

CYNGOR CYMUNED CORRIS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Cofnodion Cyfarfod Gynhaliwyd Minutes of the Meeting 01/02/2024

PRESENNOL/PRESENT Cllrs.

Cllr. J. Davies

Cllr. T. Edwards

Cllr. A. 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

37 members of the community attended a pre-meeting talk regarding the 34-bus service.

1 resident remained for the meeting.

The Meeting was declared open at 7.10pm

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142 c. Was moved up to discuss while residents were still present.

The Community Council were not told by GCC that any changes were occurring. Cllrs. found out from residents in December at a local event. Petitions were placed in the local shop, pubs and in the Post Office in Corris by concerned residents. Cllrs. instructed the Clerk to email GCC asking them to confirm what was happening regarding the 34-bus service. The clerk then received an email from one of the residents who had returned petitions informing them that:

“There will be changes to the service provision, as in it will not be provided by means of a conventional public service bus – it will be in the form of ‘Fflecsi’. However, scholar journeys will be maintained as fixed timetable journeys. At this stage, I am unable to divulge any further information, as I mentioned, due to the tendering procedures.”

Once this email was forwarded on to the Clerk, Cllrs were informed and the Clerk was instructed to email GCC to ask why the Community Council had not been informed and to convey the disappointment at the lack of communication between GCC and the Community Council and a meeting was requested. Cllrs met with 2 representatives of GCC in an online meeting and discussed the service. The Fflecsi service was explained and this information was passed on to residents at the pre-meeting discussion.

Residents raised the following questions:

- 1) How far in advance can block bookings be made and how many days in one go?
- 2) Do they need to advise of pushchairs/wheelchairs/shopping trolleys and how many will fit in?
- 3) One resident said she has been on a flexi bus and when you sit in the disabled seats the door hits you every time it opens. Can this be looked in to please if it is the same type of bus?
- 4) How long will it run for before there is a review, what will determine if it is viable to keep the service?
- 5) How will visitors to the area know how to get to Corris, will each bus stop/train station have info and the number/QR code?
- 6) How can people book if they have not got phone and can't call, can someone else book on their behalf?

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Lastly, they all agreed that there should be a meeting to discuss this service with GCC, TFW, and they would like the MP and AM to be present. After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk will arrange a meeting.

ACTION: Clerk to arrange meeting and forward the questions to GCC and await a reply.

127 Ymddiheuriadau/Apologies.

Cllr. D. Atherton and Cllr. E Jones.

128 Cyhoeddiadau/Announcements.

None

129 Cofrestrriad o ddiddordeb/Registration of interest.

Cllrs J. Davies Item 137, Cllrs. J. Taylor Item 132 and Cllr. J. Mumford Item 132 and 134 b.

130 Derbyn Cofnodion y Cyfarfod/Accept Minutes of meeting 07/12/23.

The minutes of the ordinary meeting were agreed as accurate.

RESOLVED: Unanimously to approve the minutes of the meetings 07/12/2023.

Proposed by Cllr. J. Taylor and seconded by Cllr. T. Edwards.

131 Matters arising.

Cllr. M. Olsson queried the donation to Air ambulance of £100. Due to some online banking issues in December this had not been paid.

ACTION: Clerk to set up payment for authorisation.

132 Cynllunio/Planning.

Corris Craft Centre planning application received for a premises licence for Unit 1, currently in Unit 7. The Craft Centre plan on moving the Deli to another unit on the site. Cllrs discussed the benefits and voted with 2 Cllrs abstaining due to work connections to the Craft Centre.

Aberllefenni Quarry pre-planning consultation was discussed. Several points were raised which will need to be addressed.

RESOLVED: Unanimously to vote in favour of the applications with questions to be raised in reference to the pre-planning application at the Quarry.

ACTION: Clerk to reply in favour to the Craft Centre application as it will increase the space they have to sell from and will improve the site.

Clerk to reply to the pre-planning consultation in favour of supporting the project as it will bring much needed employment to the area, but with some concerns to be noted.

The concerns are over the number of lorries coming through the villages, the speed at which they may be travelling and the weight they may be carrying. The application is for 5.5 days a week. How will this be monitored if they begin to work all day on a Saturday or even on a Sunday?

133 Materion mynwentydd/Cemetery matters.

All signs are now up on the cemetery gates. Corris in Bloom group have emailed to ask if they can do work in the cemetery. Cllrs. discussed what can be done. It was agreed that path maintenance and general tidying would be acceptable, however the gravestones cannot be touched as they are owned by the families of the deceased.

No reply regarding the request for info on creating a garden of remembrance for ashes.

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ACTION: Clerk to email GCC and chase the info on Garden of remembrance and to email Corris in Bloom to advise that help in general tidying would be greatly appreciated but no work can be done on headstones.

