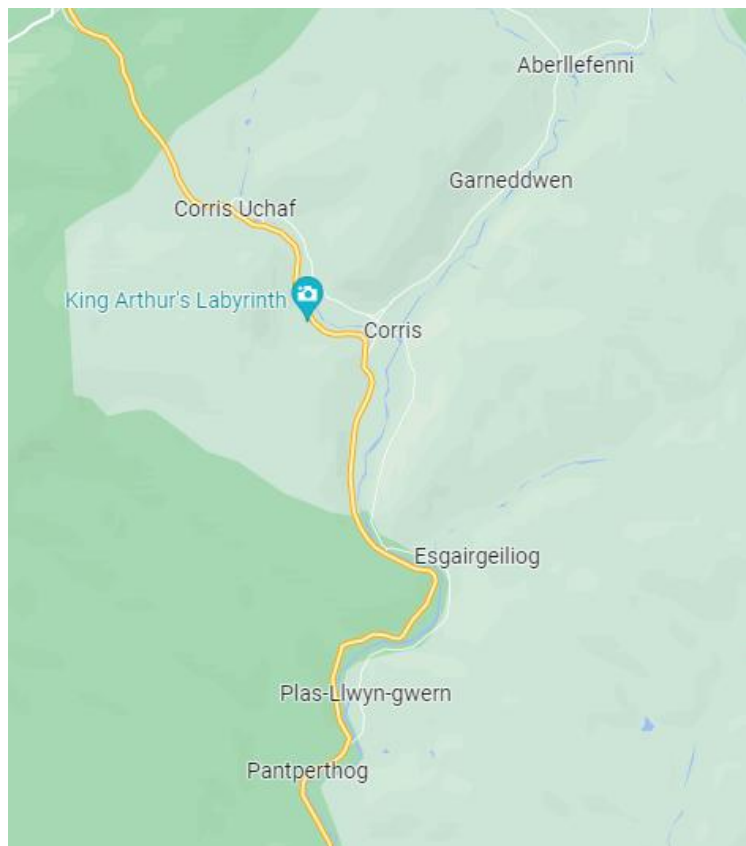


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### Corris - Our Area and Community Council Annual Report



Corris Community Council is made up by 4 wards including the villages of  
Corris - Corris Uchaf - Pantperthog - Aberllefenni.



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## Introduction

At the beginning of 2021 the introduction of a new duty under the Local Government and Democracy (Wales) Act came into effect, requiring Community Councils to produce an annual report as soon as practicable after the 1st of April and annually thereafter. The purpose of the report is to provide the Council with an opportunity to detail its governance and financial arrangements, and demonstrate the work undertaken to both address any local concerns and improve the local area.

This is our fifth report, hopefully you will find it informative.

## Councillors

There are 9 seats on Corris Community Council. All Councillors sign a declaration of acceptance when accepting the position of councillor. They are part of the local government structure of Wales. They take on an unpaid position and whilst they do many acts voluntarily within the community, they are not volunteers. In 2025/26 all Councillors opted out of their entitlement to the annual allowance which is in place to cover any costs they have incurred in the course of the duties.

Corris Community Councillors are as follows:

Cllr. D. Atherton  
Cllr. Janet Davies  
Cllr. Tom Edwards  
Cllr. Sion Edwards (Co-opted 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025)  
Cllr. Eirlys Jones  
Cllr. Jayden Mumford  
Cllr. Marit Olsson  
Cllr. Janice Taylor  
Cllr. Sharon Wells

The Chairman was elected during the Annual Meeting of the Council 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023 and has been re-elected annually to date. The Vice-Chairman was elected during the Annual Meeting of the Council 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025.

Chairman	Vice Chair
Cllr. Marit Olsson	Cllr. E. Jones

## Meetings

Council meetings are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month, except January and August, at 7pm in Corris Institute. Meetings in previous years were shared between Corris and Pantperthog. After the Covid-19 pandemic new Government legislation states that Councils should be able to offer hybrid meetings. Due to the necessity of being able to offer virtual meeting capabilities they are currently held in Corris Institute which has Wi-Fi.

Corris Community Council now offers hybrid meetings with the possibility for Councillors and members of the public to join remotely.

The meetings are structured around the agenda which is produced and publicised by the clerk the weekend before the meeting. Members of the public are welcome to attend and have the chance to speak at the beginning of the meeting, they must then remain silent unless the Chairman allows

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them to speak at any other point in the meeting. Members of the public will be asked to leave for matters which are confidential.

The council have formed one sub-committees to oversee the Cemetery. The sub-committee have no authority to make decisions and are only to oversee and advise the full council of the situation when decisions are needed to be taken.

The Corris Uchaf Community Group oversees and advises on the use of the funds raised from the sale of Eglwys Zinc. The Eglwys Zinc funds are restricted and can only be used for Corris Uchaf.

Sub-committee members are:

### **Cemetery sub-committee**

Cllr. T. Edwards

Cllr. E. Jones

Cllr. M. Olsson

Cllr. J. Mumford

### **Corris Community Council assets:**

Corris Community Councils assets include King George V playing fields, the orchard and folly, 2 playgrounds, benches, bus shelters, band instruments etc. A full list of assets can be found on the Corris Community Council website.

