

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

MINUTES of Meeting on Tuesday 22nd April 2003
 at Hyssington Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.

1.0 Attendance – Cllr D A Paterson (Chairman), Cllr Mrs B J Davies, Cllr M R K Davies, Cllr E Evans, Cllr G C Hamer, Cllr M J Jones, Cllr D H Latimer, Cllr Miss B Madeley, Cllr D G Page.

Apologies – Cllr Mrs S J Boundy, Cllr P Delves

2.0 Minutes of Meetings of

2.1 25th March 2003 at Churchstoke Community Hall were approved and signed as a correct record.

2.2 16th April 2003 at Churchstoke Community Hall were approved and signed as a correct record.

3.0 Matters Arising for Information from minutes of

3.1 25th March 2003 at Churchstoke Community Hall

3.1.1 (5.2) Young Peoples' Partnership Draft Strategy Consultation document

Cllr B J Davies reported that the questionnaire has been completed and returned.

3.2 16th April 2003 at Churchstoke Community Hall

None.

4.0 Planning Matters

4.1 Planning Appeals – notifications / report (if any) of Planning Inspectorate Appeals

The Clerk reported on notification of planning appeals decision as follows –

Plan Ref.	Appeal Ref	Site	Planning Inspectorate Decision
None	None		

4.2 Powys CC Site Inspection Panel – notifications / report (if any) of Site Inspection Panel

The Chairman reported on attendance at site inspection panel visits as follows –

Ref.	Site	Description	Date & time
None	None		

4.3 Powys CC Planning Committee 4th April 2003 – report

The Clerk reported formal notification from Powys CC as follows –

M20020702 – at land adj. Mellington Old School – full planning permission granted

M20030054 – at Little Bank, Mellington – application withdrawn

M20030092 – at Great Argoed, Mellington – application withdrawn

M20030097 – at Meadow Place, White Grit – full planning permission granted

M20030129 – at Tyddyn, Old Churchstoke – full planning permission granted

M20030154 – at Harry Tuffins, Churchstoke – full planning permission granted

M20030200 – at Bacheldre Farm, Bacheldre – outline planning permission granted

4.4 Planning Applications/Notices for PCC Planning Committee 2nd May 2003 including –

M20030324 – Cllr B J Davies declared a pecuniary interest and left the meeting for this item.

M20030391 – Cllr B J Davies declared a pecuniary interest and left the meeting for this item.

M20030392 – Cllr B J Davies declared a pecuniary interest and left the meeting for this item.

All applications – Cllr G C Hamer declared a non-pecuniary interest as a member of Powys Planning Authority and refrained from voting.

Council resolved ‘to comment on applications as follows’ –

S = support, O = object, N = note

Ref.	Applicant	Site	Description	rec.
<i>New Plans</i>				
M20030300	Mr & Mrs D Rogers, c/o Hogstow Hall, Minsterley	Todleth, Churchstoke	Conversion of barn to dwelling, installation of septic tank & alteration to vehicular access	S
M20030324	Harry Tuffins, c/o Roger Parry, Hogstow Hall, Minsterley	Harry Tuffin Supermarket, Churchstoke	Display of various illuminated & non-illuminated internal & external signs	N
M20030368	Ms Margaret Brazier, Oak Haven Cottage, Priest Weston	Land adj. Oak Haven Cottage, Priest Weston	Erection of dwelling (outline) & installation of septic tank	O*
M20030372	Mr A Godwin, Pentre View, Cwm Cae, Pentre	Land adj. Chapel Croft, Pentre	Erection of dwelling, installation of septic tank & vehicular access	**
M20030391	Mr P Delves, The View, Churchstoke	Land adj. The View, Churchstoke	Renewal of approval M20000641 – variation of condition No 2 to allow further 3 yrs for reserved matters	S
M20030392	Mr P Delves, The View, Churchstoke	Land adj. The View, Churchstoke	Renewal of approval M20000322 – variation of condition No 2 to allow further 3 yrs for reserved matters	S

***M20030368** – although Members had very considerable sympathy for the circumstances of the applicant, CCC objected to the application as there appeared to be no planning grounds to justify a new development in open countryside

****M20030372** – this application was received on the morning of the community council meeting (22nd April) so Members had no opportunity to review the plans and its local impact. In addition as this appeared to be new build in open countryside. In view of both of these factors, CCC formally asked that decision is deferred to allow the community council time to make a response at its next meeting 27th May.

