

CYNGOR CYMUNED CORRIS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Cofnodion Cyfarfod Gynhaliwyd Cyffredin Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting 14/05/2026

PRESENNOL/PRESENT Cllrs.

Cllr. S. Wells
Cllr. S. Francis
Cllr. J. Davies

Cllr. M. Olsson
Cllr. E. Jones
Cllr. D. Atherton

Cllr. J. Taylor
Cllr. J. Mumford

PRESENNOL HEFYD/ ALSO PRESENT

Clerk J. Jenkins
C. Cllr. J Pughe Roberts

26/27

20 Ymddiheuriadau/Apologies.
Cllr. T Edwards

21 Cofrestrriad o ddiddordeb/Registration of interest.
Cllr. D Atherton and Cllr. J Taylor – Dyfi Bike Park

22 Derbyn Cofnodion y Cyfarfod/Accept Minutes of previous Ordinary meeting
The Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Council dated 09/04/2026 were agreed as accurate.

RESOLVED: Proposed by Cllr. S Wells Seconded by Cllr. E Jones

23 Matters arising /Announcements.
a) Update from GCC re issues back road
Discussed at 29e.2.

24 Cynllunio/Planning.
Review planning applications since last meeting.
a) Response to Freedom of Information request
Cllrs. were very disappointed to note only one document relating to the consultation had been forwarded, all other documents being copies of correspondence between the Community Council and GCC. It was agreed that if these are the only documents available then they either did not consult properly with the community or, they have failed to provide all relevant documentations relating to that consultation with the area under the Freedom of Information Act. Clerk asked to respond and copy in Dafydd Wyn Williams.

ACTION: Clerk to send further letter.

b) Emails and documents relating to Dyfi Bike Park applications NP5/56/153D and NP5/56/153E
Several emails have been received regarding the above retrospective applications which the Community Council have previously supported. Clerk noting that notifications of personal interest were registered by both Cllr. D Atherton and Cllr. J Taylor in respect of the applications, but also noting that in Dec 24 Cllr. J Taylor was absent from meeting and in March 25 Cllr D Atherton had been absent.

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Notifications of personal interests were signed by both Cllr D Atherton and J Taylor and both left the room whilst discussions took place on the emails received. It was noted that the decisions made by the Community Council were based on the information/documents provided by the National Park at the time of each application. Due to the time that has lapsed and the fact we have not been asked to revisit the applications by the National Park, then it was felt the Council did not need to take any further action.

RESOLVED: Unanimous agreement that the Community Council had made a decision based on the facts before it at the time of the applications. Clerk to respond and advise that those parties with any potential interest had signed relevant documentation and left the meeting during discussions and we were unable to revisit the application as we had not been asked to by the National Park.

ACTION: Clerk to send response.

25 Materion mynwentydd/Cemetery matters.

a) Gravedigging

Cllr M Olsson explaining to the Council that there had been some confusion over invoicing which had now been resolved and therefore proposed that the invoice for £750 be approved and paid. Cllr M Olsson also suggested that we give thought to putting a system in place to monitor gravedigging which can be discussed further at a future date.

RESOLVED: Unanimous agreement to pay outstanding invoice and to putting a monitoring system in place.

ACTION: Clerk to set up payment.

b) Cemetery extension and fencing

Cllr. M Olsson produced an up dated paper copy of the cemetery records and noted that a copy was also on the computer. This had taken considerable time to produce and had been double checked and all records were now correct. Cllr M Olsson suggested that both a paper copy and computer copy be maintained initially. Cllr. M Olsson also producing a copy of the new plan for the cemetery produced by NRV Architectural Design.

With regards to the fencing, Cllr M Olsson advised that the fencing at the bottom needs replacing and proposed we look at extending the cemetery now so that the work can be undertaken at the same time. An extension will allow for more graves and would allow us to create a Memorial Garden. It was suggested that a wildflower area be planted until such time as the graves were required. Both Cllr M Olsson and Clerk have made enquiries as to whether a change of use/planning permission would be required and Clerk has been advised to send an email in together with a plan explaining what is required so that GCC can advise.

Cllr. M Olsson has spoken with our contractor regarding the work to be done and has requested a quote.

Cllr. M Olsson mentioned that our contractor has discussed the small triangle area of grass to edge of cemetery which he maintains but which people are allowing their dogs to foul in and he had suggested that when looking at the fencing work that this area be fenced off also.

Cllr. J Mumford mentioned that there has been planting on graves and large ceramic pots put on graves. Whilst not forbidden within the cemetery rules, large pots could cause obstruction for our contractor and could potentially be damaged.

Cllr. M Olsson mentioned that she had given thought to a small memorial in respect of the number of stillborn/young child graves within the cemetery. Cllr. E J will contact a local blacksmith in Aberllefenni for ideas.

