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

**MINUTES of Meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2005**  
 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 E Evans, Cllr G F Griffiths, Cllr M J Jones, Cllr D H Latimer, Cllr D A Paterson, Cllr Mrs B A Rowley.

Apologies – Cllr P J Jones, Cllr D L Powell, Cllr Mrs A R Stephens.

Members stood in silence in memory of Cllr G C Hamer who had recently passed away. The Chairman announced that she will make a donation from the Chairman's allowance, on behalf of CCC, in memory of Cllr Hamer. The donation will be made to the Stone House Hospital.

Declarations of Members' Interests:

The Clerk reported on clarification from the Monitoring Officer, Powys County Council, regarding declaration of interest relating to consultation on proposed changes to funding arrangements for Village Halls / Community Centres. The Standards Committee convened a special meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> November and has granted specific classes of blanket dispensations (previously circulated) to Town & Community Councillors in relation to discussion of funding arrangements for Village Halls / Community.

Members declared interests as follows:

Agenda Number	Item	Councillor	Nature of Declaration
4.5	Planning Applications	B J Davies	Pecuniary interest in M200511219
7.0	Funding Village Halls	B J Davies	Member of Chur'stoke Rec. Assoc.
7.0	Funding Village Halls	E Evans	Member of Chur'stoke Rec. Assoc.
7.0	Funding Village Halls	G F Griffiths	Member of Chur'stoke Rec. Assoc.
7.0	Funding Village Halls	D A Paterson	Member of Hyss'n Vill. Hall Cttee.
7.0	Funding Village Halls	B A Rowley	Member of Chur'stoke Rec. Assoc.

**2.0 Minutes of Meetings** – to approve and sign the minutes of meeting 26<sup>th</sup> October 2005 at Churchstoke Community Hall, as a correct record.

The minutes of the meeting of 26<sup>th</sup> October 2005 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 meeting 26<sup>th</sup> October 2005 at Churchstoke Community Hall

3.1 (3.1) Broadband at White Grit

The Clerk reported on a reply from BT in response to CCC's representations for improved infrastructure for Broadband in the White Grit area. The reply indicates that availability will be difficult due to the distance from an enabled exchange. The Clerk has since written again clarifying that the problem appears to be one of reliability not one of availability and has provided several example numbers for testing.

### 3.2 (3.2) Refuse bags at the cemetery

Members agreed that non-domestic 'green bags' should be purchased for the cemetery at £16.90 per roll of 24 bags.

### 3.3 (15.0a) Massage Parlour at Old Churchstoke

The Clerk reported on enquiries made to Powys CC in regard to licensing requirements for a massage parlour. Powys CC state that no licensing or registration is required, and no change of use planning permission is needed unless changes are substantial.

### 3.4 (5.5) Montgomery Community Health Council meeting

The Chairman and Cllr B A Rowley reported attendance at the meeting hosted by MCCH on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2005, 7.00pm, at Theatre Hafren, to hear Chris Mann of the Powys Local Health Board speak on 'A vision for the health service in Montgomeryshire'. Topics discussed included waiting lists and waiting times, ambulance response times, investment in the out of hours service ('Shropdoc'), and allocations of funds.

## 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	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
M20050997	Upper Hurdley, Hurdley, Hyssington	Conversion of barn to form single dwelling	16 <sup>th</sup> November 2005, 11.00am

The site visit was as a result of an objection by the highways authority. The panel recommended approval.

### 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
M20051057	Pant Cottage, Old Churchstoke	Full planning permission granted

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

#### 4.4.1 Powys County Council – Head of Planning Services

Re – Powys UDP – Pre-Inquiry Proposed Changes & Related Documents

News of progress with the UDP, and formal notice of commencement of public consultation period from 21<sup>st</sup> November 2005 to 6<sup>th</sup> January 2006 on the following documents,

- Pre-Inquiry Proposed Changes to the Deposit Draft
- Combined Sustainability Appraisal and Environment Report
- Supplementary Planning Guidance on Affordable Housing
- Supplementary Planning Guidance on Biodiversity

The documents are available for public inspection at council main offices and also available on the Internet at,  
<http://www.ecr.powys.gov.uk/udp>

Objections, representations and opinions in respect of the documents should be made in writing to the Head of Planning Services, Neuadd Maldwyn, Severn Road, Welshpool, Powys SY21 7AS by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2005.

