

# 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

### 21/22

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 weeks 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

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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 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 met 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, Aberllafeni, 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. **Clerk to respond to the consultation on the Council's behalf.**

45 Cofrestrriad o ddiddordeb/Registration of interest (if known at this point). Cllr. A. Jones registered interest in item 47. Cllr. J. Mumford registered interest in item 49 d. as Chairman of CUFC. Cllr. J. Taylor registered an interest in item 56 ii. As she knows the persons in question.

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.

47 Cynllunio/Planning.

- a) Planning application received to be reviewed. 2 Pant y Celyn Minffordd Street. Cllr. A. Jones as contractor for the job declared an interest. The plans are to upgrade the kitchen and relocate the bathroom to the 1<sup>st</sup> floor. All regulations for grade 2 listed buildings have been adhered to. Cllrs all resolved to vote in favour of supporting the application as it will make the property a more practical family home, whilst keeping the characteristics of the property. **Clerk to email planning at GCC.**

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.

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- 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) The bench and the picnic table in Corris Uchaf Playground has been secured to the ground.
- b) 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.
- c) Report on pump track. D. Evans provided Cllr. R. Edwards with a report on pump track. There have been 3 working group days and most of the work is complete. They plan another workday to put the top dressing on. On one of the workdays, they were approached by a gentleman carrying a map in a case asking if they had considered the environmental impact of their work. Mr. Evans assured him that an environmental impact survey had been completed and for further information he should contact the Community Council.
- d) 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 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 Ysgol Corris School update. Cllr. S. Wells informed the Cllrs that there are 41 children registered with the school at present, they have had two new families move to the area and their children have started this term. There are no longer bubbles and children can mix now. They are still hand washing and there are plenty of windows/doors open for ventilation. Staff are still testing twice a week.
- 51 Ffyrdd, Pont Dyfi ac coedwigaeth /Roads, Dyfi Bridge, and forestry.
- a) Tillhill update. See first item.
- b) 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.
- c) Flooding in Aberllefenni. There has been no reply to the clerk's emails about this area. Cllr. T. Edwards discussed it with G. Sanderson, who will raise it with GCC.
- d) Dyfi Bridge updates. Cllr. R. Edwards noted that the signs that were reported have been moved to a safer position.
- e) Dyfi Forest resource plan. See first item.
- f) Bridge closure Aberdyfi. This was for Information only.
- g) Roads will be closed on 8/9/21 for the Tour of Britain. Roads will be temporarily closed with a rolling road closure, including the A487 and A470 between 11.55am and 12.57pm, and the race will go through the centre of Dolgellau during this time.

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52 Meddiantiau/Assets.

- a) Land at Corris Uchaf. Cllr. M. Olsson spoke to Mr. Hanratty solicitor. They clarified the boundary of the land being purchase and Mr. Hanratty will contact Mr. Brunton. Cllr M Olsson will contact Mr Hanratty again in a weeks time to check on the progress.
- b) Defibrillator in Pantperthog. The battery has not been checked, **Cllr. R. Edwards will bring to Corris** and try the battery from the Corris one. Corris and Aberllefenni both checked; **Clerk to update the details** on The Circuit.
- c) 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.
- d) Parking adjacent to Fron Haul Corris. Clerk has emailed and is awaiting a reply.

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 documents to new members.**

55 Updates on filming. Cllr. J. Mumford has been working with C. P. Productions in the village, he has now signed a non-disclosure agreement and is employed by the company for their time in Corris. Casting went well with over 160 people attending. Decisions are expected end of w/c 6/9/21. The production company will provide a mini-bus service for the fitting days.

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**

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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.
- iv. Snowdonia National Park Survey. Cllrs asked to reply individually.

57 Toiledau cyhoeddus/public conveniences.

- a) Invoice received and contested. An Invoice for £2000 was received, Clerk replied with a copy of the revised invoice for £600 which was paid last year and included cheque details.
- b) GCC - prior notice for closures of toilets. The toilets were closed on Saturday 7/9/21 by GCC. Richard Greenhough from the Corris Steam Railway contacted the Clerk as the toilets were closed and they had not been informed. The Clerk emailed GCC who confirmed they had closed the toilets as the cistern was broken. They will in future be sure to let the Clerk know so that the information can be passed on relevant parties.

58 Employment Matters. (**This is a confidential matter, and the public and press will be excluded from the meeting for this item**). No matters arising.

The next meeting is scheduled for 7pm Thursday 7th October 2021 Corris Institute.  
The meeting closed at 9pm.

Date Minutes agreed: 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021

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