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

MINUTES of Meeting on Wednesday 24th February 2010
 at Churchstoke Community Hall at 7.30 p.m.

1.0 Attendance, Apologies and Declarations of Members' Interests

Attendance: Cllr D L Powell (Chairman), Cllr K H J Dowbiggin, Cllr S V Griffiths, Cllr D H Payne, Cllr I Philpott, Cllr P C Rigg, Cllr B A Rowley, Cllr J Stelmasiak, Cllr V E D Tudor.

Apologies for Absence: Cllr C S Fowles, Cllr M J Jones.

Declarations of Members' interests: Members declared interests during the meeting as follows:
 None.

2.0 Minutes of Meetings – to approve and sign the minutes of business meeting 27th January 2010 at Churchstoke Community Hall, as a correct record.

The minutes of the meeting on 27th January 2010 were approved and signed as a correct record.

3.0 Matters Arising from Minutes for Information – to report matters for information from minutes of business meeting 27th January 2010 at Churchstoke Community Hall.

None.

4.0 Planning Matters:

4.1 Planning Specific Correspondence – to receive planning specific correspondence (if any).

4.1.2 Powys CC – Planning Officer

Re: Planning Application P20091205

Council received notice that application P20091205 at Blue Barns Farm is to be considered by Planning Committee 9th February 2010, Neuadd Maldwyn, and that an objector has a right to speak to the committee on the application. Members were reminded that that CCC had supported the application. Noted.

4.1.3 Shropshire Council – Policy Manager, Strategy and Policy Group

Re: Shropshire LDF: Core Strategy Final Publication

Council received notice, along with CD-copy, that the Core Strategy is now at publication stage with representation on 'soundness' welcomed by 5.30pm, Monday 29th March 2010. The Strategy and on-line representations can be found at www.shropshire.gov.uk/planning.nsf. Noted.

4.2 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
P20091378	Yew Tree Villa, Churchstoke	Full planning permission granted

4.3 Planning Inspectorate Appeals – to receive & resolve responses to notifications/reports (if any).

The Clerk reported on notification of planning appeals/decision as follows:

Plan Ref.	Appeal Ref	Site
None		

4.4 Planning Applications/Notices – to receive & resolve responses to consultations by Powys CC including –

RESOLVED ‘CCC responds to planning consultations as follows:’

Ref.	Applicant	Site	Description	rec.
P20100049	Churchstoke Community Council, c/o E J Humphreys, 2 Rowes Terrace, Montgomery	Land adj. Churchstoke Recreation Ground	Change of use of recreational land to community garden allotments	N*
P20100109	Mr Ian Kerry, Churchstoke Tennis Club, Blue Barn, Green lane	Tennis courts adj. Community Hall, Churchstoke	Erection of floodlighting	S

*P20100049 – the Clerk informed Members that formal verbal advice from the Standards Officer that it is not necessary for CCC to consider its own application, and that its support is already implicit by dint of submitting the application.

Action – Clerk to process

4.5 Planning Enforcement Appeals – to receive & resolve responses to notifications/reports (if any).

The Clerk reported on notification of planning enforcement appeals/decision as follows:

Ref.	Site	Description
None		

4.6 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
Off C2193 near Hurgay Quarry	Stone and rock removal from a field, and set down as a stone track across agricultural land. CCC had enquired of the Planning Enforcement Office whether this is a matter for planning enforcement, and whether the field should be reinstated to its original condition. No reply received from Powys CC. Members asked the Clerk to chase progress.
A489 at Tuffins Supermarket	Advertising billboards near the zebra crossing are a distraction to drivers approaching the crossing. Members asked the Clerk to contact the Planning Enforcement Office to ascertain whether this is a matter for planning enforcement, especially in regard to maintaining safety of pedestrians using the crossing.
Off A489 opp entrance to Cae Coed, Churchstoke	Large lorry container. No further report from Powys CC. Members asked the Clerk to chase progress.