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RESOLVED: Unanimous agreement to make enquiries of GCC re change of use/planning permission, to move forward with fencing including the fencing off of the small area to side of cemetery and to make enquiries of local blacksmith regarding a small memorial for the stillborn/young child graves.

ACTION: Clerk to contact GCC

c) Change of use/planning permission for Memorial Garden
As above.

26 Playing areas/fields and communal areas.

a) Feedback on Pump Track

Cllr. D Atherton reporting he has recently had a meeting with NRW. They are looking at starting a new mountain bike club which could possibly involve our pump track as well. Cllr. D Atherton to continue with his enquiries and will keep the Council updated as things progress.

b) Corris Playgrounds

1. Quote for slide repairs (Corris Playground)

A quote had been received from LK Custom Welding regarding the additional work which was discussed with the Council.

RESOLVED: Unanimous agreement to accept the quote.

ACTION: Clerk to accept quote and arrange for work to be carried out. Once a date is received, Clerk to make a note and remind Councillors that a notice will need to be placed at the playground advising of the closure which is anticipated to take one day.

2. Removed railing against Corris Uchaf playground

Cllr. M Olsson noted, once again the fence has been taken down to accommodate a large long wheel based van that is parking there. The fence belongs to the Council and is there for health and safety purposes. The section removed was thrown into bushes. Clerk was asked to make contact with the owner of the vehicle again and request that the fence be replaced asap and if it is not then the Council will arrange it and he will be responsible for the cost of damage to the Councils property.

ACTION: Clerk to send letter.

c) Orchard

1. Quote for orchard fencing

Cllr. M Olsson advising that she had met with our contractor and obtained a price for fencing within the orchard. This was something that we could look at proceeding with as part of our grant application. (discussed further at 31g).

d) Letter from Oliver Joseph

Cllr. M Olsson advising that notification had been received on an ordnance survey inspection.

27 Ysgol Corris School update.

Cllr. S Wells mentioned a celebrate of David Attenbroughs 100th birthday which was well supported. Cllr. E Jones reported that two children had progressed further in Urdd Eisteddfod.

28 Corris Institute update.

Nothing to report.

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29 Prifyrdd ac coedwigaeth /Highways and forestry.

a) Flooding at the Cob, Aberllefenni.

Nothing to report.

b) Tilhill extraction routes update

C. Cllr J Pughe Roberts advising that a meeting had taken place on 12th May. No major concerns noted from ENP or GCC on link road. NRW have mineral rights for the section and stone can be reused. Trials to take place in July which will help determine costs. It is hopeful that a community drop in session may be possible in September but the Council will be kept updated on this.

c) Pavements & Footpaths

Nothing to report.

d) Parking & Car Park

1. Update on yellow boxes (Railway Car Park)

Email from GCC noted and it was accepted that we are dependent on the contractors and when they will be able to do the work.

e) Highways

1. Response re drain gully issues Penrallt, Corris

Contents of email from GCC noted and hopefully they will undertake the work in the summer months as stated.

2. Response re Grit Bin and issues on back road

Contents of email from GCC noted. Summarised as follows:

- Grit bin to be installed later in the year.
- The road remains part of our safety inspection regime and any defect are rectified.
- With regards to the verges, they will be cut once during the Spring/Summer cyclic works. 2.
- Letters will be sent to Properties where we discover any overhanging vegetation.
- It is our intention to reopen the road. However, we have been unsuccessful in the last two years with requests for capital funding for this scheme but funding requests will continue to be made.

3. Response re road condition Corris – Aberllefenni – Aberangell

Contents of email noted and it was confirmed that the work has now been undertaken.

4. Response re tree by Craft Centre

Email received from GCC noted but Cllr. J Mumford advising that highways have been out to the Craft Centre and whilst they do not consider the tree complained about as an issue, there are others in the vicinity that do.

Cllr. J Mumford to keep the Council updated on the situation following a further inspection.

5. Works programme May 2026

Noted.

30 Meddiantiau/Assets.

a) Monument.

Nothing to report.

b) Defibrillators

All defibrillators working.

ACTION: Clerk to update Circuit.

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c) Grit salt bins.
Nothing to report.

d) Corris Uchaf Toilets.
Nothing to report.

31 Materion ariannol/financial matters.

a) Monthly financial report, VAT.

Cllr. M Olsson ran through the monthly report which was accepted. As there are sufficient funds available, Cllr. M Olsson proposed repaying the £1500 to EZ in respect of the playground matting work. Clerk advising that a VAT reclaim would be done up to 30th April which would cover a small amount carried over from 25-26 which we had been unable to claim due to being under £100.

RESOLVED: Unanimous agreement to accept report and to repay the £1500.

ACTION: Clerk to make transfer and claim VAT up to 30th April 2026.

b) Matters relating to audit.

