

CYNGOR CYMUNED CORRIS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Cofnodion Cyfarfod Gynhaliwyd Minutes of the Meeting 07/03/2024

PRESENNOL/PRESENT Cllrs.

Cllr. D. Atherton

Cllr. T. Edwards

Cllr. A. Jones

Cllr. J. Mumford

Cllr. M. Olsson

Cllr. J. Taylor

PRESENNOL HEFYD/ ALSO PRESENT

Clerk S. Mumford

33 members of the community attended to discuss the planning application on item 151.

The Meeting was declared open at 7.00pm

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146 Ymddiheuriadau/Apologies.

Cllr. J. Davies, Cllr. E. Jones and Cllr. S. Wells.

147 Cyhoeddiadau/Announcements.

The Chairman read out a statement she had prepared. Statement can be found at the end of the minutes.

148 Cofrestrriad o ddiddordeb/Registration of interest.

Cllr. J. Mumford and Cllr. A. Jones declared a personal interest in item 153 b KGV Playing fields.

149 Derbyn Cofnodion y Cyfarfod/Accept Minutes of meeting 01/02/24.

The minutes of the ordinary meeting were agreed as accurate.

RESOLVED: Unanimously to approve the minutes of the meetings 01/02/2024.

Proposed by Cllr. J. Taylor and seconded by Cllr. A. Jones.

150 Matters arising.

None

151 Cynllunio/Planning.

Review planning applications received since last meeting - Tir Ger Pandy / Land Next to Pandy.

The chairman opened the meeting up to the public at this point.

Emails and letters had been sent to Cllrs. from residents in Corris and Corris Uchaf which were read out.

2 in support; 1 believing it is good to see young people passionate about setting up their own business and believes it will benefit Corris and surrounding areas and the other from FUW supporting the development.

One email was voicing their concerns of the project. The potential impact on the peace and quiet to nearby houses and the close proximity of the sewage treatment area to the neighbour's boundary.

Mr. Sandells spoke about the project and the need for the farm to diversify and the fields at Pandy fit the criteria for this project. He also stated that they are looking in to the cost to connect to mains drainage, this will eliminate the issue raised in the letter opposing the development. They also stated that any trouble makers would not be allowed back if they had not respected the site or caused any noise disturbances.

Members of the community voiced their opinions on the development project and it was clear that most believe it is important to keep young people in the area and to encourage them to be able to create new businesses.

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The chairman closed the meeting to the public and Cllrs. discussed the development.

Due to concerns about some of the pods being within a flood area the plans had been revised and those pods are now outside of the flood area. The scales on the plans had also been amended due to difficulties judging the impact of the development, the developers had brought the newly submitted plans to the meeting. The question of Corris being a Special Landscape Area (SLA) was also raised but it was questioned how this would impact on the application as an application for a caravan site in Corris has already been approved.

Four Cllrs. were in favour of supporting the project and two against. Cllrs then continued to discuss the concerns of the opposing Cllrs. Both were worried about the noise and light pollution and the risk if visitors had to walk on the road back to the pods from the village on the unlit road with a 60mph limit.

The chairman allowed the developers to respond to the concerns. There is a footpath which starts at the site and follows the public footpath to the village ending up at the cemetery which will eliminate the need for anyone to walk along the road. They also said that they can apply a film to the glazing on the pods to help with the light pollution and could also install curtains so users can close them at night if they so wish. They reiterated that they would not be allowing anyone back if they caused any sort of noise disturbance or did not respect the site. Cllrs then all voted.

RESOLVED: Unanimously to support the development with advisories about the risk of noise pollution, light pollution and safe access to and from the pods from the village. Encouraging the use of footpaths rather than the road.

ACTION: Clerk to email the Cllrs. response to GCC.

152 Materion mynwenydd/Cemetery matters.

Feedback from sub-committee meeting. The sub-committee met and discussed utilising the triangle of land between the 2 gates or extending the boundary to use for burial of ashes. Clerk has received an email from GCC that no planning or change of use is needed.

