

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

MINUTES of Meeting on Wednesday 23rd February 2005
 at Churchstoke Community Hall, 7.30 p.m.

1.0 Attendance – Cllr Mrs B J Davies (Chairman), Cllr G F Griffiths, Cllr M J Jones, Cllr D A Paterson, Cllr D L Powell, Cllr Mrs B A Rowley, Cllr Mrs A R Stephens.

Apologies – Cllr E Evans (Vice-chairman), Mrs P J Jones

The Chairman welcomed members of the public.

2.0 Minutes of Meetings – to approve and sign the minutes of 26th January 2005 at Churchstoke Community Hall, as a correct record.

The minutes of the meeting of 26th January 2005 were approved and signed as a correct record.

3.0 Matters Arising for Information – to report matters for information from minutes of 26th January 2005 at Churchstoke Community Hall.

3.1 (3.1.1) Application for Public Entertainment Licence

Cllr D A Paterson reported that, after lengthy delays at Powys CC, Hyssington Village Hall now has a Public Entertainment Licence

4.0 Planning Matters

4.1 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		

4.2 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
M20041098	Part of plot 6591, Land near Glebe Farm, Old Churchstoke	Erection of local needs dwelling, with new vehicular access & installation of sewerage treatment plant	Wednesday 16 th February 2005, at 10:00am

The Chairman reported on attendance by Cllr P J Jones at the site visit. The site visit panel recommended support conditional on amendments to the design.

4.3 Powys CC Planning Service Decisions – to report recent Powys CC planning decisions

The Clerk reported formal notification of planning decisions by Powys CC as follows –

Ref.	Site	Powys CC Planning Decision
M20041131	Great Argoed, Mellington	Full planning permission granted
M20041263	Oak Haven Cottage, Priest Weston	Full planning permission granted
M20041265	Acorn Workshops, Snead	Full planning permission granted
M20041294	Harry Tuffins Supermarket, Ch' stoke	Full planning permission granted

M20041283	Dolfelyn, Pentre	Full planning permission granted
M20041338	Three Ashes, Old Churchstoke	Full planning permission granted

4.4 Planning Specific Correspondence – to receive and resolve on correspondence (if any)

The Clerk reported on correspondence relating to planning matters as follows –

Ref.	Site	Description
None	None	

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

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

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

Ref.	Applicant	Site	Description	rec.
<i>New Plans</i>				
M20050061	Mr & Mrs S M O'Donnell, Three Ashes, Old Churchstoke	Three Ashes, Old Churchstoke	Construction of ménage, and change of use to equine riding arena	S*
M20050104	Mr & Mrs Swanson, The Pentre, Pentre	Barns at The Pentre, Pentre	Conversion of 1 barn to residential accommodation, & conversion of 1 barn to staff residential accommodation, storage & tack room, with installation of sewerage treatment plant	S
M20050122	Mr E E Davies, Lower Weeg Farm, Dolfor	Barn adj. Ivy House, Churchstoke	Conversion of barn to dwelling (detail reserved matters), installation of septic tank & construction of vehicular access	S

***M20050122** – CCC supported the application providing that (and especially in view of the Rounton National Nature Reserve)

- ♦ there are satisfactory drainage arrangements to nearby natural water courses
- ♦ the rubber drainage layers are environmentally acceptable

Action – Clerk to process

5.0 Correspondence – to receive items of general correspondence

5.1 Powys County Council – Community Services, Development Manager

Re – Strategy for Older People in Powys event.

Invitation to attend an event as part of the Age 50+ Strategy for Older People in Powys, on 10th March, 10:30-15:30, at the Metropole Hotel, Llandrindod Wells. Noted.

5.2 Powys County Council – Head of Legal, Scrutiny & Democratic Services

Re – Spring Liaison meeting 2005

Invitation for up to 3 representatives and Clerk to attend the Spring Liaison Meeting, Wednesday 9th March, 7:00pm, at Neuadd Maldwyn, Welshpool.

The agenda will include, Communication between Powys CC and Town & Community Councils, Training, an update on Freedom of Information, and Retention of Records.

