

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

MINUTES of Meeting on 23rd April 2008
 at Hyssington Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

1.0 Attendance, Apologies and Declarations of Members' Interests

Attendance: Cllr E Evans (Chairman), Cllr Mrs B J Davies, Cllr M J Jones, Cllr D H Latimer, Cllr D A Paterson, Cllr D L Powell, Cllr Mrs B A Rowley, Cllr Mrs A R Stephens.

The Chairman welcomed members of the public.

Apologies: Cllr G F Griffiths.

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

Agenda Number	Item	Councillor	Nature of Declaration
4.5	Planning Applications/Notices	M J Jones	Member of Powys CC Planning C'ttee (decision role)

2.0 Minutes of Meetings – to approve and sign the minutes of 26th March 2008 at Churchstoke Community Hall, as a correct record.

The minutes of the meeting 26th March 2008 were approved and signed as a correct record with two amendments:

2.1 (4.2). Llanbadarn Fynydd Wind Farm Application: as CCC wished to make no comment there was no action for the Clerk to process.

2.2 (4.5) Planning Applications/Notices: Cllr D H Latimer declared an interest in item P20080261 (not P20080561).

3.0 Matters Arising from minutes for Information – to report matters for information arising from minutes of 26th March 2008 at Churchstoke Community Hall.

3.1 (3.3) Seat on the Village Green

The Clerk reported that Powys CC Commons Registration has stated that as the seat is provided for the better enjoyment of the green by inhabitants it can see no reason why the seat cannot be installed.

Action – Clerk to process

3.2 (7.0) Hyssington Notice Board

The Clerk reported that CCC is awaiting quotation for a new notice board from a local supplier, and that the Hyssington Methodists Chapel has no objections to placing the new notice board at the current site.

3.3 (14.0) Powys CC – Churchstoke CP School

The Clerk reported that Powys CC has acknowledged CCC's comments re admissions, capacity, and budget pressures, and that it will respond more fully as soon as possible.

4.0 Planning Matters

4.1 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
M20071006	Weston Hill, Montgomery	Full planning permission granted
P20080106	Jacobs barn, White Grit	Full planning permission refused
P20080261	The Hollies, White Grit	Full planning permission granted

4.2 Planning Specific Correspondence – to receive correspondence (if any)

None.

4.3 Spring Planning Liaison Meeting – to determine attendees to the meeting

The Chairman reminded Members that representatives are invited to attend the Spring Planning Liaison Meeting on Wednesday 30th April, 6.30pm for 7.00pm start, at Neuadd Maldwyn, Welshpool.

Action – Cllr B J Davies &
Cllr B A Rowley to attend

4.4 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			

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

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

- All applications – Cllr M J Jones, having earlier declared an interest as a member of Powys CC Planning Authority (decision role), refrained from discussion or voting.

RESOLVED: 'CCC responds to consultation on applications as follows':

Ref.	Applicant	Site	Description	rec.
<i>New Applications</i>				
P20080420	A C Norton, The Coppice, Hall Bank	Land adj. Water Lilly Cottage, Churchstoke	Reserved matters for siting appearance, design, access & landscaping for erection of a local needs dwelling	S
P20080472	Mr T W Jones, Ty Derw, Montgomery	Land at Ty Derw, Montgomery	Erection of a wind turbine	S*
P20080533	Mr & Mrs J Bebb, The Bungalow, Weston Rd., White Grit	The Bungalow, Weston Rd., White Grit	Erection of conservatory & new pitched roof over existing garage incorporating a room in roof	S

***P20080472** – CCC supported the application, but reminded Powys CC that the property will be transferred to Montgomery community with effect from 1st May, and suggested that planning officers seek the views of Montgomery Town Council

Action – Clerk to process

4.6 Planning Enforcement Appeals – notifications/reports (if any) of Planning Inspectorate Enforcement Appeals.

Ref.	Site	Description
None		

4.7 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 as follows –

Ref.	Site	Description
None	Maes Neuadd	Cllr B A Rowley reported that Maes Neuadd development area remains in poor condition. CCC agreed to bring this to the attention of the planning office.

Action – Clerk to process

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

- a) Maldwyn Committee 9th April 2008, Churchstoke Community Hall
The Clerk reported on attendance with Cllrs B J Davies, M J Jones, D H Latimer, and B A Rowley and highlighted matters:
- Presentation by guest speaker from Age Concern Montgomeryshire
 - East-West transport links – support for improvements to the links is to be a formal motion to the AGM
 - Powys Community Strategy Review – consensus that the matter appears to be drifting, and an invitation is to be made for Powys CC Officer to attend the next meeting
 - Cross Border liaison – meeting arranged for 9th June in Knighton
 - Post Office Network changes – agreed to oppose any closures
 - Powys CC LDP – there appears to be a delay by 1 month to the Powys timetable. Powys intends to consult Town and Community Councils from beginning of June
 - Ambulance Service – concern expressed at the number of current vacancies in the service
 - Calor Gas Village of the Year – encouragement for member councils to participate
 - Training of Town and Community Councils – planned to ‘go-live’ from 1st May
 - Next Meeting AGM – on 10th July at Abermule Community Centre.