134 Playing areas/fields and communal areas.

a) Playgrounds.

Cllrs. M. Olsson and Cllr. J. Taylor compiled lists of work needed to be done in each playground. Quotes were sought for the work in Corris Uchaf and for paint to for the equipment. Paint is £530.88 for all four colours in 5 litre tins and included delivery. Cllrs. agreed this could be used in both playgrounds and as they are coming to repair the roundabout could bring the paint with them removing the need for delivery fees.

RESOLVED: Unanimously to purchase the paint minus delivery costs.

ACTION: Cllr. M. Olsson to contact the company and place the order.

142 f. annual contract for Playground inspections was discussed under this agenda item. Cllrs. agreed to sign up for this year.

RESOLVED: Unanimously to complete the rolling contract form.

ACTION: Clerk to complete the form within 16 weeks of the inspection due date which is December.

b) KGV playing fields.

Members of CUFC committee as well as supporters and players were interviewed by S4C for Sgorio on 27/01/2024. 8 people were interviewed in total and the end score was 4-1 to Corris against Llanilar reserves.

C. Cllr. J. Pughe Roberts made a personal donation to the club towards the grass/leaf collector and Cllr. J. Mumford thanked him as chairman of CUFC.

The revised lease was signed by Cllr. M. Olsson on behalf of Corris Community Council and Cllr. T. Edwards as Trustee if KGV Playing Fields and by Osian Wells CUFC secretary.

c) Orchard.

Corris in Bloom have been working hard in the orchard and it is looking much better. A query was raised about work being done on trees which is covered in the covenant. The document was read out and there is no mention of trees, works can continue.

Cllr. A. Jones raised that fact that there is barbed wire on the fence to the orchard, asked if it can be removed. There were no objections and Cllrs. A. Jones will remove it.

Corris in Bloom have asked if it would be possible to resituate the benches in the Folly to be able to enjoy the view. Cllrs discussed and could see no reason they could not be moved. The question as to who will remove them and how was raised. Corris in Bloom have been advised when they initially asked that no power tools are to be used in public areas unless there is Public Liability Insurance held by the group. The wall at the top of the orchard by the pavement was discussed as it is in a bad state of repair. Options were discussed as it belongs to GCC and Cllrs agreed to ask Tîm Tacluso for help.

ACTION: Clerk to email Tîm Tacluso and ask if they can make repairs to the wall or the internal fence.

Clerk to email Corris in Bloom thank them for their work and advise that the benches can be moved and to ask if there is liability insurance in place and if not to remind them that no power tools are to be used in public spaces.

135 Ysgol Corris School update.

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Numbers in Corris school are set to increase in September by up to 12 additional pupils. The school are still having issues with parking in the main car park and last month had an upsetting incident with a van owner who became abusive about moving the vehicle for the Flo-Gas delivery to take place. They asked for help to chase GCC to repaint the white lines and to repaint the disabled bay as they have a need for use of the disabled space.

ACTION: Clerk to email GCC and chase the repainting of the lines.

136 Corris Institute update.

No new information to share, all is going well.

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

a) Flooding at the Cob, Aberllefenni.

GCC will be painting white lines on the raised tarmac which divert water.

b) Tillhill extraction routes update.

No further info from Tilhill or NRW on the matter.

ACTION: Clerk to arrange another meeting.

c) Pavements and footpaths.

Email received from a resident asking about the reply received from GCC regarding weed spraying in the villages as noted item 81 c. in the October Minutes. They wanted to know the full information that was received. The exact response from GCC was:

In response to your enquiry below, Cyngor Gwynedd has a duty placed upon them under the Noxious Weeds Act 1959 to control any weeds that grow within the highway boundaries and prevent them spreading to adjoining lands and this recent treatment was part of the Cyngor Gwynedd annual Cyclic Maintenance programme.

A Glyphosate based herbicide is currently used, whilst recognising that the use of Glyphosate based herbicides has been linked to public safety, the Highways, Engineering and YGC Department is continuously looking at other means of treatment. Changes have been applied as regards to the number of treatments we undertake, which is now only once a year instead of two treatments. It should be noted, the directive our operatives have been given is to only treat and apply as needed where weeds are present, this means we are trying to be as effective as possible and it's not a blanket treatment for all areas of the highway network.

The Clerk emailed GCC back and asked to be informed when they would be spraying. This will be shared as soon as notification is received.

d) Parking in Corris Uchaf.

One of the abandoned Vehicles has been removed and the parking on the slip road has seen a definite improvement.

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

No further information has been received.

f) 20mph update.

Email received from NMWTRA who advised that the section of road did not meet the criteria for becoming a 20mph zone. Cllrs. requested the Clerk email back and ask them to review it again.

ACTION: Clerk to email and request the decision is reconsidered.

g) Upcoming road closures.

Upcoming road closures have been posted on the social media page as well as being available on GCC website.

