

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

**MINUTES of Meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2006**  
 at Hyssington Village Hall, at 7.30 p.m.

**1.0 Attendance, Apologies and Declarations of Members' Interests** – Cllr Mrs B J Davies (Chairman), Cllr G F Griffiths, Cllr M J Jones, Cllr Mrs P J Jones, Cllr D H Latimer, Cllr P A Rees, Cllr Mrs B A Rowley, Cllr Mrs A R Stephens

Apologies – Cllr D L Powell

The Chairman welcomed members of the public.

Declarations of Members' Interests: Members declared interests as follows,

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Agenda Number	Item	Councillor	Nature of Declaration
5.5	Planning applications	B J Davies	Personal Interest in M20060950
4.0	Village Green	M J Jones	Member of Powys CC Rights of Way Committee
5.5	Planning applications	M J Jones	Member of Powys CC Mont. Planning Committee (decision role)

**2.0 Minutes of Meetings** – to approve and sign the minutes of 25<sup>th</sup> October 2006 at Churchstoke Community Hall, as a correct record

The minutes of the business meeting 25<sup>th</sup> October 2006 were approved and signed as a correct record.

**3.0 Matters Arising from minutes for Information** – to report matters for information arising from minutes of 25<sup>th</sup> October 2006 at Churchstoke Community Hall

3.1 (3.1) Environmental concerns at White Grit

Cllr D H Latimer reported (as councillor closest to the location) on liaison with South Shropshire DC:

- a) There has been no abatement of disturbance (dog barking)
- b) Disturbances are being noted and collated onto log sheets as requested by South Shropshire DC
- c) Log sheets will be passed to the Clerk for investigation by South Shropshire DC.

Action – Cllr D H Latimer  
and Clerk to process

**4.0 Application for registration of Village Green in Churchstoke** – to report, and if sufficient information is available, to further resolve on progress with the applications

Declarations of Members' Interests: Members declared interests as follows,

- Cllr M J Jones, having earlier declared an interest as a member of the Powys CC Rights of Way Committee, refrained from discussion or voting.

The Clerk reported that copies of the single objection (together with applications and evidence forms) have been dispatched to solicitors for advice. A response is expected for the December meeting. Powys CC has acknowledged CCC's comments that a hearing in November would be impractical, and have rescheduled the hearing for 30<sup>th</sup> January 2007, at 11am, Neuadd Maldwyn Welshpool.

Cllr E Evans reported that the objector to the application at North Walk has approached him for discussions.

Action – for Dec agenda

## 5.0 Planning Matters

5.1 Powys CC Planning Liaison Meeting – to report on attendance at the autumn meeting, and discuss matters arising therefrom

The Chairman reported on attendance, with Cllr D L Powell, and the Clerk, at the Powys CC / Town & Community Councils Autumn Planning Liaison Meeting, on 21<sup>st</sup> November at Welshpool. Subjects discussed included,

- Update on UDP progress (for adoption end 2007) and the new LDP (for adoption 2012)
- New Planning Protocol and Public Speaking at Committee Meetings including:
  - o The three roles that a county councillor may declare at planning committee
  - o Site inspections (town and community councils will no longer participate)
  - o Speaking rights at planning committee
  - o Clerks are requested that they record the role declared by a county councillor who also sits on community council, and to indicate in the consultation responses whether the community council would wish to speak at committee

Action – Clerk to copy  
to Members

- Wind Energy Update (re. TAN8) including:
  - o Three areas identified for wind energy study in Powys
  - o Consultants are currently reporting on the results of the public consultation undertaken. This will include an environmental impact assessment and more refined definitions of large / medium / small developments
  - o The Community Investment Fund to recoup money from developers (£5,000 per MW capacity), which will be administered by Powys CC in liaison with community councils
- Flood Risk and Planning (re. TAN15) including:
  - o Acknowledgement that Environment Agency flood risk maps are known to be inaccurate and new mapping is taking place (for Spring 2007)
  - o Currently estimated that 12% of homes may be at risk of flooding
  - o There will be a general direction away from development in flood risk areas, and that in class C2 flood areas it is unlikely there will be any highly vulnerable developments (inc. housing)
- Question and Answer session
- Affordable Housing was deferred due to time constraints