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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.

5.1 One Voice Wales – National Training Programme

Council received information that the rescheduled ‘Module 1 – The Council’ has been cancelled due to unavailability of the hall, and ‘Module 3 – The Council as Employer’ cancelled due to lack of take up. Noted.

5.2 Society of Local Council Clerks – Cemetery Management Training

Council received information on SLCC course ‘Cemetery Management’, 24th March, Chepstow, cost £95, dealing with law (registers, plans, grants, rights), administration, and health and safety. Council approved attendance by the Clerk depending on availability of annual leave from full time work commitments.

6.0 Allotments – to receive status report from the task group

Members were reminded that it is prudent that no practical tasks take place at the allotments site until the planning application is determined. The Clerk informed Members that repair to the fence between the proposed allotments land and the adjacent agricultural field have been undertaken.

7.0 Village Green at Hyssington – to receive status report from the task group.

The Clerk reported that a further briefing has been held with the council’s solicitors, and evidence questionnaire retrieved, but that it has not been possible to contact the local JP. The Clerk recommended the task group be reconvened 21st March to reconsider statutory declarations, evidence statements, and the scope of ‘locality’ under the terms of the application.

Action – task group to meet

8.0 Grounds Maintenance: Recreation Field aeration – to receive and resolve on quotations for aeration treatment 2010-2011 (if available).

Council received quotations for aeration treatment of the recreation field.

RESOLVED *‘CCC continues with the usual aeration treatment programme and accepts the quotation of Powys CC for 4 sessions at £77.40 plus vat per session’.*

Action – Clerk to process

9.0 Financial Report:

9.1 Finance Specific Correspondence – to receive finance specific correspondence (if any).

9.1.1 Welsh Assembly Government – Local Government Finance Division

Re: Borrowing by Community and Town Councils in 2010-11

Council received arrangements of borrowing approval 2010-11, with deadline for application being 12th March 2010. Noted.

9.1.2 Welsh Assembly Government – Local Government Policy Division

Re: Review of Councillors’ Allowances Regulations

Council received information and consultation documents on the review of councillors' allowances following recommendations of the "Aberystwyth Report 2003". Responses are welcomed by 11th June 2010.

Action – for April agenda

9.2 Items received since last meeting – to report.

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

Payer	Description	£
None		nil

9.3 Items for payment – to report and resolve to approve items for payment as follows:

RESOLVED 'CCC authorises payments as follows':

Chq	Payee	Description	£ex vat	£vat	£inc vat
To authorise items for payment this meeting:					
546	Powys County Council	Playground Inspec. Fee	50.00	8.75	58.75
547	B J Davies	Green Grants refresh'nts	41.39	0.00	41.39
548	SLCC Enterprises Ltd	Practitioner Conf. 2010	195.00	34.12	229.12
Total to authorise for payment this meeting			286.39	42.87	329.26
To report items previously authorised to be paid by direct debit or standing order:					
SO	E J Humphreys	Clerk's salary Feb'10	387.70	0.00	387.70
Total previously authorised to be paid by d.deb. or st.ord.			387.70	0.00	387.70
Grand total for payment this meeting			674.09	42.87	716.96

Action – Clerk to process

9.4 Consolidated balances at 24th Feb 2010 after sweep, receipts & payments – to report.

The Clerk reported on the M&G six monthly annual statement for 1st Oct-31st Dec 2009,

Fund	Number of shares	Share Price (p)	Value at 31/12/2009 (£)
Charibond	100	122.20	122.20

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

Item	Reserve account £	Current account £
Gross balances	32,363.13	500.00
Less ring-fenced funds	7,368.91	0.00
Net balances available	24,994.22	500.00

10.0 Highways & Rights of Way Reports:

10.1 From Powys CC/Shropshire Council to CCC – to report.

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

- C2056 between Little Cefn Farm and Brook House – severely eroded surface in need of attention. No reply from Powys CC.
- U4776 Cae Camlad – has recently been resurfaced but not correctly levelled outside No 20 & 22 and collects standing water. No reply from Powys CC.
- B4385 – the border between Shropshire and Powys was a significant hazard at a dangerous corner during the recent snowfall, where gritting had been undertaken in Shropshire but not in Powys. Members urged greater co-operation between authorities in order to reduce the hazard of sudden change of road surface conditions. No reply from Powys CC.