Clerk advising that we had just received outcome of 24-25 full audit from Audit Wales with an Unqualified result. Notice of Audit Completion provided for noticeboard and Clerk will arrange to display required documents on the website.

Clerk also advising that GCC had completed our internal audit for 25-26 and everything was in order. Annual Governance Statement reviewed before Annual Return being signed by Chair and Clerk. Clerk advising that the Audit Notice will be ready for display on noticeboard and website at our June meeting which allows sufficient notice of the inspection period.

c) Clerks report inc. payments made using delegated authority.
Nothing to report.

d) Authorisation of any payments not authorised elsewhere
LK Custom Welding (2 invoices), Welsh Water, NRV Architectural Design
It was noted that our Welsh Water direct debit has been reduced.

RESOLVED: Unanimous agreement to accept invoices and make payments.

ACTION: Clerk to set up payments.

e) Precept

Clerk advising that the first part of the precept for 26-27 had been received.

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

Cllr. D Atherton completed his form. All forms have now been signed and the report can be forwarded to DBCC.

ACTION: Clerk to complete Annual Statement of Payments and return to DBCC

g) Application for Cronfa GI Fund 2026/27

Cllr. M Olsson advising that we had the sum of £5,500 available to us to apply for. Clerk reminding Council that the application deadline is 15th June so we now needed to be submitting the application. In respect of items Cllr M Olsson proposed:

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- Picnic table, chairs, small gazebo for Corris Uchaf
- 5 benches – (1 x cemetery, 1 x Aberllefenni, 1 x Pantperthog, 1 x Orchard and 1 x picnic bench for Corris School)
- Fencing of Orchard.

In respect of fencing, it was noted that the Orchard wall was in a particularly bad condition and Highways had been out and inspected the wall and it needs rebuilding/replacing. The question was asked whether the work, which is likely to require access from both inside and outside of the orchard would result in any new fencing being damaged and it was agreed that there was a good chance it would. It was therefore suggested, as one of the main purposes of the fencing was to prevent dogs from accessing the orchard and fouling, which is currently causing the contractor issues, that maybe just a temporary “cheaper” fence is put in place until the wall is finished.

Cllr. M Olsson suggesting in the circumstances that the grant money be used for the cemetery fencing and Clerk asked to chase contractor for the quote.

RESOLVED: Unanimous agreement to apply for grant to purchase items for CU, benches and fencing in cemetery.

ACTION: Clerk to chase contractor and then application to be completed and submitted.

Cllr. M Olsson mentioned that there is a lot of hazel and rhododendron overgrowing in the orchard and that she had spoken with contractor and he had provided a quote for £260 plus VAT.

RESOLVED: Unanimous agreement to accept quote and have the orchard tidied up.

ACTION: Clerk to notify contractor of acceptance of quote and request work be carried out.

32 Review of policies and Regulations.

a) Asset Register

Reviewed and considered within AGM – to be noted that from 2027 the Asset Register will be reviewed in March.

b) Biodiversity

Clerk advising that S6 Reports were every three years and annually we should be putting a Biodiversity Action Plan in place. A draft plan was provided to the Council for consideration. Cllr. M Olsson requested that a note was added regarding the Councils intention to have a wildflower area within the cemetery following the extension, otherwise document accepted as drafted.

RESOLVED: Unanimous agreement to adopt the document for 26-27.

ACTION: Clerk to include amendment, then arrange for the document to be placed on website.

33 Consultations and Surveys.

None.

34 Community queries.

a) Cllr. M Olsson mentioned comments on social media regarding the lack of dog poo bags in the community available for public use. The Community Council have ensured dog poo bags are available and have numerous holders around the area. Every dog owner should take responsibility for their pet and provide their

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own bags and not be reliant upon the Community Council. Whilst the Community Council will continue to ensure holders with bags are available, surplus rolls intended for refilling the holders will no longer be left out.

35 Gohebiaeth/correspondence.

a) Email OVW re Civility and Respect Pledge

RESOLVED: All Councillors had read the pledge and were happy for it to be signed and returned to OVW.

ACTION: Clerk to complete and return the document.

b) Reminder of training dates May-June

Clerk advising that despite completing the Training Plan and informing the Council of the free training available, no one had provided dates for their course. Reiterating that not all courses are free, and whilst we get a bursary of £100, the Council should be taking advantage of those free courses available. Clerk asking for training dates to be reviewed and dates provided to her.

c) Rally information

Noted. Cllr. M Olsson confirming the information had been posted on our facebook page.

36 Toiledau cyhoeddus/public conveniences.

Nothing to report.

37 AOB.

Nothing to report.

38 Employment Matters.

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

The meeting was declared closed at 8.50 pm.

The next Corris Community Council Ordinary Meeting and AGM is scheduled for 7 pm Thursday 04/06/2026 at Corris Institute.

Date Minutes agreed 04/06/2026



Chairperson's Signature.

