he fell and that we should re-introduce prizes.

Caroline picked up speaking on the two family meets. The summer was indeed sunny packed with climbing and swimming. We now have 3<sup>rd</sup> generations attending, which is great to see. The youngest is Flo and Frances daughter proudly wearing her CMC baby grow. Christmas meets great to be supporting Nant Peris.

Tony Mynette extended his congratulations to the club. Andrew Gill also extended his thanks to club on behalf of Worcester MC, the hut is one of the best.

### **3.7. Indoor Meets Report/Training – Frances**

This year saw a record number of successful indoor meets, with strong participation and positive feedback from members. Caroline and Magda once again organised the ever-popular Summer and Christmas Family Meets, both of which were well attended and thoroughly enjoyed.

In addition to our regular Summer and Christmas socials, we introduced a new wine tasting social, which proved to be a great success and a welcome addition to the club calendar. Given its popularity and positive feedback, we hope to run a similar event in the coming year, potentially exploring a tasting focused on ales and beers.

Looking ahead, we are also excited to celebrate the club's 70th anniversary with a special event at Tyn Lon over the August bank holiday weekend.

Climbing Club Wine Tasting & Social! Ian very kindly hosted the wine tasting at his house and garden, providing a lovely setting. Flo was master taking us through 8 wines and enjoyed a great selection of wines alongside a cheese board and jamón.

The annual Summer Non-BBQ took place this year at the Spotted Dog, and as always did not disappoint. We had members joining from Depot Climbing Centre given how close the wall is to the pub. We were treated to a fantastic spread of food, with standout

contributions including a lovely Greek salad from Karina, a refreshing fruit salad from Ewa, a decadent quiche from Tibs, and of course, the ever-famous flan.

Christmas party as tradition was at the Prince of Wales was, as ever, a great success. We held a raffle in support of Llanberis Mountain Rescue and took the opportunity to don our finest Christmas jumpers.

#### **4 Election of New Committee:**

As all post holders stood again. Proposed by Tony Mynette & Seconded by Phil Brown and all were re-elected on mass

| Post                       | Name              |
|----------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Chairperson</b>         | Luke Bowman       |
| <b>Vice Chair</b>          | Ian Smith         |
| <b>Secretary</b>           | Fiona Devine      |
| <b>Treasurer</b>           | Andrew Bevan      |
| <b>Hut Secretary</b>       | Magdalena Perrott |
| <b>Hut Warden</b>          | Kevin Devine      |
| <b>Outdoor meets</b>       | Vacant            |
| <b>Indoor Meets</b>        | Frances Laureano  |
| <b>Ordinary Member</b>     | Caroline Ball     |
| <b>Ordinary Member</b>     | Duncan Frisch     |
| <b>Ordinary member</b>     | Ann Millichope    |
| <b>Social &amp; Comms*</b> |                   |

Non-Committee Posts - 2 x Auditors TBC

#### **5 Other points discussed during the meeting:**

**Member of the year** – This year the tankard was given to Luke Bowman due to his excellent chairmanship and swift handling of Nate Spencer – calling several emergency meetings and liaising with BMC.

**70<sup>th</sup> Club Celebrations** - We (headed by Frances) are working on 70<sup>th</sup> club celebrations in summer BH. We hope you can join. 70<sup>th</sup> T shirts and hoodies should be available.

#### **6 Date of Next AGM**

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2027

Meeting finished at 6pm

# ANNEX 1

## CEUNANT MOUNTAINEERING CLUB - Statement of Accounts 2025

| Accumulated funds                          | 2025           | 2024           | 2023           |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Balance at 1 <sup>st</sup> of January 2025 | £34,120        | £32,531        | £34,050        |
| Tyn Lon fund surplus                       | £292           | £358           | -£946          |
| General fund surplus                       | -£540          | £1,231         | -£574          |
| Balance at 31 December 2025                | £33,871        | £34,120        | £32,531        |
| Covid Grant Fund (Note 1)                  | £8,717         | £8,717         | £8,717         |
| Represented by:                            |                |                |                |
| Current Acc                                | £13,851        | £14,257        | £12,902        |
| Deposit Acc                                | £20,020        | £19,863        | £19,629        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                               | <b>£33,871</b> | <b>£34,120</b> | <b>£32,531</b> |

