

CYNGOR CYMUNED CORRIS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The Institute, Corris, Machynlleth, Powys, SY20 9SH
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Cofnodion Cyfarfod Gynhaliwyd Minutes of the Meeting 07/12/2023

PRESENNOL/PRESENT Cllrs.

Cllr. D. Atherton

Cllr. J. Davies

Cllr. T. Edwards

Cllr. E. Jones

Cllr. J. Mumford

Cllr. M. Olsson

Cllr. J. Taylor

Cllr. S. Wells

PRESENNOL HEFYD/ ALSO PRESENT

C. Cllr. J. Pughe Roberts

Clerk S. Mumford

3 members of the public also attended the meeting.

The Meeting was declared open at 7.10pm

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108 Ymddiheuriadau/Apologies.

Cllr. A. Jones.

109 Cyhoeddiadau/Announcements.

None.

110 Cofrestrriad o ddiddordeb/Registration of interest.

Cllr. J. Davies item 118 f, Cllr. J. Mumford item 115 b, Cllr. M. Olsson and Cllr. S. Wells item 119 e.

111 Derbyn Cofnodion y Cyfarfod/Accept Minutes of meeting 02/11/22.

The minutes of the ordinary meeting were agreed as accurate.

RESOLVED: Unanimously to approve the minutes of the meetings 02/11/2023.

Proposed by Cllr. E. Jones and seconded by Cllr. S. Wells.

112 Matters arising.

None.

113 Cynllunio/Planning.

Planning application received Foel Crochan, Machynlleth, SY20 9RZ was discussed.

RESOLVED: Unanimously to support the application as it will improve connectivity in the area.

ACTION: Clerk to email the decision to GCC.

114 Materion mynwentydd/Cemetery matters.

No sub-committee meeting held. Will be held before the February meeting.

Cllrs asked if a change of use for an ashes garden was needed for the cemetery.

ACTION: Clerk to email GCC and ask if a change of use application is needed.

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Locals have approached the Clerk to ask about enclosed spaces for dogs to have a space to run around or to practice agility. Cllrs. did not think there was any suitable spaces in their assets but will review in the new year.

Clerk was also asked about possible sites for allotments for residents to rent. Again no suitable spaces in the Council's assets.

115 Playing areas/fields and communal areas.

a) Playgrounds.

Playground inspection report has been received and Cllr. M. Olsson will compile a list of works needed for Corris Uchaf and Cllr. J. Taylor will compile list for Corris. Cllrs. discussed advertising for a contractor to complete the works. To be discussed at next meeting once the work list has been reviewed.

ACTION: Cllrs. M. Olsson and J. Taylor to compile lists.

The roundabout and swings in Corris Uchaf need attention, quotes received. £692 plus VAT for the roundabout repairs and £440 for the swing replacement.

RESOLVED: Unanimously to provisionally approve the payments as no further meetings will be held until February.

ACTION: Cllr. M. Olsson to liaise with the contractors.

b) KGV playing fields.

Revised lease agreement was approved with the request to add in a section to be signed by a representative from Corris Community Council and the KGV Trustees Committee.

ACTION: Clerk to revise the lease to be signed by all parties.

c) Orchard.

Corris in Bloom.

This was discussed at the beginning of the meeting as 3 members of public attended to discuss their proposal. Mrs. Behan and Mr. and Mrs. Belchamber outlined the plans of the Corris in Bloom Group. They would like to plant troughs and baskets around the village and bulbs in the verges coming into the village. They have already cleaned the signs coming into the village and the bus shelter. They also plan to replant the barrels and paint the bench by the Institute. They have discussed this with the Institute Committee. Cllrs. had concerns that if the group lost interest it would fall on the Cllrs. to maintain the areas. They assured that they were in it for the long term. They have had donations of boxes and baskets and the Clerk has discussed the Places for Nature grant with Mrs. Behan and will pass on the details to apply if approved by Cllrs. Cllrs discussed the project.

RESOLVED: Unanimously to approve planters being placed on Council asset areas and encouraged upkeep of existing areas in the Orchard and playground.

ACTION: Clerk to email details to Mrs Behan to apply for grants.

116 Ysgol Corris School update.

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In line with the theme of bridges, Jones Bro's brought in a prototype of a suspension which the children got to build in the playground. It spanned a width of 13m and the children all donned hard hats and were able to build and walk over the completed bridge.