CCC expressed thanks to Mrs Annette Evans who provided light refreshments for the visitors.

6.0 Consultation by Welsh Assembly Government: Fire & Rescue National Framework for Wales 2008-2011 – to resolve a response, if desired, to the consultation

The Chairman reminded Members of the consultation, with responses welcomed by 20th June. Passed to Cllr B J Davies.

Action – for May agenda

7.0 Dyfed Powys Police PACT – to receive report of meeting 2nd April 2008 (Cllr B A Rowley).

Cllr B A Rowley reported on attendance at the PACT meeting, and highlighted matters:

- Attendees – approx. 13, but only 1 from Churchstoke

- The meeting received a demonstration of burglar alarms for domestic households
- Promotion for the Bobby Van Scheme to help elderly people with safety in the home
- Tuffins Zebra Crossing – reported to the PACT meeting that warnings have been issued to drivers of vehicles not stopping for pedestrians on the crossing
- Speeding traffic – police will continue monitoring and issue warnings where appropriate
- Next meeting – to be held in Churchstoke (date to be arranged)

CCC wished to remind the public of the communications centre telephone number:

0845-300-2000

8.0 Tennis Club Wall – to receive progress report (Cllr B J Davies).

Cllr B J Davies reported on further investigation as to responsibility for the wall and clarification from the Charity Commission as to the relative position of Churchstoke Recreation Association and CCC

- Tennis club land belongs to Churchstoke Recreation Association
- A local contractor will provide interim repairs to loose walling, and provide a quotation for demolishing a section of the wall
- Churchstoke village hall is governed by the Charity Commission Scheme and CCC is defined as a trustee of the Village Hall (property only). Administration of the hall is undertaken by CRA
- The land on which the hall sits is owned by Powys CC to which CRA pays annual rent
- The hall is under ‘1st refusal’ to Powys CC, with 25% of proceeds due to CRA

Members agreed the conclusion being that the Tennis Club Wall is not a matter for CCC. The Chairman thanked Cllr B J Davies for the considerable work with investigations.

9.0. Elections 1st May 2008 – to receive notice of Statement of Persons Nominated and other election information.

The Clerk reported on the results of uncontested elections as follows:

Ward	Elected unopposed
Churchstoke	B J Davies
Churchstoke	D L Powell
Churchstoke	B A Rowley
Churchstoke	A R Stephens
Hyssington	D H Payne

The clerk reminded Members that the existing Councillors will retire and new Councillors will take office on 6th May, and that the new council can fill the 7 vacancies by co-option. The co-option process can be started at the first meeting following the new council taking office (the AGM), where nominations will be sought.

The Clerk also reported that Powys CC has not made the boundary changes at Weston Road, White Grit, and that it will address the matter after the elections.

10.0. Playground – to receive the report from the 2008 inspection.

The Clerk reported on the results of the 2008 RoSPA safety inspections of 11th February, and highlighted items of low, medium, high risk.

Cae Camlad playground – in general, items are low risk but two medium-high risks are identified with recommendations.

RESOLVED *‘To requisition repairs at Cae Camlad playground as appropriate, with reference to the inspection results’.*

Action – Clerk to process

11.0 Future Projects:

11.1 Garden Allotments – to receive status report.

Cllr A R Stephens and the Clerk reported that notices have been posted to all notice boards and to the website to publicise CCC’s consideration of allotments, and inviting constructive feedback from the public, but that to date there has been no responses from members of the public.

11.2 Other projects – to further receive and discuss Members’ ideas and views.

- a) Cross Likey Green Space – the Clerk reported that Powys CC has confirmed that the green space is owned by Powys CC and invites CCC to put forward proposals to the housing section.
- b) Affordable Homes Scheme
 - (i) Re-zoning – the Clerk reported that Powys CC has confirmed that re-zoning of land use is unlikely to be supported under the current UPD. It also states that in the long term the development of the LDP will be the opportunity to look afresh at land allocations when the process begins in June this year. In the shorter-term existing policies HP8 (linked to HP7 and HP10) can be used as exceptions policy for affordable housing.
 - (ii) Ownership – The Clerk stated that enquiries have been made with the Land Registry and CCC is awaiting reply
- c) Village Green – Cllr B J Davies suggested that CCC might also consider registration of Village Green at Hyssington. CCC agreed to enquire with Land Registry as to ownership

Action – Clerk to process

12.0 Green Grants 2008 – to invite applications.

The Clerk reported that the 2008 round of Green Grants Awards will now begin, with applications to be submitted to the Clerk by 31st May. Notices have been posted to all notice boards and to website. Applications forms are available on request from the Clerk, or can be downloaded from the website at www.churchstoke.org

13.0 Financial Report:

13.1 Items received since last meeting – to report.

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

Payer	Description	£
Nat West Bank	Gross Interest Jan-Mar 2008	173.02
G Griffiths	Allotment No.4 rent 2008-2009	70.00

K J Llewellyn	Allotment No.1 rent 2008-2009	60.00
B P H Llewellyn	Allotment No.2 rent 2008-2009	60.00