Responses were also received to CCC's points made in regard to the Deposit Draft UDP in December 2004.

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>				
M20051129	Mr P Delves, The View, Churchstoke	Land at rear of The View, Churchstoke	Application to vary condition No. 2 attached to planning application M20020904, to allow reserved matters to be submitted before 01/11/2008	S
M20051167	Mr I S Kerry, Blue Barn, Green Lane, Churchstoke	Blue Barn, Green Lane, Churchstoke	Erection of timber framed garden shed to replace existing metal shed	S
M20051196	Millington & Vaughan, Millbrook, Crows Nest Dingle, Snailbeach	Cart shed adj. The Old Dairy, off Hall Bank, Churchstoke	Change of use to form residential dwelling	S
M20051197	R G W Blake, Vicars Mead, Hayes Lane, East Budleigh, Devon	Great Argoed Farm, Mellington	Change of use from courtyard to garden	S

Action – Clerk to process

4.6 Proposed Development on land adj. Courthouse Public House – to receive a verbal report on background information to the proposed development, such that the Clerk has been able to obtain.

The Clerk reported on enquiries into the proposed development in the light of the public notice in the County Times of 21<sup>st</sup> October 2005 as follows,

The notice:

- Referred to land to the front of the Courthouse Public House
- Indicated that Mr W Jones is applying for permission to alter existing access
- Invited owners of land to contact Roger Parry & Partners, Welshpool.

Enquiries to Roger Parry:

- Confirmed Mr W Jones of Churchstoke
- Identified a potential development on land to the rear of Courthouse public house but that access would be needed to the front of the Courthouse
- Prior to applying for permission, the applicant needs to establish or demonstrate attempts to establish the owners of land which might be impacted – hence the notice.

The Clerk has written to Roger Parry to confirm that CCC is a representative body in the village, and has an interest in the land, maintaining it as a public amenity. The Clerk has also contacted the Land Registry to enquire regarding records of registration.

RESOLVED *'that the Clerk continues contact with the Land Registry, with a view to making registration of land to the front of the Courthouse and of North Walk'*.

Action – Clerk to process

- 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 and resolved as follows –

Ref.	Site	Description
None	None	None

**5.0 Correspondence** – to receive items of general correspondence.

5.1 Powys County Council – Head of Policy & Performance

Re – Survey of Rights of Way

Notice of development of the draft Rights of Way Improvement Plan and survey questionnaire to help formulate the draft. Replies welcomed by 20<sup>th</sup> December 2005

Action – Clerk & Chairman  
to process

5.2 Shropshire County Council – Assistant Policy Officer, Economy & Environment

Re – Statement of Community Involvement

Copy of the Statement of Community Involvement (setting out how Shropshire CC will involve the community on planning policy & procedure) as submitted to the Secretary of State. Representations on the Statement can be made from 4<sup>th</sup> November 2005 to 16<sup>th</sup> December 2005. Noted

5.3 Welsh Assembly Government – Beecham Review Team

Re – Review of Local Service Delivery in Wales

Notification that the WAG has asked Sir Jeremy Beecham to examine arrangements for local service delivery in Wales, together with information on the scope of the review. The team invites views on the terms of reference and asks 4 further specific questions.

Responses welcomed by 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2006. Passed to Chairman.

5.4 Public Services Ombudsman for Wales

Re – Annual Report 2004-2005

Copy of the report of The Commissioner for Local Government in Wales, The Welsh Administration Ombudsman, and The Health Service Commissioner for Wales. Noted.

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

None.

