

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

**MINUTES of Meeting on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2004**  
 at Churchstoke Community Hall, 7.30 p.m.

**1.0 Attendance** – Cllr D A Paterson (Chairman), Cllr Mrs B J Davies, Cllr E Evans, Cllr G C Hamer, Cllr M J Jones, Cllr D H Latimer, Cllr Miss B Madeley, Cllr D G Page

Apologies – Cllr M K R Davies, Cllr P Delves

The Chairman welcomed members of the public.

**2.0 Minutes of Meeting** of 25<sup>th</sup> February 2004 at Churchstoke Community Hall were approved and signed as a correct record

**3.0 Matters Arising for Information** from minutes of 25<sup>th</sup> February 2004 at Churchstoke Community Hall

3.1 (3.1) Electrical Power to Car Park

Cllr B Davies reported that power of switched off at present as high winds are turning the lamps in the direction of Fir Court.

3.2 (5.2) Powys CC Spring Liaison Meeting

The Chairman reported on attendance, with Cllr B Madeley and the Clerk, at a very well attended liaison meeting. Subjects discussed were the coming June elections process, grant reductions to village halls, Powys CC budget 2004-05, and affordable housing.

The elections timetable was distributed for Members, and for notice boards.

3.3 (13.0b) Notice Board at White Grit

Cllr B Davies reported that satisfactory repairs have been undertaken.

3.4 (13.0e) Bus Route through White Grit

The Clerk reported on a reply from Shropshire CC to CCC's request that the Bishops Caste to Shrewsbury bus be re-routed via White Grit. Shropshire CC indicate that due to the nature of the low floor buses used by the operator, that re-routing will not be possible.

Members noted the reply, and agreed that if the re-routing is not possible, to request that the bus divert from the A488 at the 'Marsh Gate', travelling to the 'Iron Church' and returning.

Action – Clerk to write

**4.0 Planning Matters**

4.1 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		

#### 4.2 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		

#### 4.3 Powys CC Planning Committee 5<sup>th</sup> March 2004 – report

The Clerk reported formal notification from Powys CC as follows –

Ref.	Site	Powys CC Planning Decision
M20031168	Hyssington Farm, Hyssington	Full planning permission granted
M20031372	The Garage, Castle Road, Churchstoke	Outline plan. permission granted
M20040088	Churchstoke C P School	Full planning permission granted

#### 4.4 Planning Specific Correspondence – to receive correspondence –

The Clerk reported on correspondence from members of the public to the Powys CC planning office, and copied to CCC, relating to applications as follows:

Ref.	Site	
None	None	

#### 4.5 Planning Applications/Notices for PCC Planning Committee 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2004 including –

##### Declarations of Members' Interests:

- All applications – Cllr G Hamer declared a non-pecuniary interest as a member of the planning authority and refrained from debate or voting.
- M20040191 – Cllr M Jones 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>				
M20040191	Mr Bernard Jones, Moat Farm, Bishop's Castle	Moat Farm, Bishop's Castle	Conversion of redundant agricultural building to dwelling & construction of vehicular access	S
M20040200	Mr & Mrs T Wyn Jones, Broncroft Lodge, Brockton	Tyn-y-Pren, Montgomery	Alterations & extension with construction of new vehicular access	S
M20040228	Mr A Meyrick, 11 Corricks Rise, Bishops Castle	Pt OS 8277, Weston Rd, White Grit	Erection of dwelling, garage, installation of bio-disc treatment plant & vehicular access	S

Action – Clerk to process

#### 5.0 Correspondence – to consider items of general correspondence

##### 5.1 Powys County Council – Technical & Local Services, Group Director

Re – Flood Studies in Powys

Copy of information sheet indicating progress on flood studies being undertaken. Two areas in Churchstoke – Wilber House and Coed Lane – are classified as 'monitor and reassess if flooding reoccurs'. Noted.

- 5.2 National Assembly for Wales – Audit Committee, Deputy Clerk to the Committee  
Re – Public meeting of the NAW Audit Committee  
Notification of the public meeting, Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2004, 9:30 am – 12:30 pm, at Elephant and Castle Hotel, Newtown. Noted.
- 5.3 Dyfed Powys Police Authority – Clerk to the Authority  
Re – Next meeting of Montgomeryshire Community Consultation Group  
Notification of the next meeting Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2004, 6:30 pm, Plas Dolerw, Milford Road, Newtown. Noted.
- 5.4 Welsh Assembly Government – Social Justice & Regeneration Dept, Acting Director  
Re – Draft Fire & Rescue Service National Framework for Wales  
Copy of the draft consultation document. Responses welcomed by Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2004. Passed to Chairman.
- 5.5 PATCC – Hon Secretary, Brecknock District  
Re – Retirement of Secretary to PATCC  
Letter informing of the retirement, in June, of Mrs Margaret Blakely as County Secretary, and that contributions (£10 suggested) to a presentation would be welcome. Members agreed that this is not an appropriate use for council funds and that donations are a personal matter.
- 5.6 The Pink Pub Company, Craven Arms  
Re – Transfer of Justices’ Licence for The Old Courthouse Inn, Churchstoke  
Notification that Mr Neil Reid-Warrilow of Craven Arms Hotel, has applied for transfer of the Justices’ Licence for The Old Courthouse Inn, to be heard at Welshpool Magistrates Court, on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April. Noted and distributed for notice boards.
- 5.7 Churchstoke CP School – Clerk to Governing Body, & Ms T Pawley  
Re – Dog Fouling on Recreation Field  
2 letters expressing concern at reoccurrence of dog fouling on the recreation field. Members agreed that Powys CC, as the enforcing authority, is the appropriate body to deal with the situation and that the Clerk should write to request preventative and enforcement measures.  
  