5.2 Planning Appeals – notifications/reports (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	None	None

### 5.3 Powys CC Site Inspection Panel – notifications/reports (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	None	None

### 5.4 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
M20060861	Snowdrop Cottage, White Grit	Full planning permission granted
M20060892	Snowdrop Cottage, White Grit	Full planning permission granted

### 5.5 Planning Specific Correspondence – to receive correspondence (if any)

Re – Affordable Housing Solutions

The Clerk reported on a reply from Powys CC to CCC's letter regarding affordable housing solutions being devised by South Shropshire DC. Powys CC states that it is aware of the well-presented document and the initiatives, and will be collaborating and exchanging ideas with South Shropshire DC. Noted.

### 5.6 Planning Applications/Notices – to receive and resolve responses to consultations by Powys CC including –

Declarations of Members' Interests: Members declared interests as follows,

- M20060950 – Cllr B J Davies, having earlier declared a personal interest, left the meeting for this item.
- All applications – Cllr M J Jones, having earlier declared an interest as a member of Powys CC Montgomeryshire Planning Authority (decision role), refrained from discussion or voting.

RESOLVED 'to respond to consultation on applications as follows' –

S = support, O = object, N = note,

Ref.	Applicant	Site	Description	rec.
<i>New Plans</i>				
M20060950	Mr K Whittel, Corndon View, White Grit	Chapel Field, White Grit	Construction of vehicular access	S
M20060994	Ms C Moss, Todleth View, Churchstoke	Todleth View, Churchstoke	Two storey and single storey extension at Todleth View	S
M20061039	Santipanya Buddhist Trust, c/o 14 Durnam Close, Flitwick, Beds.	West Croft, White Grit	Change of use from dwelling to religious training place and monks' residence	S

Action – Clerk to process

### 5.7 Planning Enforcement – to report on planning enforcement matters within the community

The Chairman invited Members to bring forward planning enforcement matters for discussion. Members discussed enforcement matters and resolved as follows –

Ref.	Site	Description
None	None	None

**6.0 One Voice Wales / Society of Local Council Clerks, Guidance Notes** – to receive reports of area meetings/guidance notes/correspondence

6.1 OVW

Cllr P A Rees reported that the next meeting of OVW is scheduled for January 2007.

6.2 SLCC – Branch Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> November 2007

The Clerk reported on attendance at the SLCC Powys Branch meeting 4<sup>th</sup> November at Llandrindod Wells. The guest presenter was Bethan Osbourne (HR advisor to SLCC) giving advice on formalisation of Pay, Conditions, and Contracts for Clerks. Members were reminded of their decision in September 2005 to ‘address the matter in due course’, and in view of the fact that a revised model contract is being issued in January, that perhaps this would be a timely opportunity.

Action – for January 2007

**7.0 Consultation on Annual Policing Plan 2007-2008** – to receive and resolve a response to consultation by the Dyfed Powys Police Authority on CCC’s view as to suitable local policing priorities (letter previously circulated)

The Clerk reported on notification that the authority is now setting out the annual policing plan for 2007-2008 and is inviting CCC to submit its top priorities as local objectives for inclusion. Replies requested by 24<sup>th</sup> November.

RESOLVED ‘*CCC wishes to request local policing priorities as follows:*

- a) *To maintain a visible presence and profile in the local community*
- b) *To set up dedicated contact numbers direct to local police stations (e.g. telephone or fax) for use by community councils*
- c) *To consider making use of community support officers as a way of addressing police matters local and in the community’.*

Action – Clerk to process

**8.0 Consultation on Core Strategy & Mineral Resources Development Plan** – to resolve a response to the South Shropshire DC consultation documents

The Clerk reminded Members of the public consultation 27<sup>th</sup> Oct to 8<sup>th</sup> Dec 2006 and of the documents received at October meeting.

Cllr D H Latimer reported that from the standpoint of White Grit that he did not consider a CCC response to be necessary and agreed to forward the documents to Cllr A R Stephens.