**7.0 Consultation on proposed changes to funding arrangements for Village Halls / Community Centres** – to resolve a response to consultation and questionnaire by Powys CC on proposed changes to funding arrangements for Village Halls / Community Centres (previously circulated)

Declarations of Members' Interests:

- Cllr B J Davies – declared an interest as a member of the Churchstoke Recreation Association, and refrained from voting in accordance with the dispensation.
- Cllr E Evans – declared an interest as a member of the Churchstoke Recreation Association, and refrained from voting in accordance with the dispensation.
- Cllr G Griffiths – declared an interest as a member of the Churchstoke Recreation Association appointed by CCC, but had dispensation to vote on the matter.
- Cllr D A Paterson – declared an interest as a member of the Hyssington Village Hall Committee, and refrained from voting in accordance with the dispensation.
- Cllr B A Rowley – declared an interest as a member of the Churchstoke Recreation Association, and refrained from voting in accordance with the dispensation.

The Clerk reminded Members of the consultation exercise and of the six specific consultation questions put by Powys CC. Members discussed the principle of the scheme in relation to both CCC and the two halls, and the difficulty of budgeting for the scheme in view of so many unknown elements in the funding formula.

RESOLVED *'that CCC supports the scheme in principle but in answering the 6 questions to make the additional comments that*

- a) The funding formula must be known and transparent to hall committees and to community councils*
- b) That there should be a maximum allocation so that larger communities which can easily absorb precept increases should not necessarily be able to obtain proportionate large allocations of funds raise precept'.*

Action – Clerk to process

**8.0 Consultation on Review of Communities and Electoral Arrangements** – to resolve a response to consultation by Powys CC, with reference to practice document on initial comments and suggestions for review of communities and electoral arrangements (previously circulated)

The Clerk reminded Members of the forthcoming countywide review of community areas and electoral arrangements to be undertaken by Powys CC. CCC now has the opportunity to make initial comments and suggestions for consideration during preparation of the draft proposals.

RESOLVED *'that the document be received and that CCC will make no initial comments and suggestions at this stage. CCC will await publication of the draft proposals'.*

**9.0 Consultation on Annual Policing Plan 2006-2007** – to receive and resolve a response to consultation by the Dyfed Powys Police Authority on CCC's view as to suitable local policing objectives

The Clerk reported on notification that the authority is now setting out the annual policing plan for 2006-2007 and is inviting CCC to submit its top priorities as local objectives for inclusion. Replies requested by 25<sup>th</sup> November.

RESOLVED *'to set the local priority to maintain a visible presence and profile in the community'*.

Action – Clerk to process

**10.0 Consultation on Proposed Restructuring of the Police Service** – to receive and resolve a response to consultation by the Dyfed Powys Police Authority on proposals and options for restructuring of the police service (previously circulated)

The Clerk reported on consultation by the authority on proposals for three options for restructuring of the police service, and of the eight specific consultation questions put by the authority. Members were of the view that the police force should be retained in its present form i.e. Option 1 – all four existing Forces remain

RESOLVED *'that CCC chooses Option 1 as its preferred structure – i.e. all four Forces to be retained'*.

Action – Clerk to process

**11.0 Consultation on a Review of Community Health Council Areas** – to receive and resolve a response to consultation by the Board of Community Health Councils in Wales on a review of the areas of Community Health Councils (enclosed)

The Clerk reported on consultation by the Board on its forthcoming review of areas of Community Health Councils where they are not co-terminus with Local Health Board. Replies welcomed by 30<sup>th</sup> November 2005. Members were of the view that the community health councils should remain in their present form, especially in view of the fact that Powys Local Health Board has to maintain valuable relationships with more than one Health Trust in England (Shropshire and Hereford) – i.e. all three existing Community Health Councils remain

RESOLVED *'that CCC chooses to retain the present – i.e. all three Community Health Councils to be retained'*.

