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CHURCHSTOKE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
 2 Rows Terrace, Plough Bank, Montgomery, Powys. SY15 6QD

MINUTES of Meeting on Tuesday 23rd September 2003
 at Churchstoke Community Hall, 7.30 p.m.

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

Apologies – Cllr S J Boundy, Cllr G C Hamer

The Chairman welcomed members of the public.

2.0 Guest – Mr Mike Membury, Cae Post Recycling – to discuss possibilities of future kerb-side collections.

The Chairman welcomed Mr Membury, Managing Director of Cae Post Recycling, Trewern.

Mr Membury described the origin and activities of Cae Post, beginning in 1995 progressing to ‘skip recycling’ across Powys. Other points covered included -

- Opportunities for kerb-side collections of plastic, cans, paper, textiles and cardboard from Summer 2000 & now covers 15,000 households, and the aim being to move to rural communities
- The desire to expand to take green/garden and kitchen waste in eastern Montgomeryshire in Feb/March 2004 with a long term aim of 80% re-cycling

Mr Membury also described the likely effect of kerb-side collection on the ‘bring-site’ at Tuffins –

- Vehicles would have on-board weighing machines so that waste collected in each community could be measured and funds allocated pro-rata from a ‘community chest’
- The fall off in collection at Tuffins would be small since the bring-site covers a much wider area than just the local villages
- The overall aim would be to increase the community reward by working in partnership with Powys CC

Action – for October agenda

3.0 Minutes of,

3.1 Meeting 22nd July at Hyssington Village Hall were approved and signed as a correct record

3.2 Planning Meeting 26th August at Churchstoke Community Hall were approved and signed as a correct record

4.0 Matters Arising for Information from minutes of,

4.1 Meeting 22nd July at Hyssington Village Hall

4.1.1 (3.3) Parking at foot of Hall Bank

Cllr B Davies reported that since the matter had been raised in CCC meetings, that the situation seems to have improved.

4.1.2 (5.7a) Trees at Recreation Field

Cllr B Madeley reported that she had inspected the poplar trees on the boundary with the school field, and although there would seem no need for immediate attention that some minor professional tree-work may be undertaken in the next financial year.

4.1.3 (5.7b) Safety at entrance to School/Cae Camlad playground

Cllr B Davies reported that the Headmaster is applying for funds to encourage children to walk to school and to undertake safety measures.

4.2 Planning Meeting 26th August at Churchstoke Community Hall

None.

5.0 Planning Matters

5.1 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		

5.2 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		

5.3 Powys CC Planning Committee 5th September 2003 – report

The Clerk reported formal notification from Powys CC as follows –

Ref.	Site	Powys CC Planning Decision
None	None	

5.4 Planning Applications/Notices for PCC Planning Committee 3rd Oct 2003 including – Declarations of Members' Interests:

- M20031008 – Cllr P Delves declared a pecuniary interest and left the meeting for this item.
- M20031008 – Cllr B Davies declared a pecuniary interest and left the meeting for this item.

Council RESOLVED '*to comment on applications as follows*' –

S = support, O = object, N = note

Ref.	Applicant	Site	Description	rec.
<i>New Plans</i>				
M20030971	Mid Wales Windows, Mochdre Ind. Estate, Newtown	Greenfields, Coed Lane, Churchstoke	Erection of single storey rear conservatory	S
M20030976	Mr & Mrs Anthony, The Gables, Weston Rd., White Grit	The Gables, Weston Rd., White Grit	Replacement roof structure creating new 1 st floor accommodation	S

M20031008	Harry Tuffin Supermarket, Churchstoke	Harry Tuffin Supermarket, Churchstoke	Erection of extension to existing warehouse	S*
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***M20031008** – CCC supported the application, but for reasons of preserving the visual amenity, requested that that the exterior of the building is coloured with a dark unobtrusive colour to be sympathetic to the landscape.

Action – Clerk to process

6.0 Correspondence – to consider items of general correspondence

6.1 Powys County Council – Senior Valuer

Re – Tyn y Pren, Montgomery

Notification that Tyn y Pren is surplus to the requirements of PCC, and invitation to CCC to express an interest in acquiring the property. Members agreed *‘that CCC has no interest in acquiring Tyn y Pren’*.