- d) C2193 at Old Churchstoke – ice hazard caused by water emanating from a field and flowing across road from near Haulfryn to Glebe Farm. Members were reminded that this was first reported by CCC in April 2006, and despite intentions to remedy given by Powys CC no works have taken place. Members were also informed the local residents have written to Powys CC directly ask CCC for its support. No reply from Powys CC. The Chairman reported that works has commenced 23rd February, and the Quarry cleared to provide works parking. The residents of Old Churchstoke wished to thank CCC for its support.

10.2 From CCC to Powys CC/Shropshire Council – to report.

- a) Cllr J Stelmasiak: A489 at Blue Bell junction – Shropshire Council has recently installed reflective post-bollards on the south-western verge of the junction which obstruct visibility for drivers looking west towards Newtown when emerging from the B4385 Mellington side onto the A489.

Action – Clerk to process

11.0 County Council Matters– to receive & discuss other general Powys CC/Shropshire Council matters.

- a) Powys CC:
➤ No report.
- b) Shropshire Council:
➤ No report.

12.0 Correspondence – to receive other items of general correspondence.

12.1 Powys CC – Waste Contracts Officer

Re: Adopt-a-Site Agreement

Council received notice that Powys CC is reviewing and giving notice of termination of the 10-year-old county wide agreements, together with a copy of a new agreement to take effect 1st April 2010.

Action – Clerk to review old/new contract

12.2 Powys CC – Strategic Director Law & Governance

Re: Winter Services Report January 2010

Council received a copy of the report to Council and Shire Committees, concerning the response of the service to winter conditions and salt shortages.

Action – Clerk to copy to Members

12.3 Powys Community Safety Partnership – Community Safety Team

Re: Confidence Questionnaire 2010

Council received a copy of the confidence questionnaire, which will be used to inform the Partnership's review of priorities for reducing crime and disorder in Powys and its update of the Community Safety Plan. Replies are welcomed by 26th February 2010. Passed to Cllr D H Payne.

12.4 Various other correspondences listed:

- a) Dyfed Powys Police Authority – dates of February round of community consultative meetings. Members noted that three of the four meetings were in the south (the Dyfed

area) with only one in Powys and none in North Powys, and agreed to protest to the authority regarding the poor geographical distribution of the meetings.

Action – Clerk to process

- b) HMCS – information and poster regarding Welshpool Law Courts open day 19th March 10am-3pm. Noted.
- c) NSPCC – information on the work of the NSPCC help line. Noted.
- d) Spinal Injuries Association - information and poster for the fund raising ‘Great British Fish and Chip Supper’ 21st May 2010. Noted.

13.0 Chairman’s Announcements & Date of Next Meeting

- a) Cllr B A Rowley: the walkway from Cae Camlad to Fir Court – still not been cleared of overgrowth as Powys CC had indicated would be done
- b) Cllr K H J Dowbiggin: dog mess in Wernddu Lane and around the Cemetery gate – Members asked the Clerk to enquire with Powys CC whether an additional waste bin could be placed near the cemetery gate

Action – Clerk to process

- c) Clerk: reported that maintenance work to the Cemetery trees has been undertaken
- d) Clerk: reported that Wales average increase in Council Tax 2010-11 for a band D property is approx 3.6%, and reminded Members that the change in CCC precept is below the average at 2.37%.

Next business meeting: Wednesday 31st March 2010, 7:30 p.m. at Churchstoke

Meeting ended – 8.41 p.m.