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138 Meddiantiau/Assets.

a) Asset inspection.

Final inspection will be carried out and completed on the 11/02/2024.

b) Monument.

No correspondence received. Cllrs. requested Clerk chase this.

ACTION: Clerk to email GCC to request an update on progress.

c) Defibrillators.

All defibrillators fully functional. Aberllefenni's unit had a low battery alert. Clerk used delegated authority to order a new battery which was given to Cllr. T. Edwards at the meeting to install in the unit.

d) Grit salt bins.

An email request for 2 additional bins has been received, one by Bryn Dulas and one at the turning to Cymerau. Cllrs. discussed the need for two bins in this area. There was also some discussion on how far the gritter goes especially in light of the new route of the Fflecsi bus travelling up that road.

No Grit bin in Corris Uchaf yet.

ACTION: Clerk to email GCC and ask how far up the gritters go and chase the Corris Uchaf grit salt bin.

Cllrs. will review a potential site between the 2 proposed areas to situate a new bin.

e) Corris Uchaf Toilets.

The quote for works has been accepted and work will commence shortly.

139 Materion ariannol/financial matters.

a) Monthly financial report, HMRC, VAT.

Monthly report was reviewed and Cllr. M. Olsson produced a virement to the budget which Cllrs. discussed.

RESOLVED: Unanimously to accept the virement to the budget and the expenditure stated within.

b) Matters relating to audit.

Clerk received 2 invoices after the December meeting for the delayed audits 21-22 and 22-23.

C. Cllr. J. Pughe Roberts voiced concern that the Audit office have taken so long to invoice, the total invoices received in this tax year is 3.

Clerk had emailed to explain payment would have to be authorised at the February meeting.

c) Cllr. Training Plan.

Four Cllrs. have now completed training for this financial year. With a further four to complete in February.

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

Clerk purchased a battery for the Aberllefenni Defib. using delegated authority.

e) Review grass cutting contract.

Cllrs. reviewed the quotes and discussed each one.

RESOLVED: Unanimously to accept the quote of the local contractor.

ACTION: Clerk to email all parties and notify of the decision.

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- f) Authorisation of any payments not authorised elsewhere.
 - i. OVW Cllr. training £38
 - ii. Invoice Audit Wales 21-22
 - iii. Invoice Audit Wales 22-23
 - iv. Invoice grit salt bin.

RESOLVED: Unanimously to authorise all payments.

ACTION: Clerk to set up payments for authorisation.

140 Review of policies and Regulations.

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

- b) Opt-out forms.
Completed. Clerk has received all completed opt-out forms.

141 Consultations and Surveys.

- a) Arolwg Argyfwng Costau Byw 2023/Cost Of Living Crisis Survey 2023.
Completed.

- b) New consultation: Future spending purposes for dormant assets funding in Wales. Individual responses.
Noted.

- c) Consultation: Fiscal Intergovernmental Relations.
Clerk able to respond to consultation.

142 Gohebiaeth/correspondence.

- a) Justice system in Wales email received.
Noted.

- b) Yew tree Project.
The project was discussed and decided there is no area suitable for this project.

RESOLVED: Unanimously to not apply to the project.

- c) Emails re- 34 bus service.
Item discussed at the start of the meeting.

- d) GCC schedule of works.
Noted.

- e) Request for evidence of nature projects undertaken.
Discussed if projects undertaken with Places for Nature scheme come under this.

ACTION: Clerk to check and reply with evidence if needed.

- f) Review playground inspection contract.
Item was discussed under item 134 a.

- g) Email regarding bus stop removal in Corris Uchaf.
CUFC have requested the bus stop for the pitch.

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ACTION: Clerk to email and request the bus stop for CUFC.

143 Toiledau cyhoeddus/public conveniences.
Nothing to report.

144 AOB.
The warmer Homes Scheme has closed but Cllrs. requested Clerk email and ask if there is any funding left to apply for to help people in the community meet for drinks and snacks. Funding for Institute rental and tea/coffee etc.

ACTION: Clerk to email and make the request.

Resident emailed to request the sign in to Aberllefenni be replaced as it is missing letters. Also requested it be moved to Garneddwen as that is where Aberllefenni starts. Cllrs. discussed this and were in full support.

RESOLVED: Unanimously to the request to replace and resituate the sign.

ACTION: Clerk to email GCC and make the request.

Concerns raised over the hedges on the verge from Corris to Aberllefenni. Hedges are very overgrown and cars are having to drive in the middle of the road to avoid them. Clerk asked to email NRW to ask for them to cut back.

ACTION: Clerk to email NRW and request hedge cutting takes place before nesting season begins.

145 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 8.55pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for 7pm Thursday 07/03/2024 at Corris Institute.

Date Minutes agreed 07/03/2024.

Chairperson's Signature.



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