Action – Clerk to process

6.2 Powys County Council, Chief Executives Department – Environmental Health Officer

Re – First Time Sewerage Scheme at White Grit

Notification of results of questionnaire survey of residents of White Grit and that there appears to be no interest in support for a scheme, and therefore Powys CC will not appeal against Severn Trent Water.

Members expressed disappointment at the nature of the questionnaire, and felt that the questions did not address the problem. In addition it was thought that verbal agreements with the local community councillor were not adhered to. CCC agreed *‘to write to Powys CC Environmental Health to express its concern on these matters’*.

Action – Clerk to write

6.3 Powys County Council, Economic, Community & Regeneration – Policy Unit Manager

Re – Strategy for Museums consultation

Copy of draft strategy consultation document. Responses welcomed by 10th October.

Noted

6.4 Powys County Council, Technical & Local Services – Director

Re – Regional Waste Plan, North Wales

Information leaflets and poster introducing the regional plan in preparation. Noted.

6.5 Countryside Council for Wales – Access & Recreation Officer

Re – Draft Maps, Montgomeryshire (except Berwyn), Radnorshire, & N. Brecknockshire

Notification of issue (and copies of) draft maps of open county and registered common land for Montgomeryshire (except Berwyn), Radnorshire, & N. Brecknockshire, along with information on the consultation period ending 22nd December.

Members noted the nearest consultation event is Thursday 23rd October, 11 am – 6 pm, at The Dragon Hotel, Montgomery. Responses welcomed by 22nd December.

Action – for October agenda

6.6 Welsh Assembly Government – Clerk to Local Government Public Services Committee

Notification that the committee is conducting an inquiry into the operation of new political management structures in local government in Wales, and welcomes written submissions by 10th October. Noted.

6.7 Welsh Assembly Government – Head of Local Government Finance Division

Re – Draft regulations on the Prudential Borrowing System

Notification that the government is to introduce the prudential borrowing system for 2004-2005, and copy of draft changes to existing regulations. Responses welcomed by 24th October. Noted.

6.8 Dyfed-Powys Police Authority

Re – Next meeting Montgomeryshire Community Consultative Committee

Notification of next meeting of Montgomeryshire Community Consultative Committee, Wednesday 1st October, 6:30 pm, at The Cross, Broad Street, Newtown. Noted.

6.9 PATCC – County Secretary

Re – Montgomeryshire District Committee

Notice and Agenda for next meeting of Montgomeryshire District Committee, Monday 1st September, 7:30 pm, at Plas Dolerw, Newtown. Cllr M Jones reported that he attended.

6.10 One Voce Wales – Chairman, OVW Shadow Body

Re – Consultation on future shape & functions of OVW

Copy of consultation document setting out in detail the proposals for role, functions & operation of One Voice Wales for April 2004. Responses welcomed by 31st October. Passed to Cllr M Jones.

6.11 Various Materials tabled,

- Environment Agency – copy of ‘Focus’ newsletter for Severn Uplands. Noted.
- Cae Post Recycling – copy of newsletter Summer 2003. Passed to Cllr
- Play Wales/Chwarae Cymru – copy of ‘Play for Wales’ newsletter Summer 2003
- ELWa – notification of Masterclass Series 2003-2004. Noted.
- Montgomeryshire Citizen Advocacy – publicity and invitation for volunteers to help run the service. Noted.
- Women’s Institute – information briefing on their GM-free campaign
- Jill Evans ASE/MEP & Eurig Wyn ASE/MEP – copy of report ‘Wales in Europe’, highlighting their work in the European Parliament in recent months. Noted.

7.0 Powys CC – Road C2009 – consultation regarding 7.5 tonne weight restriction

Members were reminded of the consultation by Powys CC on a proposed 7.5 tonne amenity weight restriction, and referred to further information from Powys CC on the proposal. It was noted that an amenity restriction would still allow for passage of vehicles exceeding 7.5 tonne for access purposes.

Members also noted several written objections to the proposal.

CCC appreciated the intention to route heavy vehicles along ‘A’ class roads, but had great concerns that the alternative route for vehicles exceeding 7.5 tonnes (via Bromley’s Mill and Snead on the A488 & A489) will be unable to cope safely with the extra traffic that the C2009 restriction would generate. There were further concerns at the likely disruption to local residents and businesses that use the C2009 as a through route.