The Head teacher obtained a grant for workshops with local artist Elin Crowley which the children have been enjoying.

The Christmas Fair was a great success and raised over £900.

Poet Meirion McIntyre has been working with the school on capturing colloquially used street names and areas in Corris and surrounding areas.

The older children were gifted tickets to the Winter Fair by coach. Cllr. J. Pughe Roberts suggested Corris Cllrs. write to the chairman of the Winter Fair to thank him for the kind gesture.

ACTION: Clerk to write letter of thanks to Mr. Rees.

The school have been having issues with the biomass heating and the back-up gas boiler and as a result the children were delayed from attending school one day at the beginning of December. The engineer came out and resolved the biomass issue and children were able to come in to school by 12.50, but GCC need to resolve the Gas boiler issue as it did not come on when the other failed. C. Cllr. J. Pughe Roberts offered to help get the issue sorted if they have no luck with GCC themselves.

117 Corris Institute update.

Corris Institute Committee requested confirmation of the nominated representative of Corris Community Council on the Institute Committee. Cllr. T. Edwards represents Corris Show, Cllr. E. Jones will represent Corris Community Council. The Committee has decided not to ask for the £1000 donation from the Council this year since the Cllrs. helped them obtain the grant for the boiler and saved them over £1200 in Vat costs. In recognition of their gratitude, they will not apply this financial year.

A resident asked Cllr. T. Edwards to raise the point that the Institute has been booked out on Remembrance Sunday, he wanted to make sure that the Institute Committee and Cllrs. work together to book the hall and organise the service as the person who usually organises the service has retired from doing it. Cllr. E. Jones will approach the resident who sorted this year's at the last minute after it was noted there would not be one. Cllrs. discussed pre-booking the date in advance so not further double bookings take place.

ACTION: Clerk to email Corris Institute and pre-book Sunday 10th November 2024 and 9th November 2025 from 10.30am to 12pm.

118 Ffyrdd, Pont Dyfi ac coedwigaeth /Roads, Dyfi Bridge, and forestry.

a) Flooding at the Cob, Aberllefenni.

Cllr. T. Edwards met with GCC and discussed the flooding situation. Email received from GCC outlining what will actions they will take with the aim of improving conveyance of water in the channel through the area and reduce the volume of water spilling onto the highway and towards surrounding properties. They will investigate the possibility of removing water from the pond to the west of the highway through a drainage channel which is currently closed by penstock at its southern end. Also arrange the clearing and investigate the possibility of lowering the weir on the downstream end of the pond on the east side of the highway.

b) Tillhill extraction routes update.

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No further updates expected until the New Year. Once updates received Clerk will arrange a meeting.

c) Pavements and footpaths.

The double yellow lines notifications have been placed in the villages. The wall which was reported in June opposite the Rainsford Centre collapsed on 27/11/2023. Clerk reported it over the phone and sent an email. Reply from GCC stated they would be attending that day.

d) Parking in Corris Uchaf.

The abandoned vehicle in Corris Uchaf has had a sticker placed on it by GCC.

e) Speed monitoring in CU.

Nothing to report.

f) Closure of parts of the A487 and the A493 in Pontarddyfi update.

Nothing to report.

119 Meddiantiau/Assets.

a) Asset inspection.

Collating images and will be completed by February meeting.

b) Monument.

No further communication received.

c) Defibrillators.

Clerk received an email advising of grants for defibrillators. Cllrs discussed requesting a cabinet for Corris and Pantperthog defibrillators.

ACTION: Clerk to email back and request information on cabinets.

d) Grit salt bins.

Clerk has emailed the location for the Aberllefenni bin and is awaiting a reply. C. Cllr. J. Pughe Roberts offered to chase if needed. Residents in Corris Uchaf attended the switching on the lights service and it was noted that the hill was very icy and no grit salt bin is available to make it safe. Cllrs Discussed a further bin for Corris Uchaf.

RESOLVED: Unanimously to request a further bin for Corris Uchaf.

ACTION: Clerk to email and request grit salt bin.

e) Corris Uchaf Toilets.

Quotes for the works in the new toilets have been received, £24000.

The upkeep of the toilets was discussed. The payment to GCC for the toilets in Corris is paid from the main account under the powers to provide public conveniences, Public Health Act 1936, s.87. Cllr. M. Olsson suggested the Corris Uchaf water and electricity bills be paid from the main account as well. Cllrs. discussed this and whether as they are not public toilets it should be funded from the Corris Uchaf account. Cllrs. voted and the 2 who sit on the CUCG committee abstained from voting.