13.2 Items for payment this meeting – to authorise items for payment, including as follows,
RESOLVED ‘CCC authorises payments as follows’:

cheque	Payee	Description	£ inc. vat
436	Churchstoke Recr. Assoc.	Rm hire Sep’07-Jan’08 & affil’08	44.65
437	Mrs B A Rowley	Village Steward Jan-Mar 2008	98.98
438	E J Humphreys	Admin. expenses Jan-Mar 2008	172.88
439	Powys County Council	Cemetery Rates 2008-2009	256.30
440	One Voice Wales	Subscription 2008-2009	165.00
441	NALC	Subscription for LCR 2008-2009	13.50
442	Powys CAB	Donation 2008-2009	60.00
443	Mont. Family Crisis Centre	Donation 2008-2009	25.00
444	The Samaritans	Donation 2008-2009	25.00
St.Ord	E J Humphreys	Clerk’s salary Apr 2008	373.58

Action – Clerk to process

13.3 Consolidated balances at 23rd Apr 2008 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	21,081.57	500.00
Less ring-fenced funds	6,316.13	0.00
Net balances available	14,765.44	500.00

14.0 Highways and Rights of Way Reports

14.1 Highways and Rights of Way report from Powys/Shropshire CC to CCC – to report.

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

- a) C2009: damage caused by heavy vehicles to both east and west edges along the length of the road. Powys CC states that a works order has been raised as part of the routine inspection.

14.2 Highways and Rights of Way report from CCC to Powys CC – to report.

- a) Cllr B J Davies – A489/C2147, Hurdley junction: the Hurdley ‘direction sign’ and the ‘Homewatch’ sign have not been replaced following installation of a new ‘Give Way’ sign.

Action – Clerk to process

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

- a) Powys CC:

Cllr M J Jones reported:

- Council activity is currently focussed on winding up outstanding matters prior to the May elections.

- b) South Shropshire DC:

- No report.

16.0 Correspondence – to receive other items of general correspondence.

16.1 Powys CC – Head of Legal, Scrutiny and Democratic Services

Re: New Model Code of Conduct – The Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) (Wales) Order 2008

Council received notice that the Minister has made the statutory order on 20th March and the new Code of Conduct comes into force on 18th April 2008. Councils have six months to adopt the new code, (model code enclosed), before 20th September. Powys CC advises there may be benefit in adopting the code prior to the new council taking office on 6th May. The Clerk reported that this might not be practical due to time constraints.

Action – for adoption prior to 20th September

16.2 Powys CC – Emergency Planning Officer (North)

Re: Radiation Monitoring Scheme (RMS)

Council received appeal for volunteers from Churchstoke area to assist for approx 5 minutes per day to take a radiation reading and to send a weekly average to the emergency planning office. Cllr A R Stephens expressed an interest and asked the Clerk to forward contact details to Powys CC.

Action – Clerk to process

16.3 Mid & West Wales Fire Authority – Chairman of Authority

Re: Draft Risk Reduction Action Plan 2009-10

Council received notice that following the publication of the Risk Reduction Plan, the Action Plan will be issued for consultation. The consultation period runs 6th May to 28th July 2008. The draft plan will be available on the website (www.mawwfire.gov.uk) and will also be delivered in hard copy. Noted.

16.4 Llanfyllin Patient Participation Group (LPPG)

Re: Ambulance Service n Powys

Council received information that LPPG is concerned at lack of progress with improvements to the service, particularly with regard to filling long terms vacant posts. LPPG encourages town and community councils to follow its example and write to the Minister to raise the matter formally. Noted.

16.6 Various correspondences, tabled:

- a) The Hon. Mrs Legge-Bourke LVO, Lord Lieutenant – invitation for the Chairman to attend the County Service of Commitment to World Peace and Remembrance on Sunday 11th May, 3.15pm, at Montgomery parish Church. Noted.
- b) Play for Wales / Chwarae dros Gymru – Spring 2008 newsletter. Noted.
- c) South Montgomeryshire Volunteer Bureau – notice of change of address to: Plas Dolerw, Milford Road, Newtown, Powys, SY16 2EH. Noted.
- d) Wales Rural Forum – publicity material for the day workshop on ‘Developing the Village Shop’, held on 17th- 18th May, the Pavilion, Pontrhydfendigaid, Ceredigion. Noted.

17.0 Chairman’s Announcements & Date of AGM and Next Meeting

- a) Clerk – reported that CCC has received the timetable for audit of accounts 2007-08, and that preparation of accounts for the audit will be undertaken over the next few weeks.

- b) Chairman – this being the last meeting of the current council, the Chairman presented a Chairman’s Review of Business. The Chairman thanked fellow Members and the Clerk for support over the past year, and wished retiring Members and the new council well for the future. Several other Members thanked the Chairman and The Clerk for their work.

AGM: Wednesday 14th May 2008, 7:30 p.m. at Churchstoke

Next business meeting: Wednesday 28th May 2008, 7:30 p.m. at Churchstoke

Meeting ended 9.00 p.m.