Members noted that the public consultation is open until 8<sup>th</sup> December and that individual responses may also be made in a private capacity. The documents and response forms are available on the internet at [www.shropshire.gov.uk/planning.nsf](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/planning.nsf). Printed copies can be requested by telephone (01743-252510), or by email ([sustainability@shropshire-cc.gov.uk](mailto:sustainability@shropshire-cc.gov.uk)).

**9.0 Welsh Language Act 1993 – Welsh Language Scheme** – to receive notification from the Welsh Language Board regarding preparation of a Welsh Language Scheme, and to receive a model scheme (letter previously circulated)

The Clerk reported on the reminder by the Welsh Language Board that a Welsh Language Schemes needs to be prepared for approval by the Board by 16<sup>th</sup> February 2007, along with a timetable for its implementation. The Board has prepared model schemes, which may be adopted (although councils may devise their own), and gives notice of a meeting with Powys Town & Community Councils on 6<sup>th</sup> December at Carno Village Hall to explain the work.

Members noted that even adopting the lightest touch of the three model schemes available, there could be a very significant draw on council resources and practical arrangements. The Chairman urged as any Members as possible to attend the meeting at Carno so that they are aware of the implications of the legal obligations, and have the opportunity to submit comments and questions to the Board

Action – Chairman,  
Members & Clerk to attend

**10.0 Enquiries concerning The Cwm 1987-1994** – to receive the Clerk’s report for information (previously circulated)

The Clerk reported for information on enquiries made by a member of the public into matters concerning the Cwm 1987-1994. Members received the report, and thanked the Clerk for undertaking the considerable work in answering the enquiries and preparing the report.

**11.0 BMX Area** – to receive status report

The Chairman and Cllr P A Rees reported that work at the site is likely to pause during the dark evening but that interest continues amongst the group. The Clerk reminded Members that the group needs to be mindful of the next round of RoSPA inspections will be due in March 2007.

**12.0 Dates of Meetings** – to resolve on proposed dates of meetings for 2007 (previously circulated)

The Clerk presented the proposed dates for CCC meetings in 2007.

RESOLVED ‘*to set the dates for 2007 as presented (the dates to be set out in the appendix to these minutes)*’.

Action – Clerk to process

### **13.0 Financial Report**

13.1 Financial Year 2007-2008 – to receive appeals for financial assistance

The Clerk reported on financial appeals received during the year as follows,

- Bobarth Children’s Therapy Centre Wales
- Childline Cymru
- Hope Hose Children’s Hospice
- Marie Curie Cancer Care
- National Eisteddfod of Wales 2007 (Flintshire and District)
- Powys Citizens Advice Bureau
- Severn Hospice

- Urdd Gobaith Cymru Eisteddfod 2007 (Carmarthenshire)
- Wales Air Ambulance
- WRVS

Noted.

13.2 Items received since last meeting – to report.

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

Payer	Description	£
E R D Corfield & Sons	Burial & Excl. Right of Burial fees (plot 268)	200.00

13.3 Items for payment this meeting – to authorise items for payment, including as follows,

cheque	Payee	Description	£
370	S Hockly	Notice board Cross Likey	255.00
371	Severn Waste Disposal	Emptying soak-away chambers	115.15
372	GF & M Astley Landscapes	Grounds maintenance 2006-07	3,977.37
373	Severn Media Group	Web site hosting Oct 2006-2007	99.88
374	Royal British Legion	Poppy Appeal 2006	25.00
St.Ord	E J Humphreys	Clerk's salary Nov 2006	324.06

Action – Clerk to process

13.4 Consolidated balances at 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov 2006 after sweep, receipts & payments – to report

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

Item	Reserve account £	Current account £
Gross balances	19,334.91	1,000.00
Less ring-fenced funds	3,750.38	0.00
Net balances available	15,584.53	1,000.00

## 14.0 Highways Reports

14.1 Highways report from Powys/Shropshire CC to CCC – to report

The Clerk reported on replies/correspondence from Powys CC/Shropshire CC

- a) None.

