

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

MINUTES of Meeting on 23rd May 2007
 at Churchstoke Community Hall, at 7.50 p.m.

1.0 Attendance, Apologies and Declarations of Members' Interests

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

Apologies: Cllr G F Griffiths, Cllr M J Jones, Cllr P A Rees.

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

Agenda Number	Item	Councillor	Nature of Declaration
None			

2.0 Guest: Inspector C Curtis Dyfed Powys Police – to meet the community council in order to help maintain a strong working relationship and mutual understanding.

The Chairman welcomed Inspector Chris Curtis of Dyfed Powys Police to the meeting.

Members took then opportunity to discuss and ask questions across a range of issues including,

- Motorcycle accidents and speeding – the visible presence of officers in the community has increased for reasons of accident prevention and anti-social motorcycling. The Dyfed Powys Force are undertaking 'Operation Darwin' to focus on area by area
- Parking on pavements – the Traffic Warden will be instructed to attend and investigate the matter as one of wilful obstruction
- Anti-social behaviour – although Churchstoke area has a low occurrence of anti-social behaviour, the police service is focussing increasingly on anti-social referrals
- Cross border co-operation – police forces do have jurisdiction across borders, for example at White Grit where the Pontsbury station is nearest, the West Mercia Force may respond to incidents. Members also heard that Powys Force do patrol in the White Grit area
- Call / Contact centre – call centre systems use address and post code to accurately geo-locate the site of an incident or report, although map references would also be useful
- Community Support Officers – a growth area starting in the, larger conurbations, with dedicated neighbourhood officers. This sort of approach is to be rolled out across wider areas resources allowing
- Areas of increasing crime – Members heard that Dyfed Powys area has the highest detection rate in England and Wales (44%), and that overall crime occurrence is decreasing
- Work with Schools – School Liaison Officers are appointed and dedicated to work with schools.

The Chairman thanked Inspector Curtis for the opportunity to meet a representative of the police service first hand.

3.0 Minutes of Meetings – to approve and sign the minutes of 25th April 2007 at Hyssington Village Hall, as a correct record.

The minutes of the business meeting 25th April 2007 were approved and signed as a correct record.

4.0 Matters Arising from Minutes for Information – to report matters for information arising from minutes of 25th April 2007 at Hyssington Village Hall.

4.1 (12.1c) Rights of Way Officer

The Clerk reported that the Rights of Way Officer who will be working in the CCC area in coming weeks has accepted CCC's invitation to be guest at the June meeting.

5.0 Planning Matters

5.1 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	None	None

5.2 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
M20070253	Llanfawr Cottage, Priest Weston	Full planning permission granted
M20070267	Mellington Farm, Churchstoke	Full planning permission granted

5.3 Planning Specific Correspondence – to receive correspondence (if any).

5.3.1 Powys CC – Planning Liaison Officer

Notice and invitation to the Spring Planning Liaison Meeting, Wednesday 13th June, 6.30 for 7.00 pm, Neuadd Maldwyn, Welshpool. Topics listed for discussion include Sustainable Development and Affordable Housing.

Action – Chairman,
Cllr B J Davies
& Clerk to attend

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

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

➤ None.

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

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

Ref.	Applicant	Site	Description	rec.
<i>New Applications</i>				
None				

5.5 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		

6.0 One Voice Wales / Society of Local Council Clerks – to receive reports of area meetings/guidance notes/correspondence.

6.1 One Voice Wales

The Clerk reported on receipt of ‘The Voice’ magazine, and highlighted two articles on Code of Conduct and Planning Applications, and on Freedom of Information Requests. Noted.

6.2 Society of Local Council Clerks

The clerk reported that he had attended the Powys Branch meeting on Saturday 12th May at Llanidloes. Noted.

7.0 Establishing a Complaints Procedure – to consider guidance notes (previously circulated) and to resolve on establishing a complaints procedure

The Chairman reminded Members of their discussion at the April meeting and referred to One Voice Wales guidance notes (endorsed by the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales) on establishing a complaints procedure

RESOLVED *‘To establish a formal complaints procedure based on One Voice Wales guidance notes as endorsed by the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales, and that that the Members with Special Responsibility for Democratic Governance and Organisation and the Clerk draw up a draft procedure and report back to council.’*

Action – Cllr P J Jones,
Cllr B J Davies,
& Clerk to process

8.0 BMX Area – to consider RoSPA safety inspection results (previously circulated) and to resolve on the future of the site.

