

CYNGOR CYMUNED YR YSTOG
CHURCHSTOKE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
 2 Rows Terrace, Plough Bank, Montgomery, Powys. SY15 6QD

MINUTES of Full Council Meeting on Wednesday 25th January 2012
 at Churchstoke Community Hall at 7.30 p.m.

1.0 Attendance, Apologies and Declarations of Members' Interests

Attendance: Cllr C S Fowles (Chairman), Cllr A Bedford, Cllr M J Jones (item 9.0 onwards), Cllr L D Owen, Cllr I Philpott, Cllr D H Payne, Cllr P C Rigg, Cllr B A Rowley, Cllr B L Smith, Cllr J N Wakelam.

Apologies for Absence approved by Council: Cllr V E D Tudor (approved by resolution of Council at 26th October meeting).

Other apologies for absence: Cllr D L Powell

Other Members not present: None.

Declarations of Members' interests: Members declared personal / prejudicial interests during the meeting as follows:

Agenda Number	Item	Councillor	Nature of Declaration
4.0	Planning Matters	M J Jones	Personal not Prejudicial Interest as a Member of Powys CC Planning Committee
11.4	Financial Year 2012-2013	C S Fowles	Personal and Prejudicial Interest as an allotment holder and as secretary of Hyssington Village Hall Committee
11.4	Financial Year 2012-2013	D H Payne	Personal and Prejudicial Interest as a member of Hyssington Village Hall Committee
11.4	Financial Year 2012-2013	P C Rigg	Personal not Prejudicial Interest as a member of Churchstoke Recreation Association appointed by CCC
11.4	Financial Year 2012-2013	B A Rowley	Personal and Prejudicial Interest as a member of Churchstoke Recreation Association
11.4	Financial Year 2012-2013	J Wakelam	Personal and Prejudicial Interest as an allotment holder

2.0 Minutes of Meetings – to approve and sign the minutes as a correct record of Full Council business meeting 21st December 2011 at Churchstoke Community Hall.

The minutes of the business meeting on 21st December 2011 were approved and signed as a correct record.

3.0 Matters Arising from Minutes for Information – to report matters arising from minutes for information from the minutes of Full Council business meeting 21st December 2011 at Churchstoke Community Hall.

3.1 (2.0) Guest: Corndon Hill Residents Circle

Council received email letter of introduction from the Stiperstones Corndon Partnership Scheme joint partnership coordinators. Distributed to all Members. Cllr A Bedford, CCC representative on the partnership Board, also reported contact from the coordinators, and that the next Board meeting is expected in the next 2-3 weeks.

4.0 Planning Matters:

4.1 Powys CC LDP Candidate Sites – to receive for information the published candidate sites.

Council received notification from the North Powys Rural Housing Enabler of the publication of the register of submitted candidate sites for consideration during the preparation of the Local Development Plan (LDP), and that there will be a formal consultation process before decisions are made which sites are to be included in the draft LDP scheduled for April 2013. The Clerk distributed copies of the maps of sites in CCC area to all Members, and reported that the register is available on the Powys CC website at:

www.powys.gov.uk/index.php?id=12006&L=0

4.2 Planning Specific Correspondence – to receive other planning specific correspondence (if any).

None.

4.3 Powys CC Planning Determinations – to report recent Powys CC planning determinations

The Clerk reported notification of planning determinations by Powys CC as follows:

Ref.	Site	Powys CC Planning Decision
P20111236	Cwm Linton, Mellington	Full planning permission granted
P20111267	Daisy Bank Caravan Park, Snead	Full planning permission granted

4.4 Planning Applications/Notices – to receive & resolve responses to consultations by Powys CC including –

RESOLVED:

'CCC responds to planning consultations as follows':

Ref.	Applicant	Site	Description	rec.
P20120025	Mr Mark Richardson, Cwm Farm, Churchstoke	Cwm Farm, Churchstoke	Conversion of existing dairy unit to residential dwelling	S*

P20120025 – CCC supported the application on condition that, as stated clearly in the application (section 3 of the design and access statement), the development is run as a tourist holiday let business, thus bringing in economic benefit to the community.

