

CYNGOR CYMUNED CORRIS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Cofnodion Cyfarfod Gynhaliwyd Cyffredin Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting 09/04/2026

PRESENNOL/PRESENT Cllrs.

Cllr. T. Edwards
Cllr. J. Taylor
Cllr. J. Mumford

Cllr. S. Wells
Cllr. S. Francis

Cllr. M. Olsson
Cllr. E. Jones

PRESENNOL HEFYD/ ALSO PRESENT

Clerk J. Jenkins
C. Cllr. J Pughe Roberts
(Two members of the public in respect of the application at 6b)

26/27

1 Ymddiheuriadau/Apologies.
Cllr. J Davies, Cllr. D Atherton

2 Cofrestriad o ddiddordeb/Registration of interest.

3 Derbyn Cofnodion y Cyfarfod/Accept Minutes of previous Ordinary meeting
The Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Council dated 05/03/2026 were agreed as accurate.

RESOLVED: Proposed by Cllr. S Wells Seconded by Cllr. M Olsson

4 Matters arising /Announcements.
a) Update from BT Openreach
Other than the site to be inspected no further updated received.

b) Update on Orchard Wall
Cllr. M Olsson confirmed the work has been undertaken by JK Jones Landscaping.

5 Cynllunio/Planning.
Review planning applications since last meeting.
a) Update on SLA/Freedom of Information request
No response received as yet but 20 day period due to expire.

6 Materion mynwentydd/Cemetery matters.
a) Cemetery Rates 2026-27
GCC have provided a copy of their new rates for 26-27. Cllr. M Olsson has amended our current document in line with those rates.

RESOLVED: Unanimous agreement to increase the fees in line with GCC rates.

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b) Email for permission

An email had been received requesting permission to plant a small Azalea or Buddleia memorial bush in the Orchard but to place a small amount of ashes within the soil. The email also requested permission for a memorial bench in the same location.

RESOLVED: Unanimous agreement that whilst the Council had no objection to a plant, the request to place ashes into the soil was **refused** and the reasons provided to the applicant who had joined the meeting regarding this matter. In respect of a bench, Cllr. M Olsson proposed that a memorial plaque be purchased and paid for by the Council to be placed on an existing bench. Information for the plaque was requested and upon receipt, the Council will order and pay for it. All Councillors agreed to the purchase of a plaque.

c) Number of free spaces

d) Extending Cemetery

Cllr. M Olsson discussed both of the above points and advised vacant plots were low in numbers and in the near future extending the cemetery needed to be considered. Cllr. M Olsson had spent a considerable amount of time at the cemetery checking headstones against records and some of the ground along the top part of the cemetery was in a very poor condition. Cllr. J Mumford proposed extending length wise and take into account pathways and fencing on the new section. Cllr. J Mumford also suggested that the fencing on the bottom row be replaced as well. As any extension would impact on the lease arrangement with B Sandells that would need to be amended. Cllr. M Olsson mentioned an area for a memorial garden where ashes could be buried and this could be included within the area Cllr. J Mumford had proposed extending. There was a question over whether a change of use was required and an email had been sent to GCC planning department asking the question. The matter to be discussed again when further enquiries have been made.

e) New Plan drawn

Cllr. M Olsson referred to the current plan the Council are working from which is not in the best condition and stated she had made enquiries into a new plan being drafted and the cost had been estimated at £100-£200. Cllr. M Olsson to make further enquiries but all present agreed it was required.

f) Fencing

As discussed above.

g) New excel record

Cllr. M Olsson advised that as well as checking the headstones against the records held, a new excel spreadsheet had been prepared and now held correct details. It was proposed that a further check be taken against the new record and Councillors were asked to assist with this. A provisional date of Friday 24th April in the morning was discussed with as many to attend as possible. Whilst working through the records Cllr. M Olsson had noticed several unmarked graves relating to stillborn children and babies. It was proposed that some metal crosses are obtained to mark these grave sites and there was unanimous agreement to this proposal. Cllr. M Olsson to look further into this.

h) Old Records

Cllr. M Olsson advising that she had been using copies of the burial records but would like to have sight of the original burial books. Cllrs M Olsson and J Mumford will make further enquiries as to where these are stored.

i) Preserving documents from 1932-1939

Cllr. M Olsson had discovered in the cemetery boxes (although nothing to do with the cemetery) documents from 1932-39 relating to village matters. Cllr. M Olsson proposed that these are preserved which was agreed by all present. Cllr M. Olsson will make further enquiries into what is required to preserve the documents and the estimated cost.