Action – Clerk to process

5.0 Correspondence – to consider items of general correspondence

5.1 Richard Commission – Secretary to the Commission

Re – Consultation Public Meeting, Llandrindod Wells, 8th May

Consultation papers on the Richard Commission review of powers and electoral arrangements of the National Assembly for Wales, and invitation to attend the consultation public meeting at Metropole Hotel, Llandrindod Wells, Thursday 8th May, 7:00 pm.

Responses to the consultation welcomed by end June 2003. Noted.

5.2 Dyfed Powys Police Authority – Clerk to the Authority

Re – Policing Priorities 2003-2004

Notification of police priorities 2003-2004 as follows,

- Working with partners to reduce number of accidents resulting in death or serious injury by 5%, striking a balance between enforcement & education
- Work with partners to reduce levels of vandalism and anti-social behaviour
- Tackle alcohol and drug related crime & disorder, particularly targeting violent crime

Noted.

Also notification of next Montgomeryshire Community Consultative Meeting on Wednesday 1st October 2003, 6:30 pm at The Council Chamber, The Cross, Newtown.

Noted.

5.3 PATCC – County Secretary

Re – County Circular April 2003

Copy of the circular including,

- Establishment of ‘One Voice Wales’ to represent all Town & Community Councils in Wales with effect from 1st April 2004
- Annual Audit – invitation to submit feedback on the new audit regime
- Notice of next meetings and AGM.

Noted.

5.4 Various Materials tabled,

- Wales Association of Town & Community Councils – notice of rally at the National Assembly Saturday 31st May to highlight the plight of rural communities in respect of housing, economy and standard of life
- PAVO – information leaflets on Village of the Year 2003-04
- Association for Conservation of Energy – urging support for the Sustainable Energy Bill
- All Wales Transport Forum – invitation to seminar on ‘Travelling to & from schools in Wales’, Saturday 24th may 11 am to 4 pm

Noted.

6.0 Powys Community Strategy (Welshpool & District Local Forum) – report of 31st

March meeting

Cllr B J Davies and Cllr G C Hamer reported that they were unable to attend the 31st March meeting of the forum.

7.0 Powys Unitary Development Plan (UDP), Consultation Draft March 2003 – further consideration & response

Members gave further consideration & discussion to the Powys CC Draft UDP and resolved to make the following response,

‘Churchstoke Community Council supports the general tenor and proposals in the draft UDP, and makes the following specific points,

CHURCHSTOKE (designated KEY SETTLEMENT)

- *Affordable housing – CCC strongly supports a greater emphasis on the provision of affordable housing*
- *Infrastructure – given the likely increase in housing, CCC strongly supports an upgrade to sewerage system capacity*
- *Infrastructure – given the likely increase in housing, CCC would also like to include the need for good roadside pavements (especially along both sides of the A489)*
- *Village envelope – CCC would also like to include an additional area for housing allocation east of the recreation field*
- *Text erratum – the text should refer to Housing Allocation on land to the ‘West of Fir House’, not land to the ‘East of Fir House’.*

HYSSINGTON (designated RURAL SETTLEMENT)

- *CCC gives general support to the UDP proposals*
- *Text erratum – the text should refer to ‘Hyssington’, not to ‘Hirnant’.*

WHITE GRIT (designated SMALL VILLAGE)

- *Infrastructure – CCC strongly supports the need for a sewerage system before any housing development could be considered*
- *Infrastructure – CCC would also like to include efforts to re-route public transport services (which run on the parallel class ‘A’ road) through the village along Hillingdon Road, with necessary improvements to Hillingdon Road.’*

Action – Clerk to process

8.0 Items of Maintenance & Recreation Field

8.1 Recreation Field – to review proposals for ground treatment / improvement

Cllr E Evans declared an interest and left the meeting for this item.