Action – Clerk to process

4.5 Planning Applications/Notices – to receive and resolve responses to consultations by The Secretary of State including –

Ref.	Applicant	Site	Description	rec.
BERR/2008/0003	Scottish Power Renewables, Cathcart Business Park, Glasgow	Llandinam Wind Farm	Supplementary Environmental Information for: Dismantle existing site & removal of 103 turbines; erection of 42 3mw turbines on extended site; crane hard standing; access tracks; access from A483; substation; 2 power assessment masts & associated infrastructure works	N

Action – Clerk to process

4.6 Planning Enforcement – to report on planning enforcement matters within the community. Members discussed enforcement matters as follows, and the Chairman invited Members to bring forward planning enforcement matters for discussion:

Ref. / Site	Description
None.	

5.0 One Voice Wales / Society of Local Council Clerks, Guidance Notes – to receive reports of AGM / conference / area meetings / guidance notes / training / correspondence.

5.1 One Voice Wales – Montgomeryshire Area Committee

Council received notice and agenda for the Montgomeryshire Area Committee meeting Tuesday 28th February 2012, 7pm at Newtown Town Council Offices, and minutes of the meeting 19th October 2011. Noted.

5.2 Society of Local Council Clerks – Training, Qualification and Continuous Professional Development (CPD) Update

The Clerk reported on the SLCC Training and CPD programme for 2012 and reminded Members of existing and usual commitments, along with a report of training budget current under spend:

- Working with Your Council (foundation for CiLCA qualification) – 7th and 21st March. Members were reminded of their existing commitments made in November 2009 and March 2011, supporting the Clerk towards WWYC/CiLCA qualification.

RESOLVED:

‘By way route to qualification, CCC affirms and funds (excluding travel) its previous commitments for course enrolment by the Clerk’.

Action – Clerk to process and attend

- Practitioners Conference – 17th – 18th February at Daventry, £199. Members were reminded of their usual commitment by way of CPD, and noted that the SLCC bursary scheme can be used to offset 50% of cost and that the Clerk funds own travel cost.

RESOLVED:

‘By way of training and Continuous Professional Development, keeping up to date with issues, and good practice, CCC approves and funds (excluding travel) attendance by the Clerk’.

Action – Clerk to process and attend

6.0 H M The Queen's Diamond Jubilee 2012 – to discuss whether and what arrangements are proposed for the Jubilee celebrations.

The Chairman reminded Members of previous correspondence and interest in marking the jubilee with commemorative event(s). The Clerk reported on enquiry from the Chief Executive Powys CC enquiring whether councils intend to participate in the Queen's Beacons project. Members discussed options for supporting local groups in their own celebratory events and of the merits of joining the concluding Queen's Jubilee Beacon project.

RESOLVED:

'CCC will make enquiries regarding the Queen's Beacons project and invite community participation, and establish a task group at February meeting'.

Action – Clerk to process

7.0 Consultation by Powys County Council: Welsh in Education Strategic Plan (WESP) – to discuss and resolve if desired to the consultation (previously circulated).

The Chairman reminded Members of the public consultation on the draft WESP setting out how the county council intends to contribute to and implement the Welsh Government's vision for Welsh medium education and training development 2012-2015. Responses are welcomed by 10th February 2012. Members discussed the two theme – teaching of Welsh as a subject and teaching through Welsh as a medium.

RESOLVED:

'CCC wishes to support the teaching of Welsh at all levels and at all locations.'

CCC considers that teaching through Welsh is a natural progression from teaching of Welsh and wishes to support the teaching through Welsh but recognises the limitations of resources, so wishes to see teaching through Welsh at all levels but not necessarily at locations'.

Action – Clerk to process

8.0 Consultation by the Welsh Government: Fire and Rescue National Framework 2012 Onwards – to discuss and resolve if desired to the consultation (previously circulated).

The Chairman reminded Members of the consultation on the framework of vision and priorities for Fire and Rescue Authorities in Wales, along with the 10 consultation questions. Responses are welcomed by 17th February 2012.