Action – Clerk to process

**12.0 Consultation by Draft Local Action Plan** – to receive and resolve a response to consultation by Welshpool & District Local Community Forum on its draft local action plan (enclosed)

The Clerk reported on consultation by the Forum on its draft local action plan. Replies welcomed by 30<sup>th</sup> November 2005.

RESOLVED *'that the document be received and no response from CCC will be made'*.

**13.0 Dates of Meetings** – to resolve on proposed dates of meetings for 2006 (previously circulated)

The Clerk presented the proposed dates for CCC meetings in 2006.

RESOLVED 'to set the dates for 2006 as presented (the dates to be set out in the appendix to these minutes)'.

Action – Clerk to process

## 14.0 Financial Report

### 14.1 Financial Year 2006-2007 – to receive appeals for financial assistance

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

- Bobarth Therapy Centre Wales
- Childline Cymru
- Eisteddfod yr Urdd 2006 (Denbighshire)
- Hope Hose Children's Hospice
- National Eisteddfod of Wales 2006 (Swansea)
- Powys Citizens Advice Bureau
- Severn Hospice
- Shelter Cymru

Noted.

### 14.2 Items received since last meeting – to report.

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

Payer	Description	£
None	None	Nil

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

RESOLVED 'CCC authorises items for payment as follows',

Cheque	Payee	Description	£
318	Churchstoke Recr. Assoc.	Room Hire Jul-Sep 2005	14.00
319	E J Humphreys	BT Open world calls Jul-Sep 2005	9.13
St.Ord	E J Humphreys	Clerk's salary Nov 2005	314.77

Action – Clerk to process

### 14.4 Consolidated balances at 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov 2005 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	18,666.10	662.10
Less ring-fenced funds	1,579.64	0.00
Net balances available	17,086.46	662.10

## 15.0 Highways Reports

### 15.1 Highways report from Powys/Shropshire CC to CCC – to report items from Powys CC

The Clerk reported on replies/correspondence from Powys CC regarding,

- a) Hall Bank, Churchstoke – deepening hollow in the road at the entrance to Churchstoke Hall causing risk of load-tilt for large vehicles. Acknowledgement. Cllr G Griffiths reported that repairs have been undertaken.
- b) C2009 Hyssington Road – fire damage to road surface, which is likely to cause further deterioration over the winter months. Acknowledgement.
- c) Hall Bank – vehicles parked at foot of Hall Bank continue to cause difficulties for passing traffic. Acknowledgement.

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

- a) Cllr D H Latimer – Fishpool Road from junction of A488, between the boundary brook and the Appletree turn – blocked culvert causing flooding onto the road
- b) Cllr E Evans – Churchstoke ‘Pottery’ Car Park adj. Golden Fish Chinese restaurant – potholes making parking difficult

Action – Clerk to process

**16.0 Chairman’s Announcements & Date of next meeting**

- a) Cllr B A Rowley – reported that Powys Local Health Board is to withdraw the Podiatry clinic from Montgomery Surgery with effect from 28<sup>th</sup> November 2005. The Montgomery service is to be transferred to the Welshpool Medical Centre. Members agreed to protest the withdrawal, and to request that PLHB review their decision.

Action – Clerk to write

Next meeting –

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2005, 7:30 p.m. at Churchstoke

Meeting ended 9:40 p.m.

*Appendix to Minutes of meeting of CCC on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2005***Dates of Community Council Meetings for 2006**

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

<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Wed	25/01/2006	at Churchstoke
Wed	22/02/2006	at Churchstoke
Wed	29/03/2006	at Churchstoke
Wed	26/04/2006	at Hyssington
Wed	24/05/2006	at Churchstoke. Plus AGM
Wed	28/06/2006	at Churchstoke
Wed	26/07/2006	at Hyssington
Wed	23/08/2006	at Churchstoke. Planning Meeting only
Wed	27/09/2006	at Churchstoke
Wed	25/10/2006	at Churchstoke
Wed	22/11/2006	at Hyssington
Wed	20/12/2006	at Churchstoke