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RESOLVED: Unanimously by the remaining Cllrs. to pay the bills from the Corris Uchaf account as they are not available to the public outside of when an event is being held in the village. It was suggested that CUCG could apply for a donation from the community fund if they so wish to.

120 Materion ariannol/financial matters.

a) Monthly financial report, HMRC, VAT. Institute Investment Fund.

Monthly report reviewed under budget and precept. The Investment fund has been fully passed on to Corris Institute committee and can be removed from the agenda.

On behalf of the Institute Committee Cllr. T. Edwards thanked Cllr. M. Olsson for all the work she has done for the Institute this year.

b) Matters relating to audit.

None.

c) Cllr. Training Plan.

Two Councillors have completed their courses since last meeting. Others wish to do theirs in January as there is no meeting held that month.

Cllr. T. Edwards attended the Health and Safety course and questioned if Corris Community Council has a Health and Safety Policy.

ACTOIN: Clerk to email OVW and query if one is needed.

d) Clerks report inc. payments made using delegated authority.

Nothing to report and no additional payments made.

e) Review grass cutting contract.

Quotes from three contractors were received. Cllrs. chose to set the budget to allow a grass cutting contract and deferred the decision to the February meeting to give time to receive references.

f) Approve budget and set precept.

The proposed budget was discussed and Cllrs. were happy with the final draft which included the accurate figures for the grass cutting contract.

RESOLVED: Unanimously to accept the proposed budget and the precept for 24/25 of £12000.

ACTOIN: Clerk to submit the completed precept form to GCC.

g) Invoice out for land rental fee.

The invoice for the land rental at Rehoboth Cemetery is due to be issued. Clerk has prepared the invoice.

RESOLVED: Unanimously to issue the invoice.

ACTION: Clerk to email the invoice out.

h) Consideration of grant aid.

Donation request received from Pantperthog Village Hall, Wales Air Ambulance and CUFC.

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Pantperthog donation is preset in the budget the other two requests were discussed. C. Cllr. J. Pughe Roberts offered to donate £100 to CUFC, he requested the bank account details to make a transfer. Cllrs. discussed the remaining request from Wales Air ambulance.

RESOLVED: Unanimously to donate £100 to Wales Air Ambulance under the General Power, Power to incur expenditure for certain purposes not otherwise authorised, Local Government Act 1972, s. 139.

ACTION: Clerk to process the payment.

- i) Authorisation of any payments not authorised elsewhere.
 - i. OVW Cllr. training £38
 - ii. Approve Clerk's wages £540.
 - iii. Approve PAYE payment £135.
 - iv. Water bill £76.15.

RESOLVED: Unanimously to approve payments.

ACTON: Clerk to process the payments from relevant accounts.

121 Review of policies and Regulations.

- a) Finance and Governance toolkit for Community and Town Councils.
Ongoing.

- b) Opt-out forms.
Awaiting form from one Cllr to be returned.

122 Consultations and Surveys.

- a) Adroddiad Blynyddol Drafft Panel Annibynnol Cymru ar Gydabyddiaeth Ariannol - Chwefror 2024 | Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Draft Annual Report - February 2024. Individual replies.
Individual responses submitted.

123 Gohebiaeth/correspondence.

- a) Ymgynhoriad Strategaeth Hamdden (drafft) Parc Eryri - Eryri draft Recreation Strategy.
Noted.

- b) Warm welcome grant.
Cllrs. did not wish to apply. Information passed on to community groups who may benefit.

124 Toiledau cyhoeddus/public conveniences.

Nothing to report.

125 AOB.

Letter received from the owners of a property in Corris. They wanted to find a way to reach out to people in the village to advise of their plans in relation to the renovations due to take place at a property they have recently inherited. They asked if the Community Council could post something for them on their website or social media. Cllrs. discussed the email and thought it would not fall on Cllrs. to do this, but were happy for the Clerk to pass on the social media sites that they could join to inform residents of their plans.

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ACTION: Clerk to reply to email and provide social media details for Corris.

- 126 Employment Matters. **(This is a confidential matter, and the public and press will be excluded from the meeting for this item)**
None.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for 7pm Thursday 01/02/2024 at Corris Institute.

Date Minutes agreed 01/02/2024.

Chairperson's Signature.



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