RESOLVED:

'CCC does not wish to respond to the consultation'.

Cllr M J Jones joined the meeting at this point, directly from a School Governors meeting.

9.0 Consultation by the National Assembly for Wales: Local Government Byelaws (Wales) Bill – to discuss and resolve if desired to the consultation (previously circulated).

The Chairman reminded Members of the consultation and call for evidence on the general principles of the Local Government Byelaws (Wales) Bill, along with the 11 consultation questions. Responses are welcomed by 2nd February 2012.

RESOLVED:

'CCC does not wish to respond to the consultation'.

10.0 Grounds Maintenance:

10.1 To invite quotations for aeration treatment 2012-13.

The Clerk reported that it is the time of year to seek costs and then reach decision regarding aeration treatment for the recreation field, and that quotations will be sought.

RESOLVED:

'CCC wishes to continue with aeration treatment of the recreation field (resources permitting) and will seek quotations'.

Action – Clerk to process

10.2 To receive quotations for fencing at the south side of the recreation field.

The Clerk reported on quotations on 3 options for re-fencing the south side of the recreation field.

RESOLVED:

'CCC accepts the quotation of P&W contracting to the value of £1,622'.

Action – Clerk to process

11.0 Financial Report:

11.1 Finance Specific Correspondence – to receive finance specific correspondence (if any).

11.1.1 Welsh Assembly Government – Local Government Finance & Performance Division

Re: Appropriate Sum under section 137(3) of Local Government Act 1972

Council received confirmation that the Appropriate Sum S137 for 2012-2013 is increased by 5.6% from £6.44 to £6.80 per elector, in line with RPI formula. Noted.

11.1.2 Welsh Assembly Government – Local Government Finance Division

Re: Borrowing by Town & Community Councils 2012-13

Council received reminder that formal borrowing approval is required by Community and Town Councils that wish to borrow for capital purposes unless it is borrowed and repaid in the same year. Noted.

11.1.3 Powys County Council – Community Regeneration Manager

Re: Village Hall Revenue Grant 2012-13

Council received the annual return requesting details of revenue grants to village halls paid to 2011-12 and intended for 2012-13.

Action – Clerk to process

11.2 Financial Year 2010-2011 – to report and approve conclusion of external audit.

The Clerk reported on notice of conclusion of external audit for financial year 2010-2011, with the issues arising report, and reported that the Notice of Conclusion has already been published to the seven notice boards.

RESOLVED:

'CCC approves and accepts the Annual Return and Issues Arising Report for accounts for the year ended 31st March 2011, and notes that the auditor requires no action by CCC'.

11.3 Financial Year 2012-2013 – to receive further appeals for financial assistance.

The Clerk reported on further financial appeals received since the December meeting:

- Marie Curie Cancer Care
- Wales Air Ambulance

Noted.

11.4 Financial Year 2012-2013 – to receive 3rd draft annual budget and capital programme (previously circulated).

Declarations of members' interests: Members declared interests as follows:

- Cllr C S Fowles – declared a personal and prejudicial interest as an allotment holder and as secretary of Hyssington Village Hall Committee, and left the meeting for this item
- Cllr D H Payne – declared a personal and prejudicial interest as a member of Hyssington Village Hall Committee and left the meeting for this item
- Cllr P C Rigg – declared a personal not prejudicial interest as a member of Churchstoke Recreation Association appointed by CCC
- Cllr B A Rowley – declared a personal and prejudicial interest as a member of Churchstoke Recreation Association and left the meeting for this item
- Cllr J Wakelam – declared a personal and prejudicial interest as an allotment holder and left the meeting for this item

Cllr A Bedford, as Vice-Chairman, took the Chair.

The Clerk reported on the final draft 2012-2013 budget, and reminded Members that the final budget return must be submitted to Powys CC by 27th January 2011. Members noted that contributions will be made from reserves and that the percentage change is below current levels of CPI and RPI.

RESOLVED:

'CCC sets a precept for 2012-2013 to the value of £19.94 per Band D property'.