Action – Clerk to write to PCC
- 5.8 Phil Morgan Contracting, Blue Barn Farm, Churchstoke  
Re – Car Parking at foot of Hall Bank  
Letter expressing concern at the reoccurrence of car parking at the foot of Hall Bank and the safety difficulties it presents to heavy traffic. Members agreed that Powys CC, as the highways authority, is the appropriate body to deal with the situation and that the Clerk should write to both Powys CC and to Mid Wales Housing Association to request preventative and/or safety measures.  
  
Action – Clerk to write to PCC  
and to Mid Wales HA
- 5.8 Various material tabled

- Rt Hon Peter Hain MP, Secretary of State for Wales – copy of his reply to Hywel Williams MP concerning comments on the Chancellor’s recent proposals on tax relief on pension money on second homes
  - Play Wales Chwarae Cymru – copy of the ‘Play for Wales’ spring 2004 newsletter
- Noted.

#### 5.9 Financial Appeals

- Dyfed Powys Crime Prevention Trust – appeal for the ‘Bobby Van’ scheme
  - Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod – appeal for the 2004 event
- Noted.

#### **6.0 Hyssington Charities Fund** – to formally approve that the funds are removed from ‘ring-fence’.

The Chairman reminded Members that the Hyssington Village Hall Committee had met week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> March, and that in view of recent generosity of CCC to Hyssington projects, that the money should be released from ‘ring-fence’.

RESOLVED that *‘that Hyssington Charities monies be removed from ring-fence’*.  
Action – Clerk to process

#### **7.0 BMX Site** – to report on proposed site improvements

Cllr B J Davies reported on recent discussions with the BMX group and the preferred and positive way forward with improvements. The group plans to undertake work by Easter. The position will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Action – for April agenda

#### **8.0 One Voice Wales** – to resolve on membership of OVW (replacing PATCC) and nominate a representative to inaugural general meeting 24<sup>th</sup> April

The Clerk reminded Members of the demise of the current structures of council representative bodies, including the Powys Association of Town and Community Councils (PATCC) and of imminent inauguration of a single representative body for Wales – One Voice Wales. PATCC is to be ‘wound up’ at an extraordinary general meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> March, with OVW holding the inaugural general meeting 24<sup>th</sup> April.

The Clerk remarked that PATCC had been of considerable help and support over the years and recommended that CCC join the successor organisation and continue to subscribe to Local Council Review.

Proposed by Cllr G C Hamer and RESOLVED that *‘CCC join One Voice Wales for 1 year and to review the situation on 2005. Cllr M J Jones will be the CCC representative. Subscription to Local Council Review is to continue’*.

Action – Clerk to process

#### **9.0 Grass-cutting & Grounds Maintenance 2004-05** – to open tenders & award contract

The Clerk reported that 2 tenders have been received. The tenders were opened and it was resolved to *‘accept the tender of G F & M Astley Landscapes’*.

Action – Clerk to process

## 10.0 Financial Report

### 10.1 Items received since last meeting – to report

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

Payer	Description	£
M & G Investments	Charibond dividend Nov'03-Jan'04	1.90

### 10.2 Items for payment this meeting – including as follows

Members resolved *'to authorise items for payment as follows'*,

cheque	Payee	Description	£
230	Harry Tuffin Supermarket	Part payment constr'n BMX site	1,175.00
St.Ord	E J Humphreys	Clerk's salary March 2004	260.35

Action – Clerk to process

### 10.3 Consolidated balances at 24<sup>th</sup> March 2004 after sweep, receipts & payments

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

	reserve account £	current account £
Gross balances	9,713.65	500.00
Less ring-fenced funds	4,499.41	0.00
Net balances available	5,214.24	500.00

### 10.4 Council Tax 2004-2005 – to agree the public notice for notice boards

The Chairman reminded Members that in view of increases in council tax elsewhere, of their wish decision to keep the change the CCC element of council tax down to 1%, and to post notices to notice boards to inform the community.

Action – for notice boards

## 11.0 Powys County Council and Highways Reports

### 11.1 Highways report from Powys CC to CCC

The Clerk reported on a letter of acknowledgement from Powys CC as follows,  
None.

### 11.2 Highways report from CCC to Powys CC

- Cllr G C Hamer – fly tipping is taking place at The Quarry, Todleth Road. Members agreed to request a 'no tipping' sign
- Cllr D Page – Castle Road – there is a raised manhole cover on the pavement on Castle Road (opposite The View), and risk of tripping
- Cllr D Page – B4385 Blue Bell to Bishops Castle Road – uprooted tree at 'devil's elbow' and a large hole on the verge, with subsidence into the dingle.

Action – Clerk to write

## 12.0 Chairman's Announcements and Date of Next Meeting

- Cllr B Madeley – will be organising a meeting of the folder/website group to review recent progress and to update entries on the website.

Action – Cllr B Madeley

- Clerk – briefed Members on a request, in the absence of documentary evidence and certificates, for confirmation of purchase of Exclusive right of Burial in favour of Mr R L Davies, Arddleen, on plot 174 (adjacent to grave space marked R Davies and M E Davies of Blue Barns, Churchstoke). Members agreed that decision is appropriate at

the April meeting and that notice will be published to notice boards to allow time for counter claims.

Action – for April meeting

- c) Clerk – reminded Members that the 2004 round of Green Grants Awards is to begin, with applications to be submitted to the council by 31<sup>st</sup> May. Notices were distributed for notice boards. Applications forms are available on request or can be downloaded from the CCC website.

Action – for notice boards

- d) Cllr D H Latimer – informed the meeting that BT broadband trigger for Linley exchange is set at 100 registrations.

Next meeting – Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2004, 7:30 p.m. **at Hyssington**

Meeting ended 8:50 p.m.