Action – Chairman,
Cllr D A Paterson
& Clerk to attend

5.3 Powys County Council – Head of Legal, Scrutiny & Democratic Services

Re – Training for Clerks on Members’ Code of Conduct

At the request of several Town & Community Councils, an invitation for Clerks to attend a training session on the Members’ Code of Conduct, on Wednesday 2nd March, 7:00pm, at Neuadd Maldwyn, Welshpool.

Action – Clerk to attend

5.4 Welsh Assembly Government – Local Government Finance Division

Re – Appropriate Sum under S137 of Local Government Act 1972

Notification that the Appropriate Sum for financial year 2005-06 is increased in line with formula, by 3.1% from £5.14 to £5.30 per local government elector. Noted.

5.5 Welsh Assembly Government – Local Government Modernisation Division

Re – Account & Audit Regulations

Notification that the WAG will debate the regulations on 28th February, but it remains the intention that the regulations will come into force 1st April 2005, applying to accounts for 2005-2006 and beyond. Noted.

5.5 Welsh Assembly Government – Local Government Modernisation Division

Re – Statutory Rights on Consultation for Community & Town Councils in Wales

Notification that WAG is reviewing topics on which to consult with Town & Community Councils have a statutory right to be consulted. This as a result of the University of Wales study into the ‘Role, Functions and Future Potential of Town & Community Councils in Wales’. WAG requests a list of topics on which CCC was consulted in last two years and invites a list of other subjects on which CCC would have wished to have been consulted. Responses welcomed by 4th May 2005.

Action – Members to consider
& for April agenda
Action – Clerk to research
& reply in due course

5.6 Welsh Assembly Government – Local Government Modernisation division

Re – Loan Sanctions 2005-2006 for Town & Community Council Borrowing

Notification of loan sanctions for borrowing, and that applications must be made by 11th March 2005. Noted.

5.7 Welsh Assembly Government – Committee Clerk, Mid-Wales Regional Committee

Re – Next meeting Mid-Wales Regional Committee

Notice of next meeting of the committee, Friday 4th March 2005, Memorial Hall, Penrhyndeudraeth, Gwynedd, Cardigan, 10:00am-12:30pm. Focusing on ‘development of tourism in Mid Wales’. Noted.

5.8 Dyfed Powys Crime Prevention Trust – Chief Constable

Re – Bobby Van Scheme Annual Report 2003-2004
Copy of the Annual Report. Noted.

5.9 Hyder Consulting UK Ltd

Re – Powys CC Bus and Bus Stop Infrastructure Survey
Notice that Powys CC has appointed Hyder Consultant to undertake a Bus Stop Infrastructure Survey including, survey of bus stops infrastructure, registrations of bus service operators, and home to school transport. Noted.

5.10 Various other correspondence

- a) Transborder Crafts – invitation to a launch event 10th March 2005. Tabled.
- b) Red Nose day – notice of the next fund raising day 11th March 2005. Tabled.

6.0 One Voice Wales, Guidance Notes – to receive guidance notes/correspondence on,

6.1 Funding of OVW by Welsh Assembly Government for OVW

Appeal to Town & Community Council members of OVW to lobby local National Assembly Members to request support in securing funding promised but not yet released.
Action – Clerk to write to AMs

6.2 Freedom of Information Act and the affect on community councils – half-day seminars

Invitation to participate in OVW seminars on Freedom of Information Act the issues affecting Town & Community Councils, at £45.00 per delegates. The Clerk recommended participation, and reported that training funds were available in this year's budget.
Action – Clerk to attend

6.3 Constitution and Standing Orders as adopted at the AGM 23rd Oct. 2004

Copy of the Constitution and Standing Orders as adopted. Noted.

7.0 Application for Public Entertainment Licences – to receive and resolve a response to consultation by Powys CC on application at Churchstoke Community Hall.

The Clerk reported that consultation by Powys CC has not yet been received.
Action – for March agenda

8.0 Community Plan – to receive progress report from working group

The Clerk reported for the working party reported on its first meeting and initial progress. The Clerk has contacted One Voice Wales and other nearby councils for advice and examples. Members noted that the issue is wide-ranging and is likely to be take some time to bring to fruition.