An email request to inter 2 ashes was received, Clerk emailed details of costs to the family and will await their reply.

Pricing was discussed.

RESOLVED: Unanimously to review prices when GCC have provided the updated list of cemetery fees.

Cllr. M. Olsson noted that the glass in the cemetery shed is broken and the gutters are leaking. These issues will be addressed.

ACTION: Cllrs. J. Mumford and A. Jones to look into repairs.

Corris in Bloom worked to clear the path to the cemetery for the funeral that was held on 24/02/2024. Thanks were expressed from the Cllrs. for undertaking this and making it sightlier for the family and friends attending the funeral.

153 Playing areas/fields and communal areas.

a) Playgrounds.

The shed in Corris Uchaf playground has been removed and it was found that the drains had been damaged when the swings were installed. The drains have been repaired and this should resolve the water issue in this area.

The blackthorn hedge between the playground and the car park in Corris was cut back on 24/02/2024 and some of the dead overhanging limbs on some of the trees were removed. Thanks were expressed to Mr. M. Jones for his work.

Corris in Bloom held a tidy up day on 02/03/2024 and the area along the barriers was cleared and the old gate was repositioned in a gap where the fence has fallen down at the top of the bank.

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The Corris Uchaf playground repairs to cover all work needed as per the inspection report, is £1896.44. £1132 was approved in December. There is £1774 in the budget for the playground. If all work is agreed there would be a shortfall of £124.75. It was discussed that the £124.75 difference could come from Corris Uchaf, but no decision was made.

RESOLVED: Unanimously to make the repairs needed to the playground.

ACTION: Cllr. M. Olsson to engage the contractor to make the agreed repairs.

Corris in Bloom did a litter pick and asked who is in charge of emptying the bin in Corris' playground. Cllrs. believe it to be GCC.

ACTION: Clerk to email GCC to ask whose responsibility it is to empty the bin.

b) KGV playing fields.

Cllr. J. Mumford reported as Chairman of CUFC that a tree has come down in the river and another branch has been washed down stream and is lodged in the fallen tree. This has caused the river level to rise and is eroding the bank behind the pitch. CUFC have spoken to NRW but have not had any luck and are asking if Cllrs can liaise with them on their behalf.

RESOLVED: Unanimously to support the club.

ACTION: Clerk to email NRW and ask them to remove the fallen tree.

There has also been a problem with bikes on the pitch during bad weather creating large ruts in the surface. The club ask if they could have permission to erect a sign asking people to be respectful of the pitch and avoid riding bikes on there during bad weather or when the pitch is waterlogged.

RESOLVED: Unanimously to allow new signs to be produced.

ACTION: Cllr. J. Mumford to email the template to the clerk for Cllrs. to approve.

Email received from Mr. D. Evans regarding the pump track/skills area near KGV fields. Signage has been designed and Cllrs. reviewed the templates. Cllrs. were not happy with the wording and asked the clerk to email the required changes to Mr. Evans.

RESOLVED: Unanimously to accept the wording pending the changes.

ACTION: Clerk to email Mr. Evans and ask for the one section of wording to be removed.

c) Orchard.

Keep Wales Tidy contacted the Clerk to state that there was extra funding available from the orchard project from 2020 and asked if Cllrs would like to make use of it. Cllrs. agreed that with the help of Corris in Bloom they would be able to utilise the money to purchase now compost, bulbs etc. Corris in Bloom compiled a list and this has been passed to KWT for them to approve and order the supplies. Corris in Bloom are happy to plant the bulbs and anything else that is delivered.

154 Ysgol Corris School update.
No update.

155 Corris Institute update.
There is a meeting on 21/03/2024. Cllr. J. Mumford asked if the Institute committee would be interested in a grant to re-cover the snooker table. The email will be forwarded to Cllr. T. Edwards for consideration.

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

a) Flooding at the Cob, Aberllefenni.

There has been no meeting so far and no white lines painted on the raised areas to divert the water.

b) Tillhill extraction routes update.