14.2 Highways report from CCC to Powys CC – to report

- a) Cllr A R Stephens – Todleth Road near entrance to Stone House lane – pothole in carriageway.
- b) Cllr B A Rowley – Cae Camlad – potholes reappearing despite earlier repair work.
- c) Chairman – north of Church Lane Hyssington (on C2056) – ash and debris on the carriageway from a burnt out car.

Action – Clerk to process

**15.0 County Council Matters**– to receive and discuss other general Powys CC, Shropshire CC, and South Shropshire DC matters

Cllr M J Jones reported:

- a) Powys – cuts in senior posts. Several posts are being cut to make financial savings at the level of directors, and heads of functions. Senior manager posts may also be at risk, and all services are likely to be affected.
- b) Shropshire – members noted that moves towards a unitary authority are being discussed.

**16.0 Correspondence** – to receive other items of general correspondence.

## 16.1 Powys CC – Executive Director of Policy, Regeneration &amp; the Environment

Re – Draft Communications Strategy for Powys

Copy of the draft strategy for Powys with responses welcomed by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December.

Members noted the importance of good communications with the county council. Passed to Chairman.

Action – for Dec agenda

## 16.2 Powys CC – Principal Community Regeneration Officer

Re – Wales Spatial Plan Key Settlement Study

Survey questionnaire to assist the ‘key settlement study’ being undertaken by Welsh Assembly Government consultants. The survey supplements the information gathered at recent local community forum events, and attempts to identify services, facilities, gaps and opportunities. Responses welcomed by 10<sup>th</sup> November. Due to the very short timetable (acknowledged by Powys CC) the Chairman and Clerk have responded concentrating on the gaps in provision of public transport and affordable housing. Noted.

## 16.3 Glyn Davies AM

Re – Reorganisation of Hospital Services in Shropshire

Notice of the evening meeting 10<sup>th</sup> November, 6pm, Corn Exchange, Welshpool to discuss reorganisation of hospital services in Shropshire, including the move of inpatient Urology Services from Shrewsbury to Telford, and the difficult relationship between Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt NHS Hospital Trust and PLHB. Mr Davies also informs of his follow up campaign regarding arrangements in Shropshire, and concerns at the delay in development of a 6-satellite renal dialysis unit at Welshpool. Noted.

## 16.4 Various other correspondences, tabled

- a) PAVO – notice of AGM 30<sup>th</sup> November, 10:15am-3.15pm, The Pavilion, Llandrindod Wells. Keynote speaker will be Sue Essex AM, Welsh Assembly Government Minister for Finance, Local Government and Public Services. Noted.
- b) Countryside Alliance – material on campaign to retain local post offices. Noted.

**17.0 Chairman’s Announcements & date of next meeting**

- a) Cllr M J Jones and Chairman – reported low flying model aircraft at Lower Lane, Alport, and on Churchstoke recreation field at busy times. Members were concerned at the risk of accident  
Action – for Dec agenda
- b) Chairman – reported safety concerns regarding the ‘Goldstar Taxi’ bus turning near the Old Post Officer creating difficulties for pedestrians and vehicles  
Action – Clerk to write
- c) Chairman – reported that the new dog waste bins are in place
- d) Chairman – reported that the pottery car park is to be resurfaced by Powys CC
- e) Cllr B A Rowley – commented that the tree pruning at the recreation field was a great improvement

Next meeting – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2006, 7:30 p.m. at Churchstoke

Meeting ended 9:25 p.m.

*Appendix to Minutes of meeting of CCC on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2006*

### **Dates of Community Council Meetings for 2007**

Meetings are normally scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m.

<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Wed	24/01/2007	at Churchstoke
Wed	21/02/2007	at Churchstoke
Wed	28/03/2007	at Churchstoke
Wed	25/04/2007	at Hyssington
Wed	23/05/2007	at Churchstoke. Plus AGM
Wed	27/06/2007	at Churchstoke
Wed	25/07/2007	at Hyssington
Wed	29/08/2007	at Churchstoke. Planning Meeting only
Wed	26/09/2007	at Churchstoke
Wed	24/10/2007	at Churchstoke
Wed	28/11/2007	at Hyssington
Wed	19/12/2007	at Churchstoke

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