### **Budget/Precept**

The Council's budget for income during 2025/26 was £20,317.40 and the precept requirement was £19,000. The precept was increased from £12,000 2024/25 due to additional work needed to be carried out in the playgrounds.

The actual income in the year was £39,976. With extra income from a £7,500 grant from Gwynedd County Council and a higher than expected income from the cemetery.

The budgeted expenditure was £19,585 and the actual expenditure in the year was £35,630. This included the £7,748 expenditure related to the GCC grant and £9,605 spent resurfacing in the playgrounds.

Corris Community Council was at the end of the year carrying forward a total amount of £16,784. This is divided between 3 accounts. £4,746 in the current account which will cover the first 3 month of 2026/27; £2,185 in Community funds to be distributed to activities in the community in the coming years; £9,852 in the Eglwys Zinc account which is reserved for developments in Corris Uchaf only.

### **Audits**

Each year an Internal and External Audit is undertaken. The Internal Audit was completed end May 2025 by Gwynedd County Council for 24/25. The audit opinion was – **Assurance can be expressed in the governance arrangements and the financial statement of Corris Community Council for the 24/25 financial year based on the tests conducted.**

Audit Wales requested a full audit for 24/25. This has now been returned **unqualified** meaning “**with no matters having come to the Auditors attention to give cause for concern**”/remains outstanding and the outcome is unknown.

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## Annual Community Support

The council sets a budget annually to be able to offer financial assistance to local groups and organisations. Some is included in the general budget but the council also have access to a restricted fund of donated funds.

Applications are viewed in June and December.

In 2024-2025 Contributions were given to the following groups:

Pantperthog village hall	£300 (CCC budget)
Corris Institute	£1000 (CCC budget)
Ysgol Dyffryn Dulas	£650 (Community funds)
Dail Dysynni	£50 (CCC budget)
Marie Curie	£50 (Community funds)
Urdd National Eisteddford	£50 (Community funds)
Welsh Air Ambulance	£50 (CCC budget)

**TOTAL** **£2650**

## Community Engagement

Corris Community Council maintains a strong link with North Wales Police and our Police Community, receiving regular emails to share with the community regarding scams and other matter arising in the community.

The community Council also corresponds with other Town and Community Councils.

## Playgrounds

The Community Council has undertaken numerous projects for both playgrounds namely:

- New equipment matting
- Repairs to play equipment and signage
- Installation of Communication Boards

In 2025/26 the Council have again been assisted by Tim Tacluso with maintenance of the Playgrounds to include cleaning and repainting of equipment. Equipment is inspected regularly by the Councillors and an annual inspection by The Playground Inspection Company is undertaken to ensure all equipment meets safety requirements.

Further work on play equipment is due to commence in April 2026.

## Cemetery

A new contractor commenced work for the Council in 2025/26 which included maintenance and grass cutting to all Council land. The work has been to a very good standard and the Council will be using this contractor again throughout 2026-27.

There were 4 new/replacement headstones, 3 funerals and 2 burials of ashes in the Cemetery over the last 12 months.

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## **KGV, Community Orchard and other Council land**

The new team from Gwynedd County Council, Tim Tacluso, have been clearing and tidying the villages to include footpaths, fencing, clearing trees.

A new Trustee for KGV playing fields was nominated and accepted at the Councils March meeting.

## **Other work undertaken.**

- ❖ Several site meetings were held over the year covering double yellow lines, flooding, speeding, Pont Corris, potholes and surface erosion on A487, car parking and the proposed extraction routes.
- ❖ The new check list produced in 2023/24 continues to be used for all monthly inspections of the four defibrillators. A new battery was purchased for the Corris Uchaf defibrillator whilst new pads were purchased for the Corris, Corris Uchaf and Aberllefenni defibrillators.
- ❖ GCC have now agreed to place a new grit bin on the back road, Corris Uchaf.
- ❖ We continue to liaise regularly with NRW, Gwynedd County Council, Highways and other Departments, our local MP and Member of the Senedd.
- ❖ We have liaised with Tilhill and Gresham House in respect of the proposed extraction route.
- ❖ We have reviewed many planning applications from both Gwynedd County Council and Snowdonia National Park.
- ❖ Corris Uchaf toilet refurbishment is now complete.
- ❖ We have corresponded with individuals when community concerns have been raised.
- ❖ The Council has completed surveys and consultations regarding developments in the local area.
- ❖ There were 3 funerals, 2 burials of ashes and 4 replacement/new headstones in the cemetery this year.
- ❖ We obtained a grant of £7500 from Gwynedd Council which was used to purchase new benches for the school, handrail by Corris Uchaf bus stop, fencing around Corris Uchaf toilets and items for the Corris Uchaf kitchen.

## **Key Council Objectives for the Year 2026/27**

- Continue to improve playground facilities.
- Further improvements of safety issues in the cemetery.
- Further community engagement.

For more information about the council, council business and to see regular updates please view our website:

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