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7 Playing areas/fields and communal areas.

a) Feedback on Pump Track

1. Email from Machynlleth TC

Cllr. M Olsson advising of her discussion with Julie Humphreys, Facilities Manage, Machynlleth Town Council, and the email received. Cllr. D Atherton has mentioned separately that he is involved in a process of creating a new group which will take over the Machynlleth Pump Track and which might consider taking over the Corris Pump Track too. In the meantime, it had been established that the pump track would be included within the Councils public liability insurance.

b) Corris Playgrounds

1. Playground paint.

Cllr. M Olsson had sourced paint from G.L Jones and asked who was available to hold onto it until work commenced on the 20th when it could be handed over to Lk Custom Welding. Cllr. S Wells agreed to assist with this. An invoice for the paint from G.L Jones was presented in the sum of £161.40.

RESOLVED: Unanimous agreement for payment to be made.

ACTION: Clerk to set up the payment.

c) King George V Playing Fields

Cllr. M Olsson stating that she had found a letter relating to the playing fields and had made enquiries on it. A response had been received from Fields in Trust stating that the fields were protected with them in 1959. Protection is through a Deed of Dedication which is a legal agreement and means the land cannot be built on, or changed in a way that stop people using the site for recreation. Cllr. M Olsson confirmed the email has been forwarded to Oliver Joseph, Solicitor.

8 Ysgol Corris School update.

Cllr. S Wells advising that the fashion and fizz night was very successful and well attended. Cllr. S Wells also mentioned that the school had had a lot of success this year in the Urdd Eisteddfod event.

9 Corris Institute update.

Cllr. T Edwards advising that maintenance was ongoing and the inside was being painted. Windows were due to be looked at throughout the summer.

10 Prifyrdd ac coedwigaeth /Highways and forestry.

a) Flooding at the Cob, Aberllefenni.

Nothing to report.

b) Tilhill extraction routes update

Nothing to report.

c) Pavements & Footpaths

1. Update on footpaths (CU and No 5)

Cllr. M Olsson advising that the Corris Uchaf footpath has been cleared but as yet Footpath no 5 has not.

d) Parking & Car Park

1. Update on yellow boxes (Railway Car Park)

Cllr. S Wells advising that despite chasing up, she was without any response and requested that Clerk now send a further letter to GCC.

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ACTION: Clerk to chase with GCC

Cllr. M Olsson advising that the pot holes in the car park had now been repaired and an invoice from Steve Evans Groundworks received for in the sum of £750.00.

RESOLVED: Unanimous agreement to make the payment.

ACTION: Clerk to set up the payment.

e) Highways

1. Update re untaxed vehicles parked on roads

Cllr. M Olsson advised on responses from both GCC and NWP which suggested we contact DVLA, which had been done with little success. NWP will not take action unless the vehicles are being driven without tax and insurance. Cllr. M Olsson advising that three cars had been removed but have been replaced with two different ones. Agreed that nothing else could be done at this time.

2. Clearing of back road, Corris Uchaf side

Cllr. M Olsson discussed the condition of the road since the landslide and its closure which has not been maintained on the Corris Uchaf side and requires attention. Clerk asked to contact Highways, GCC and request the road be cleared and also ask what the plans are for the road.

It was also noted that the promised Grit bin has not been placed yet and the clerk was asked to enquire of when this will happen.

It was noted that the overhanging hedge of a private property on the Corris side of the closure is also part of the issue and asking for GCC to address this with the landowner.

ACTION: Clerk to contact Highways

Cllr. J Taylor raised the issue of overhanging and dead trees on the old road behind Corris Craft Centre and asked if GCC could be contacted with a view to clearing. Cllr. J Mumford requested to be copied into the email sent to Highways.

ACTION: Clerk to contact Highways.

11 Meddiantiau/Assets.

a) Monument.

Nothing to report.

b) Defibrillators

All defibrillators working.

ACTION: Clerk to update Circuit.

c) Grit salt bins.

Nothing to report.

d) Corris Uchaf Toilets.