Cllr M J Jones & Cllr D G Page reported on meeting the football club representatives to review Powys CC proposals and costs. Members agreed to approach a local contractor to carry out investigations for blocked drains using a small digger before making any more substantial commitment

Action – Cllr M J Jones
& Cllr D G Page

9.0 Green Grants Awards 2003 – to report on the start of 2003 awards round

The Clerk reported that the 2003 round of grants is in progress. Notices have been posted to notice boards and applications are invited by 31st May. The Green Grants Committee will meet to determine applications in June.

10.0 Playground Inspection 2003 – to report on results of 2003 inspections round

The Clerk stated the RoSPA report has not yet been received.

11.0 Cemetery Fees – triennial review of cemetery fees (from May 2003)

The Chairman reminded Members that cemetery fees are due for the triennial review and referred to the previously circulated briefing paper.

Members discussed the level of fees and resolved *‘that the basic burial and exclusive right fee be increased to £75.00, and other fees increased pro-rata’*.

Action – Clerk to process

12.0 BMX Cycle Facility – progress report

Cllr B J Davies reported that work is near complete. The ramps are in position and fencing has been undertaken as agreed. Concern was expressed at earth-mound pressure against the fence, and litter between the wire fence and the hedge. The Chairman reminded Members that the facility must be included in the RoSPA Inspections round.

The Chairman, on behalf of Council, thanked Cllr P Delves for his efforts in meeting the deadline of the school Easter holidays.

13.0 Car Park Resurfacing – report

The Clerk reported that Loan Sanction has still not been received from Welsh Assembly Government.

14.0 Financial Report**14.1 Financial Accounts & Audit 2001-2002** – to report on Completion of Audit

The Clerk reported that ‘Notice of Conclusion of Audit’ has been received from the auditors, and is to be displayed on notice boards.

Members accepted and approved the Annual Return and audit opinion and noted the recommendation of the auditor that CCC should appoint an independent internal auditor. The Clerk reported that this has already been done.

14.2 Items received since last meeting – report

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

Payer	Description	£
E R D Corfield & Sons	Cemetery burial fee (plot 349)	55.00
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Aquilla Networks plc	Pole rents	25.36
	Allotment rent (plot 3)	70.00
	Allotment rent (plot 2)	60.00
M E & A Hughes	Cemetery monument fee (plot 386)	55.00
Ch’stoke Bowling Club	Peppercorn rent 2003-2004	1.00

14.3 Items for payment this meeting – including as follows

Members resolved *‘to authorise items for payment as follows’*,

cheque	Payee	Description	£
184	Mrs B Rowley	Village steward Jan-Mar 2003	68.25
185	E J Humphreys	Council expenses Jan-Mar 2003	134.87
186	Powys County Council	Cemetery rates 2003-2004	112.20
187	HLB AV Audit plc	External audit of 2001-02 accounts	141.00
188	Mont. & Dist CAB	Donation 2003-2004	60.00
189	Mont. Family Crisis Centre	Donation 2003-2004	25.00
190	The Samaritans	Donation 2003-2004	25.00
191	Wybone Ltd	Dog waste bin	133.56
St.Ord	E J Humphreys	Clerk's salary Apr 2003	251.55

Action – Clerk to process

14.4 Consolidated balances at 22nd April 2003 after sweep, receipts & payments

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

	reserve account £	current account £
gross balances	23,697.86	48.57
Less ring-fenced funds	8,561.62	0.00
Net balances available	15,136.24	48.57

15.0 Powys County Council and Highways Reports

15.1 Highways report from Powys CC to CCC

The Clerk reported on a letter of acknowledgement from Powys CC regarding,

- Woodgate area (re-reported) – severe potholes
- Stone House Lane, Old Churchstoke (re-reported) – surface and pothole problems
- Llanerch Road – road edge erosion

15.2 Highways report from CCC to Powys CC

- Chairman – Llan Road C2009 – reported continued erosion of the road edges. Cllr G C Hamer reported that he has been unable to ascertain the implications of upgrade to B class, but will do so.

Action – Clerk to write

Action – Cllr G C Hamer

16.0 Chairman's Announcements & Date Next Meeting and AGM

- Cllr M J Jones – reported that the settlement signs at Pentre are now in place.

Next meeting & AGM – Tuesday 27th May 2003, 7:30 p.m. **at Churchstoke**

Meeting ended 9:35 p.m.