Action – Clerk to process

11.5 Items Received Since Last Meeting – to report.

The Clerk reported on income received since the last meeting as follows:

Payer	Description	£
C S Fowles & J Rix	Allotment rent 1 st Dec 2011 – 29 th Feb 2012	6.25
Nat West Bank	Gross interest Oct-Dec 2011	5.25
Powys County Council	3 rd instal. precept & recreation grant	6,542.00
Nat West Bank	Compensation	16.00
Total		6,569.50

11.6 Items For Payment – to report and resolve to approve items for payment as follows:

RESOLVED:

'CCC authorises payments as follows':

Chq	Payee	Description	£ex vat	£vat	£inc vat
To authorise items for payment this meeting:					
662	One Voice Wales	Training places 19/10/11	50.00	0.00	50.00
663	Severn Waste Services	Empty soak-away tanks	125.00	25.00	150.00

664	Mrs B A Rowley	Vill steward Oct-Dec'11	100.81	0.00	100.81
665	E J Humphreys	Admin. exp. Jul-Sep'11	298.43	0.00	298.43
Total to authorise for payment this meeting			574.24	25.00	599.24
To report items previously authorised to be paid by direct debit or standing order:					
SO	E J Humphreys	Clerk's net sal. Jan'12	310.16	0.00	310.16
Total previously authorised to be paid by d.deb. or st.ord.			310.16	0.00	310.16
Grand total for payment this meeting			884.40	25.00	909.40

Action – Clerk to process

11.7 Consolidated Balances at 25th Jan 2012 after sweep, receipts & payments – to report.

The Clerk reported on the M&G quarterly statement for 1st Oct – 31st Dec 2011

Fund	Number of shares	Share Price (p)	Value at 31/12/2011 (£)
Charibond	100	128.20	128.20

The Clerk reported on gross, ring-fenced funds, & net available balances as follows:

Item	Reserve account £	Current account £
Gross balances	46,897.12	500.00
Less ring-fenced funds	6,634.28	0.00
Net balances available	40,242.84	500.00

12.0 Highways & Rights of Way Reports:

12.1 From Powys CC/ Shropshire Council to CCC – to report.

- a) Coed Lane, Churchstoke – tractors causing verge damage resulting in blocked drains and localised flooding. Powys CC replies that attention will be given to re-opening the grips and other drainage along the route.
- b) Churchstoke Village – request that road sweeping is undertaken to clear gutters generally. Powys CC replies that sweeping will be undertaken as appropriate and that villages are no longer swept on a fixed rota basis, but instead on a react and sweep basis following monitoring and formal monthly safety inspections.
- c) B4388 junction with Verlon Close, Montgomery – subsiding drain cover, which appears to need repair or reinforcement. Powys CC replies that the defect is due to works by Severn Trent Water and a notice has been served on it to undertake urgent repairs.
- d) C2146 Coed Lane junction with A488, Churchstoke – lack of street lighting (or defective lamps) at the junction leading to increased night-time hazard for vehicles and pedestrians. No response from Powys CC. Cllr M J Jones, in his capacity as County Councillor, reported that he has contacted the depot manager in person to highlight concerns.
- e) Public Footpaths 78 & 38 at Churchstoke cemetery: Cllr B A Rowley and the Clerk reported the recent site meeting with the Rights of Way Officer who described the history and archive records relating to preparation of the definitive map. Powys CC will formally write to CCC to propose a solution likely to involve amendment to the map to reflect actuality on the ground, and meet the costs of a formal Order.

12.2 From CCC to Powys CC/ Shropshire Council – to report.

- a) Cllr D H Payne: C2009 near pumping station (approx grid ref 302934– would like to request central white lining or signage at the bend in the road in order to reduce risk of traffic collision.
- b) Cllr M J Jones: Wernddu Lane – very poor surface condition arising from acknowledged drainage problems in the low-lying area. Cllr M J Jones, in his capacity as County Councillor, reported that he has contacted the depot manager in person to highlight concerns.