| Tyn Lon Fund             | 2025          | 2024          | 2023          |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>Income</b>            |               |               |               |
| Member/Guest fee         | £5,200        | £4,157        | £3,390        |
| Affiliated fee           | £3,787        | £2,824        | £3,150        |
| Donations                |               | £2,663        |               |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>      | <b>£8,987</b> | <b>£9,644</b> | <b>£6,540</b> |
| <b>Expenditure</b>       |               |               |               |
| Council tax (Note 5)     |               |               |               |
| Insurance                | £732          | £690          | £671          |
| Utilities (Note 5)       | £4,516        | £4,509        | £3,652        |
| Maintenance              | £3,447        | £4,086        | £3,676        |
| Capital exp              |               |               |               |
| Misc                     |               |               |               |
| Grant fund transfer      |               |               | -£513         |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b> | <b>£8,695</b> | <b>£9,286</b> | <b>£7,486</b> |
| <b>SURPLUS</b>           | <b>£292</b>   | <b>£358</b>   | <b>-£946</b>  |

### Notes:

1. Covid Grant Fund = £10,000 Government grant to support local small businesses during the Covid restrictions. It is included **WITHIN** the accumulated funds and is **NOT** additional to them.
2. Includes meets pre booked for 2026
3. Training course cancelled
4. Includes £600 cost of Christmas curry from Dec 2024.
5. A charge of £510 for refuse collection is included in Utilities.

| General Fund                     | 2025          |               |              |
|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
|                                  | Income        | Expense       | Surplus      |
| Subscriptions (Membership & BMC) | £5,124        | £3,930        | £1,194       |
| Donations                        | £0            | £0            | £0           |
| Bank Interest                    | £158          | £0            | £158         |
| Outdoor Meets (Note 2)           | £416          | £1,153        | -£737        |
| Training (Note 3)                | £0            | £37           | -£37         |
| Functions (Note 4)               | £535          | £1,515        | -£980        |
| Misc                             | £0            | £0            | £0           |
| Admin                            |               | £138          | -£138        |
| Grant Fund Transfer              |               |               |              |
| <b>Total</b>                     | <b>£6,233</b> | <b>£6,773</b> | <b>-£540</b> |

Prepared by: Andrew Bevan - Treasurer

Audited by:  
Anthony Millichope

Stuart Bevan

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| General Fund             | 2025          | 2024          | 2023          |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>Income</b>            |               |               |               |
| Subscription             | £5,124        | £5,030        | £4,973        |
| AGM                      |               |               | £160          |
| Functions                | £535          |               |               |
| Outdoor Meets            | £416          | £1,332        | £132          |
| Training                 |               | £618          | £1,060        |
| Misc                     |               | £215          | £1,710        |
| Interest                 | £158          | £234          | £171          |
| Donations                |               | £5            |               |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>      | <b>£6,233</b> | <b>£7,434</b> | <b>£8,207</b> |
| <b>Expenditure</b>       |               |               |               |
| AGM                      |               | £459          | £479          |
| Outdoor Meets            | £1,153        | £1,625        | £19           |
| Training                 | £37           | £440          | £2,010        |
| BMC Affiliation          | £3,930        | £3,227        | £3,943        |
| Admin                    | £138          |               | £112          |
| Donations                |               |               |               |
| Functions                | £1,515        |               | £386          |
| Misc Expense             |               | £453          | £1,319        |
| TynLon Grant fund exp    |               |               | £513          |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b> | <b>£6,773</b> | <b>£6,203</b> | <b>£8,781</b> |
| <b>SURPLUS</b>           | <b>-£540</b>  | <b>£1,231</b> | <b>-£574</b>  |