The Chairman reminded Members of their discussion at the April meeting and referred to the RoSPA Inspection report. Members discussed difficulties in gaining sustained interest and parental support, expressed concern at the safety implications of the site in its present state, and that positive action must be agreed without further delay

RESOLVED *‘To announce that the site is closed in the interests of safety and will be dismantled. The Clerk will write to Harry Tuffins to thank them for their input and offer an opportunity for dismantling and return of materials. If there is no interest in dismantling by Tuffins then a local contractor will be contracted for the work. Members with Special Responsibility for Allotments and Recreation will steer the work.’*

Action – Cllr G Griffiths,
Cllr M J Jones,
Cllr D H Latimer,
& Clerk to process

9.0 Financial Report

9.1 Internal Audit report – to receive a report from the Member for Special Responsibility for Internal Audit and Finance (previously circulated).

The Chairman referred Members to the internal audit report by Cllr D A Paterson (Member with Special Responsibility for Internal Audit and Finance).

RESOLVED *‘To pursue registration of title for the allotments and all other council owned land including the recreation fields and cemetery, with the Land Registry. The Clerk will contract the services of the council’s solicitor if necessary.’*

Action – Clerk to process

RESOLVED *‘To make enquiries of the Land registry and Powys CC Estates as to ownership of Hyssington Triangle and Belle Vue and to report back to council.’*

Action – Clerk to process

RESOLVED *‘To increase the Clerk’s paid hours to 9 hours per week with effect from 2nd April 2007.’*

Action – Clerk to process

9.2 Items received since last meeting – to report.

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

Payer	Description	£
Powys County Council	1 st instal. precept/regr’n grant & cemet’y grant	6,113.30
M E & A Hughes	Cemetery memorial fee (plot 235)	100.00

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

RESOLVED: *‘CCC authorises items for payment as follows’:*

cheque	Payee	Description	£ inc. vat
401	Allianz Cornhill Insurance	Insurance premium 2007-2008	451.18
402	E J Humphreys	BT Openworld dial up Jan-Mar’07	6.06
St.Ord	E J Humphreys	Clerk’s salary May 2007	324.06

Action – Clerk to process

9.4 Consolidated balances at 23rd May 2007 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	21,643.44	1,000.00
Less ring-fenced funds	5,523.70	0.00
Net balances available	16,119.74	1,000.00

10.0 Highways Reports

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

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

- A489 Churchstoke Village – broken water main cover adj. ‘Tudor Rose’ at foot of Hall Bank. Powys CC states that a Section 81 Notice has been issued to Severn Trent Water for repair of ironwork
- C2056 Hyssington – open hole containing two stop tap boxes outside Hyssington Methodist Chapel. Powys CC states that its inspector is unable to locate the problem, and that if stop-taps are for water supply the matters should be referred to STW

- c) C2151 between Bachelldre and Pentrenant – various potholes. Powys CC states that works orders have been issued
- d) C2056 near Corndon Farm – signs for public footpath and for bridleway are missing from their finger posts. Powys CC states that the matter has been referred to the Rights of Way maintenance officer at Llandrindod Wells
- e) Public right of way (footpath) from Pear Tree to Quarry view – safety concerns due to the poor condition and adjacent building material. Powys CC Rights of Way Officer states that this will be added to the maintenance schedule for Churchstoke and works will be undertaken shortly.

Action – Clerk to process (b)

10.2 Highways report from CCC to Powys CC – to report

- a) None.

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

- a) Powys CC:
 - No report.
- b) South Shropshire DC:
 - No report.

12.0 Correspondence – to receive other items of general correspondence.

12.1 Powys CC – Countryside Services Manager

Re – Development and Public Rights of Way

Copy of the new guide, 'Development and Public Rights of Way', to offer developers and others advice on good practice on protecting local paths when working up development proposals; the purpose being to prompt early consideration of paths during the planning process to try to minimise problems later. Noted.

12.2 Powys CC – Principal Accountant

Re – Public Inspection of Accounts 2006-07

Notice of advertisement and availability of accounts for inspection commencing 2nd July 2007. Noted.

12.3 Various other correspondences, tabled:

- a) County Councillor W B Thomas (Leader of the Independent Group, Powys CC) – letter giving information on the group and names of Members. Noted.
- b) Welsh Assembly Government – information of free travel on the Heart of Wales Line for all 'Cerdyn Cymru' bus pass holders. Noted. Passed to Cllr D H Latimer.
- c) Powys Equals Partnership / Powys CC – invitation to event on Responsible Employment and Work Placements, 12th June, 9.30 am – 4.00 pm, Royal Welsh Showground. Noted.

13.0 Chairman's Announcements & Date of AGM and Next Meeting

- a) Cllr D L Powell – raised the subject of the new re-cycling bags being delivered by Powys CC for kerbside collection of pre-sorted material. Members noted that there may be some detrimental effect on the proceeds from the 'bring-site' at Tuffins and therefore on the funds available to the Green Grants Scheme. Members agreed that

notices will be posted to notice boards and to the web site encouraging more and continued use of the 'bring-site'.

Action – Clerk to process

Next meeting – Wednesday 27th June 2007, 7:30 p.m. at Churchstoke

Meeting ended 9.30 p.m.