In view of these factors, CCC RESOLVED *'to object to the proposal and strongly urge Powys CC to reconsider the safety issues along the alternative 'A' class route and the A488/A489 junction. Council agreed that it sees the best way to safeguard the C2009 itself, and to provide the safest and most direct route, is to undertake improvements with an upgrade of the road from the 'C' classification'*.

Action – Clerk to write

8.0 Powys CC – Arts Strategy – consultation draft strategy document

The Clerk reminded Members of the Powys CC consultation draft of the Powys Arts Strategy received at the August meeting. It was agreed *'to receive the draft strategy document without further comment'*.

9.0 Powys CC Autumn Liaison meeting – report

The Chairman, Cllr B Madeley and Cllr M Jones reported on attendance (with the Clerk) at the liaison meeting. It was felt the meeting was a very positive exercise, and of particular note were

- A presentation on the Highways programme
- A presentation and description of changes to the planning application procedure, and that a day seminar will be held in the autumn for Town & Community Councils
- A summary presentation on progress with the Powys Community Strategy.

10.0 Powys Community Strategy (Welshpool & District Local Forum) – report

Cllr B Davies reported on attendance with the Chairman at the latest meeting at Llandrinio on 11th September where the focus was on the theme of Health & Well-being. It was felt that there still seems little form to the meetings and that the exercise was struggling to find any direction towards formulating strategy.

Powys CC has arranged a morning seminar Saturday 18th October, 9:30am – 12:30pm, at Carno Village hall to try to address the role of Town & Community Councillors in the exercise.

Action – Chairman &
Cllr B Davies to attend

11.0 Application for Public Entertainment Licence – Hyssington Village Hall

The Clerk reported on consultation by Powys CC on an application for a Public Entertainment Licence,

at	Hyssington Village Institute
applicant	Hyssington Village Institute Management Committee
dates	1 st October 2003 to 30 th September 2004

Members RESOLVED that *'CCC has no objection to the granting of the licence'*.

Action - Clerk to process

12.0 Car Park Resurfacing – completion report

The Clerk reported that the project appears complete although confirmation and billing by Powys CC is still awaited. Members noted the good job done by Powys CC and contractor, but that the test will be during the winter months.

Action - Clerk to write to PCC

13.0 Financial Report

13.1 Financial Year 2004-2005 – Annual Budget preparations

The Clerk reported that the draft budget and precept for the Financial Year 2004-2005, will be prepared over the coming months and a 1st draft is intended for the October meeting in order to meet the deadline for application to Powys CC for recreation concurrent funding.

Members agreed that *‘in view of the success of the budget working party last year, that the same approach is taken and that the Clerk, Vice-Chairman, Cllr M R K Davies and Cllr E Evans proceed to prepare the draft’*.

Action – Clerk to arrange

13.2 Items received since last meeting – report

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

Payer	Description	£
M&G	Charibond dividend may-Jul 2003	1.90
Powys County Council	2 nd instalment precept & recreation grant	3,888.59
M C Richards	Cemetery memorial fee (plot 298)	75.00
T E Ralph	Cemetery burial & excl.right fee (plot 440)	150.00
Aquilla	Pole rents	72.34

13.3 Items for payment this meeting – including as follows

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

cheque	Payee	Description	£
St.Ord	E J Humphreys	Clerk’s salary Sept 2003	260.35

Action – Clerk to process

13.4 Consolidated balances at 23rd September 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	41,849.29	1,037.00
Less ring-fenced funds	29,732.01	0.00
Net balances available	12,117.28	1,037.00

14.0 Powys County Council and Highways Reports

14.1 Highways report from Powys CC to CCC

The Clerk reported that no correspondence has been received from Powys CC.

14.2 Highways report from CCC to Powys CC

- a) Cllr B J Davies – Old Churchstoke to Todleth Road – the road is subsiding near the entrance to Glebe farm, possibly as a result of undermining by badgers

Action – Clerk to write

15.0 Chairman’s Announcements and Date of Next Meeting

Next meeting –Tuesday 28th October 2003, 7:30 p.m. **at Churchstoke**

Meeting ended 9:45 p.m.