

CYNGOR CYMUNED CORRIS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Cofnodion Cyfarfod Gynhaliwyd Minutes of the Meeting 2 Medi/September 2021

PRESENNOL/RESENT Cllrs.

Cllr. R. Edwards Cllr. T. Edwards Cllr. A. Jones Cllr. J. Mumford
Cllr. M. Olsson Cllr. J. Tayler Cllr. S. Wells

PRESENNOL HEFYD/ ALSO PRESENT

Clerk S. Mumford C. Cllr J. Pughe Roberts
Tillhill representative: Sam Brown

The Meeting was declared open at 7.00pm

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43 Ymddiheuriadau/Apologies. Cllr. J. Davies. Cllr. E. Jones

44 Cyhoeddiadau/Announcements.

- a) Review applicants for vacancies. There was one applicant for the vacancy, Cllr. Alex Jones, Corris.
- b) Co-opting. It was agreed unanimously under the Co-option of Member powers, Representation of the People Act 1985, s21, to co-opt the candidate.
The meeting was suspended at 7.05pm while the new Cllr. signed the Declaration of Acceptance. Meeting resumed 7.10pm

As Sam Brown, Tillhill arrived the Chair suggested to move items 51a and 51e to the start of the meeting to enable S Brown to leave after the discussions. This was accepted unanimously.

- 51 a) Tillhill update: Cllr. M. Olsson welcomed S. Brown and thanked him for coming. S. Brown gave an overview of expected and upcoming felling operations in the area. He explained that they are in talks with NRW to create an extraction route for the trees being felled at Ffynnon Badarn and other areas. He said talks are going well and everything is currently with the legal team from NRW. The opening of the Llwydiarth road has eased some issues but there will still be at least a two-week delay before agreement is reached with NRW. During this period there will still be some lorries coming through the village.
S Brown said the long-term plan is to hold talks with NRW, GCC and Tillhill to look at options for further harvests over the next 30 years. They will have an initial meeting to highlight possible routes and go from there.
S Brown opened up the floor to any questions.
Cllr. M. Olsson ask if the felling in Maes y Bwlch in Corris Uchaf had a start date, he replied that it will commence Winter 2021. He said some areas had been served a SPHN (statutory plant health notice). They would normally work on a 20-year plan but having been served an order to fell larch they have to do it within 3 years. Cllr. M. Olsson asked if the deciduous trees above the old reservoir would be felled as there is some very rare Lichen there. S Brown said there are no plans to cut those trees down.
Cllr. T. Edwards asked about the road in Hen Gae valley, he said it makes no sense to bring the loads through the villages when there is a main road within a mile, through NRW land. Cllr. T. Edwards spoke of an area in North Wales where landowners had

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come together and with the help of the County Council and organisations like Tillhill and NRW had come to an agreement to create new extraction routes. This reduces the usage of the roads through villages and ultimately cuts the maintenance costs of such roads. He asked if this was something they would consider. He said they were open to any suggestions put forward.

Cllr M Olsson asked if there had been any response regarding the request of a donation to the school from Tillhill. S Brown said he would be meeting with the landowner very soon and would get an update. It was suggested that the donation was sent to Corris Community Council to be passed on to the school.

- e) Dyfi Forest resource plan: Cllr T. Edwards had meet with G Sanderson, NRW, earlier in the day. G. Sanderson had explained the 10-year felling plan and also left printed maps to make it easier to see the work planned in the different areas around Pantperthog, Aberllefenni, Corris and Corris Uchaf. The plans were discussed. It was RESOLVED that the Council would respond to the NRW consultation stating: Corris Community Council asks NRW to work with Tilhill, other landowners and relevant organisations to ensure a smooth extraction with the least impact on communities, as is done in other areas of Wales. It was RESOLVED for the **Clerk to respond to the consultation on the Councils behalf.**

46 Cofnodion cyfarfod/Minutes of meeting.

- a) The Minutes of the Meeting of 01/7/21 were proposed as accurate by Cllr. T. Edwards and seconded by Cllr. J. Mumford.

48 Materion mynwentydd/Cemetery matters.

- a) Cemetery clean-up day went well the path was cleared of overhanging bushes and a start was made on the paths inside the gated area. The shed was cleared, and Cllr. T. Edwards took everything to Dolgellau HWS. Thanks were given to those who attended. A discussion was held to buy some tools to store in the shed so Cllrs can go at any time to work on the area. It was RESOLVED to purchase a rake, spade, broom, shears, loppers and a bucket. **Cllr. R. Edwards agreed to price up the tools.**

The tree has been felled and B. Sandells asked if the wood could be moved from his land. Cllr. T. Edwards spoke to the Landlord of the Slaters and agreed to move the logs to their chalet and the clerk advised the shop owners to collect their half from Abercorris Cabins. **Cllr. J. Mumford will contact K. Richardson** for advice on completing a cemetery inspection.