Email received from Tillhill that they have had no reply to their correspondence with the land owner. Until they have had one a meeting will serve no purpose. The Aberangell road is currently closed for the crash barriers to be replaced and due to subsidence.

c) Pavements and footpaths.

Cllrs. discussed erosion of path to the overspill car park/playground. Cllrs believe it could be GCC responsibility.

ACTION: Clerk to email GCC and ask if they can make the repairs.

d) Parking.

Clerk emailed GCC again about the white lines and re-painting the disabled lines and received the reply that GCC had numerous car parks under their control and Corris is on the list. The double yellow lines in Corris and Corris Uchaf have still not been painted.

ACTION: Clerk to chase GCC for a date the lines will be painted.

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

The road works on the A493 have been completed and all roads are now open for use.

f) New bins at turnaround in Aberllefenni.

New bins in Aberllefenni have replaced the old communal bin serving residents of the SY20 9SB postcodes. The bins have a key and can only be accessed by the residents. The communal bins were being used by those other than who they were designed to serve. Cllrs. will monitor the situation to see that fly-tipping instances in the area do not increase.

g) Signage by bus stop in Corris.

Corris in Bloom have asked if the old signs for the communal recycling area by the public toilets can be removed and the car park sign be put in its place. The car park sign is currently hidden from view, this would make it more prominent.

RESOLVED: Unanimously to ask GCC to remove old signs and reposition the other.

ACTION: Clerk to email GCC and Tîm Tacluso and make the request.

h) Overflowing drains near Orchard causing flooding.

Drains on the road near orchard have been overflowing and had caused water to flow down the road to the nearest drain at the corner of the junction near the pub. This has eroded a wall and caused flooding to the entrance of 2 dwellings. Clerk emailed GCC to request they remedy the issue with the drain and they attended the next day. Works have started to fix the broken drain.

i) Abandoned vehicle.

An email has been received asking if Cllrs. could deal with a car which has been in the car park near Bron Haul for some time. Cllr. J. Mumford will contact the owner.

ACTION: Cllr. J. Mumford to contact the owner and report back at next meeting.

157 Meddiantiau/Assets.

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a) Asset inspection.

The asset inspection is complete and it was highlighted that some benches need painting.

ACTION: Clerk to email Tim Tacluso and ask if they can paint the benches.

b) Monument.

No further correspondence received.

c) Defibrillators.

Clerk emailed regarding a grant for defibrillator cabinets and equipment but has had no reply. The closing date is in March the Clerk will chase them. All 3 on the circuit in full working order.

ACTION: Clerk to update the Circuit and chase the grant email.

d) Grit salt bins.

Clerk received a reply from GCC. The gritter will still only go as far as the turnaround in Aberllefenni even with the new bus system in place. Cllrs discussed siting one bin between the two proposed locations. It will be discussed again when the new budget comes in to effect.

ACTION: Clerk to email resident to keep them up to date.

Email received re grit salt bins in Corris and Corris Uchaf. GCC stated that the grit salt bin opposite the Granary is on a gritting priority route and therefore could be relocated to Corris Uchaf. Clerk checked the bin and no salt has been used since it was filled last. Cllrs discussed this option as it frees up funds to purchase bins for other locations.

RESOLVED: Unanimously to relocate the grit bin from opposite the Granary to Corris Uchaf.

ACTION: Clerk to email GCC and accept the offer to relocate the bin.

GCC also confirmed that they do not take responsibility for the grit bin in the main car park and provided costings for the Community Council to refill it when needed.

e) Corris Uchaf Toilets.

Works have started and are going to plan.

f) Replacement of bus shelters in Pantperthog Capel and Plas Llidwy.

Email received from GCC about replacing the two bus shelters in Pantperthog, one opposite the village hall and one on the straight towards Machynlleth. The new bus stop in Corris Uchaf has been installed and there is no front to the new shelter as the old one had. This leaves people exposed to the elements.

ACTION: Clerk to email and ask if a panel could be added to shelter people from the rain.