Nothing to report.

12 Materion ariannol/financial matters.

a) Monthly financial report, VAT. (Year End)

Cllr. M Olsson ran through the end of year report which was accepted.

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ACTION: Clerk to claim any outstanding VAT up until end of the year.

b) Matters relating to audit.

Draft Annual Return

Draft Annual Report

Clerk advising Corris is subject to a Basic Audit for 25-26. Cllr. M Olsson discussing Annual Return and Clerk running through the Annual Report to ensure everyone happy with its contents.

RESOLVED: Unanimous agreement to approve both documents ready for audit.

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

Nothing to report.

d) Authorisation of any payments not authorised elsewhere

OVW annual membership, Steve Evans Groundwork,

Steve Evans Groundwork invoice approved under 10.d above.

RESOLVED: Unanimous agreement to remain a member of OVW and make the payment.

ACTION: Clerk to set up payment.

Cllr. M Olsson then brought to the Councils attention an invoice that had just been received relating to a gravedigging fee, which had not been instructed by the Council. C. Cllr J P Roberts advising that these fees are usually between the gravedigger and undertaker unless the Community Council has specifically instructed the gravedigger and requested the work following a quote.

RESOLVED: Unanimous agreement to refer the matter back to the undertaker as the Council had not instructed the work.

ACTION: Clerk to send email to undertaker and also to gravedigger advising of the action being taken.

e) Members annual payments (for those missing last meeting)

Annual payments available discussed – forms completed by both Cllrs S Francis and J Mumford. Cllr. D Atherton still to complete a form.

f) Discuss further - application for Cronfa GI Fund 2026/27

Cllr. M Olsson requested ideas for a project and stressed we were on a time limit for submitting an application. Relist on the May agenda.

13 Review of policies and Regulations.

a) Training Plan for 2026-27

b) Training dates March – July

c) Free training places 2026/27

Cllr. M Olsson ran through the training available and the following courses were allocated for 2026-27 namely: Cllrs J Mumford and E Jones *Making Effective Grant Applications*, Cllr. T Edwards *Biodiversity p1*, Cllr. S Francis *New Councillor Induction*, and Cllr. M Olsson *Wellbeing of Future Generations*.

14 Consultations and Surveys.

None.

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15 Community queries.

a) Community enquiry re footpath 8 and response from GCC

Noted that a report of boulders into the river had been received and that GCC Footpaths had been made aware, had visited the site and will be replacing in due course.

b) Community enquiry re drain gully, Penrallt, Corris

Email and its contents discussed. Councillors felt the matter needed to be followed up again directly but were happy to send a letter to GCC Highways in support.

ACTION: Clerk to respond to email and to send letter to GCC Highways

16 Gohebiaeth/correspondence.

a) Email ENP re call for candidate sites

C. Cllr J P Roberts advising that the Council should give consideration to this and if anyone had a site in mind that there was a direct link within the email for responding.

b) Email re Cambrian Coast Railway and attached letter

Cllr. M Olsson discussed the email and attached letter regarding the Cambrian Coast Railway and the need for improvements.

RESOLVED: Unanimous agreement to send a letter of support as the points raised were valid

ACTION: Clerk to send letter

c) Works programme April 2026

Noted.

17 Toiledau cyhoeddus/public conveniences.

Nothing to report.

18 AOB.

a) Reminder May meeting moved to 14th May at 7pm.

Cllr. M Olsson reminded the Councillors that due to elections our next meeting was moved back a week to 14th May.

b) Cllr. T Edwards mentioned he had been informed of fireworks on the NRW forestry road behind Garnedd Wen at 1 am a couple of weeks ago.

c) Cllr. E Jones mentioned parking issues at Tan yr Allt and C. Cllr. J P Roberts advised he would look into this further. Cllr. E Jones also mentioned that a comment had been made about there being no gate by forestry entry by Garededd Wen but there never has been.

19 Employment Matters.

(This is a confidential matter, the public and press will be excluded from the meeting for this item)

1. PAYE

Minuted separately.

The meeting was declared closed at 8.00 pm.

The next Corris Community Council Ordinary Meeting and AGM is scheduled for 7 pm Thursday 14/05/2026 at Corris Institute.

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Date Minutes agreed 14/05/2026



Chairperson's Signature.