- b) It was RESOLVED to hire a pressure washer for the cemetery paths. The cost would be £48. This was agreed unanimously. **Cllr. R. Edwards and Cllr. J. Mumford will liaise** to arrange a date to complete the work.

c) Cllr. M. Olsson created a template for the criteria for the grass cutting contracts. It was RESOLVED to accept this; **the Clerk will circulate on noticeboards** and website and on Facebook. Closing date for tenders to submitted are Friday 22/10/2021.

- d) It was RESOLVED to ask T. Rowlands to cut the grass in the cemetery.

49 Playing areas/fields and communal areas.

- a) Playground reports. The fence by the basketball hoop in Corris Uchaf playground needs repair/replacement, it was RESOLVED to get quotes for a new fence. No work has started on the swings in Corris, it was RESOLVED to ask **the Clerk to email G. L. Jones to chase** a date for work to commence. It was also RESOLVED to ask T. Rowlands to cut the playgrounds. Cllr. J. Taylor will ask him to do cemetery and playgrounds.
- b) KGV playing fields. Fence repairs. No letter has been sent as the clerk was waiting for the signs to go up and for a letter which a resident had planned to send in. It was RESOLVED to wait no longer for the letter and for the **Clerk to write to the owner** of

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- the field and attached photos. Cllr. J. Mumford stated as chair of the football club that they were more than happy to support in any way.
- 50 Road Closures. The road works at Llwydiarth, between Aberllefenni and Aberangell has been completed and road closure signs have been removed in Aberllefenni. C. Cllr. J. Pughe Roberts to check they have been removed in Aberangell. There have been no further details on the Corris/Corris Uchaf road closure. Concerns were raised over the pedestrian access which is on the landslide side of the road. It was **RESOLVED the clerk email GCC** and ask if the barrier can be put back in place and the access point be on the other side which is safer for pedestrians.
- 52 Meddiantiau/Assets.
- a) Toilets Corris Uchaf. Email received from GCC stating planning will required for change of use. It was RESOLVED to for the **clerk to email and request the contract** which states asbestos will be removed and disposed of when works commence be sent to the clerk for Cllrs to sign. Change of use will be discussed at a later date.
- 53 Materion ariannol/financial matters.
- a) Report/Balances/HMRC. VAT. Current account £11042.27 inc. this quarters precept. Corris Uchaf £33722 Adwy Cyf £7900.47. It was RESOLVED that the **clerk will contact HMRC** in writing to chase the VAT payment.
 - b) Matters relating to audit. Email received requesting precept minutes and precept and budget. All documents have been emailed to Auditor.
 - c) Authorisation of any payments not authorised elsewhere.
 - i. Clerk's wages £400.25 and Paye £100 Cllr. J. Mumford abstained and registered an interest, it was RESOLVED unanimously to authorise these payments.
 - ii. Invoice Institute 2019-2020 £80. It was RESOLVED unanimously under the Power to Convene, Local /government Act 1972, Schedule 12, paragraphs 26A and 29A to pay the invoice
 - iii. Invoice Gravedigger – Burial of ashes £120. Paid. Payment was made using Clerk's delegated authority passed by a minimum of two Cllrs.
 - iv. Remuneration framework. OVW consultation information regarding opt out options for Cllrs was discussed. Consultation results showed OVW wanted all Cllrs to receive payment and no opt out forms be made available. It was RESOLVED that the **clerk would email OVW** and ask if Cllrs had to be put on the payroll to receive the payment and whether they would be taxed. Cllrs were strongly against receiving payment.
- 54 Code of conduct. It was RESOLVED to accept last year's Code of Conduct with no amendments made. **Clerk to email document to new members.**
- 56 Gohebiaeth/correspondence.
- i. Consultation on local taxes for second homes and self-catering accommodation. It was RESOLVED that the **Clerk will email the questions** from the survey to the Cllrs, to be returned by Friday 24/09/2021. Clerk will collate answers and reply to consultation.
 - ii. Camping in Pantperthog. Cllr. J. Taylor declared an interest as knows the people at the site. Cllr. R. Edwards has been to the site and confirmed that the site is on the Powys side of the river. It was RESOLVED that **the Clerk would reply** stating that the complainant contact PCC and Glantwymyn about her concerns on camping at the site and 101 about the removal of property.
 - iii. Braich Goch bus shelter. It was RESOLVED that the **Clerk reply** that Corris Community Council will look in to relocating the shelter to Aberllefenni.

The next meeting is scheduled for 7pm Thursday 7th October 2021 Corris Institute.

The meeting closed at 9pm.

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