Action – for working party

9.0 Churchstoke Recreation Field, Guidelines for Usage – to receive progress report from working group

The working party is yet to meet. The Clerk has contacted One Voice Wales and other nearby councils for advice and examples.

Action – for working party

10.0 Items of Maintenance

10.1 Recreation Field aeration – to receive quotation for aeration treatment 2005-2006

The Clerk reported on a quotation from Powys CC for aeration treatment of the recreation field at £63.72 per session. Cllr D L Powell reported that the field was in good condition for football, following the mole-ploughing, but that rolling would improve it further.

RESOLVED *'to continue with the usual aeration treatment programme as quoted separately by Powys CC (4 sessions at £63.72 per session)'.*

Action – Clerk to process

RESOLVED *'that following the successful mole-ploughing, to permit the football club to undertake rolling of the football pitch'.*

10.2 Grass-cutting & Grounds Maintenance – to invite tenders for contract 2005-2006

The Clerk reminded Members that the grass cutting and grounds maintenance tenders will be due, and the contract awarded, at the March meeting. Notices of Tender will be posted to web site and distributed for notice boards. It was agreed to directly notify those who tendered last year.

Action – Clerk to process
& for March agenda

11.0 Financial Report

11.1 Financial Year 2003-2004 – to report completion of annual audit

The Clerk reported that 'Notice of Conclusion of Audit' has been received from the auditors, and will be displayed on notice boards along with the Annual Return.

RESOLVED *'that CCC accepts and approves the Annual Return and audit opinion, and notes the recommendations of the auditor'.*

The Chairman thanked the Clerk for successfully preparing and taking the accounts through the audit.

11.1 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	Cemetery ashes fees (plot 233B)	114.00
M E & A Hughes	Cemetery memorial monument fee (plot 233B)	38.00
Powys County Council	Re-cycling site proceeds Oct-Dec 2004 (Qtr 3)	754.98

11.2 Items for payment this meeting – to authorise items for payment, including as follows, Members RESOLVED *'to authorise items for payment as follows'*,

cheque	Payee	Description	£
279	Churchstoke Recr'n Assoc.	Room hire Oct-Dec 2005 & affil'n	24.00
280	Powys County Council	Playground inspection (x2)	117.50
281	HLB AV Audit	External Audit 2003-2004 accounts	293.75
St.Ord	E J Humphreys	Clerk's salary February 2005	305.73

Action – Clerk to process

11.3 Consolidated balances at 23rd Feb. 2005 after sweep, receipts & payments – to report

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

	Reserve account £	Current account £

Gross balances	15,323.61	1,014.00
Less ring-fenced funds	3,545.44	0.00
Net balances available	11,778.17	1,014.00

12.0 Powys County Council and Highways Reports

12.1 Highways report from Powys CC to CCC – to report items from Powys CC

The Clerk reported on acknowledgement/response from Powys CC regarding,

- a) Cae Camlad – street lights out of action opposite the playground and a need to check/clarification the boundary of the highway at that same spot, as there appears to be encroachment onto the highway by new development. Members noted that lighting is now in place
- b) C2009 Llanerch to Ivy House – breakdown of the edge of carriageway, resulting risk of damage to vehicles and especially a danger to cyclists/motorcyclists. Cllr D A Paterson reported that repair work has been done
- c) Sunnybank to Whym road (at junction of Pentrecwm and Banks Head bridleway) – evidence of fly-tipping

12.2 Highways report from CCC to Powys CC – to report items to Powys CC

- a) Cllr B A Rowley – reported trees on North Walk need tidying and debris taking away
- b) Cllr D L Powell & Cllr A R Stephens – reported felling of the Horse Chestnut tree on Hall Bank adjacent to entrance to Maes Chwarae. Members agreed to enquire from Powys CC Planning Office if felling permission was needed or had been granted
Action – Clerk to write to PCC

13.0 Chairman's Announcements & Dates of next meetings

- a) Cllr G Griffiths & Cllr D A Paterson – reported that BMX site improvement work is complete as per specification, and complemented the contractor on the standard of work.

Next meeting –

Wednesday 23rd March 2005, 7:30 p.m. at Churchstoke

Meeting ended 8:35 p.m.