Action – Clerk to process

13.0 County Council Matters– to receive & discuss other general Powys CC/ Shropshire Council matters.

- a) Powys CC: Cllr M J Jones reported as follows
 - Budget 2012-13: precept levels will be set in February
 - Wind farms debate: the council meeting 26th January will be streamed live on the internet
 - Kirkhamsfeld Depot: a new supervisor, Mr Dave Gardener, has been appointed for the CCC area and will be inspecting highways monthly.
- b) Shropshire Council:
 - No report.

14.0 Correspondence – to receive other items of general correspondence.

14.1 Powys County Council – Outdoor Recreation Officer

Re: Annual Inspection of Children’s Play Areas

Council received invitation to join the annual inspection round at £58.33 per playground site. Replies are welcomed by 24th February. Members noted that due to the proximity of deadline, this will be accepted and processed in the usual way by the Clerk.

Action – Clerk to process

14.2 Powys County Council – Principal Environmental Health Officer

Re: Dog Fouling at Churchstoke Recreation Field

Council received a reply to its representations of 3rd December indicating that Powys CC no longer employs dog wardens and dog fouling complaints and issues such as clean up, signage, advice to owners, and advice on enforcement, are dealt with by local environment teams. The reply also states that no information (by way of evidence) on offenders has been received. Noted.

14.3 Powys County Council – Strategic Director Finance & Infrastructure

Re: One Point of Contact for Town & Community Councils

Council received information and encouragement to use the Powys CC single point of contact for town & community councils on:

Email: shanet@powys.gov.uk

Telephone in office hours: 01597-826430

Council also received a reminder of contact details for local environment teams (ground works and the like) on:

Email: ncle@powys.gov.uk

Telephone: 01686-611580

Noted.

14.4 Welsh Government – Minister for Local Government and Communities

Re: Proposal to Alter the Date of Local Government Elections in Wales

Council received information that the Welsh Government is seeking views on proposals to move the date of local government elections from May 2016 to May 2017 in order to avoid clashes with next Parliamentary general election (May 2015) and the next National Assembly for Wales election (May 2016). Noted.

14.5 Glyn Davies, MP for Montgomeryshire

Re: Boundary Commission Proposals re Boundaries of Parliamentary Constituencies

Council received information drawing attention to the proposal to redraw parliamentary constituency boundaries which would involve the abolition of Montgomeryshire as a separate constituency, and an invitation to attend an informal meeting on the matter on Saturday 28th January, 6pm, and Welshpool Town Hall. Noted.

14.6 Various other correspondences listed and tabled:

- a) Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales: Final Report for 2012/13, setting out remuneration levels for elected members of County and Borough Councils, Fire and Rescue Authorities, and National Park Authorities. Noted.
- b) Montgomeryshire Family Crisis Centre: Annual Report 2010-11. Noted.
- c) Dyfed-Powys Police Authority: Notice of conclusion of audit of accounts for the year ended 31st March 2011. Noted.
- d) SP Energy Networks: Update on Stage One Consultation of the Mid Wales Connections Project (i.e. wind farm connection to national grid). Noted.

15.0 Chairman's Announcements & Date of Next Meeting

- a) Chairman: reported local interest in extending the provision of 'Flicks in the Sticks' to Hyssington Village Hall, and asked whether CCC would write to Powys CC in support. Members agreed to support the request.

Action – Clerk to process

- b) Chairman: reported that CCC now has a waiting list for its garden allotments following recent receipt of a 15th application. Noted.
- c) Chairman: requested that for administrative reasons the meeting for February to be moved by one day to Tuesday 28th February. Members agreed to the change of date.
- d) Cllr B A Rowley: reported that the dog waste bin at the recreation field no longer locks. Noted.
- e) Cllr B A Rowley: reported that rubbish and food has been dropped around the waste collection banks at Tuffins, creating a great deal of work for operatives cleaning the site. CCC expressed its continued and sincere appreciation to Tuffins for the work cleaning the site.

Next business meeting:

Full Council Tuesday 28th February 2012, 7:30 p.m. at Churchstoke.

Meeting ended –10.15 p.m.