158 Materion ariannol/financial matters.

a) Monthly financial report, HMRC, VAT.

Monthly report reviewed. VAT will be claimed back at the end of the financial year.

b) Matters relating to audit.

Cllrs. discussed engaging the internal auditor in preparation for the audit.

RESOLVED: Unanimously to engage GCC as the internal auditor for 2023/24

ACTION: Clerk to email GCC to engage their services.

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c) Cllr. Training Plan.

All bar one Cllr. have completed the mandatory training.

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

One payment received since last meeting for £1157.36.

Clerk reported that since the last meeting over 245 emails have been received and dealt with, equating to over 4 hours of the allotted 12 hours per month that is contracted. Clerk spoke to OVW about some of the types of emails being received. OVW provided the Vexatious Complaints policy (item 159 b.). The situation will be monitored and the Clerk will seek advice from OVW if needed.

Clerk also discussed the statutory requirement for posting the agenda. The requirement is 3 full days before the meeting on the website and 1 notice board. Going forward the clerk will use the new email address provided by the website host for weekend use and will post the Agenda in Corris only. Cllrs. can post in other notice boards if they so wish. Clerk discussed the website with the host and an online meeting will be held with the clerk and Chairman to be provide access to be able to post the agenda ourselves.

e) Authorisation of any payments not authorised elsewhere.

- i. OVW Cllr. training £38 x 3
- ii. Clerk's quarterly wage £540
- iii. PAYE £135
- iv. Institute rental £80

RESOLVED: Unanimously to approve the payments

ACTION: Clerk to set up the payments for authorisation.

159 Review of policies and Regulations.

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

Ongoing

b) Vexatious complaints policy.

Cllrs. reviewed the policy and will add it to the agenda for the next meeting for further discussion.

c) Complaints procedure.

This will be reviewed by Cllrs. and added to the April agenda for approval.

160 Consultations and Surveys.

None.

161 Gohebiaeth/correspondence.

a) Complaints received regarding meeting held and not notified on the website within the statutory timeline.

An extraordinary meeting was called but the notification did not meet the statutory requirement of 3 full days' notice and was therefore declared null and void. Steps have been taken to avoid this happening again.

b) Discuss the new Fflecsi bus service.

The new service has begun and a meeting will be held on 20/03/2024 in the Institute in Corris with representative from Transport for Wales, GCC and Lloyds Coaches present. The meeting will take the form of a drop-in session and they will take questions and comments from members of the public regarding the new service.

c) Warm welcome scheme.

Clerk emailed GCC and the deadline has passed and there are no further funds. There was a link to other organisations which may help with grants. Clerk to share the information with the group who requested help obtaining the funding.

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- d) Email regarding free Portrait of His Majesty the King for Community, Town and City Councils in Wales.
The Chairman suggested the Community Council apply for this as it was difficult and costly to source a photo of HM Queen Elizabeth after she died.

RESOLVED: Five in favour and one against, motion passed to request the photograph.

ACTION: Clerk to reply and make the request.

- e) Litter bin request at Braich Goch bus shelter passed on to GCC.
Corris in Bloom emailed to request a litter bin be placed near the bus shelter near the Braich Goch as they had completed a litter pick and collected one and a half bags of litter around the site. Email forwarded to GCC.
- f) Home share scheme.
Noted.
- g) Email received re Pandy development- forwarded to GCC.
Clerk received an email regarding the Pandy planning. Clerk emailed back that the information needed to be passed to GCC.
- h) Email request for King's nominations 2025.
Noted.
- i) Tiny forest funding.
No space suitable for the project.
- j) Fencing opposite the Granary – forwarded to GCC.
Clerk received an email regarding this matter some time ago and a GCC representative attended the site but no further action has been taken. The email has been forwarded to GCC asking for an update.

162 Toiledau cyhoeddus/public conveniences.
Nothing to report.

163 AOB.
Nothing to report

164 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 9.40pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for 7pm Thursday 04/04/2024 at Corris Institute.

Date Minutes agreed 04/04/2024.

Chairperson's Signature.



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