

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

MINUTES of Meeting on 24th October 2007
 at Churchstoke Community Hall, at 7.30 p.m.

1.0 Attendance, Apologies and Declarations of Members' Interests

Attendance: Cllr E Evans (Chairman), Cllr G F Griffiths, Cllr M 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 Mrs B J Davies, Cllr Mrs P J Jones, Cllr P A Rees

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

Agenda Number	Item	Councillor	Nature of Declaration
4.4	Planning Applications/Notices	M J Jones	Member of Powys CC Mont. Planning Committee (decision role)

2.0 Minutes of Meetings – to approve and sign the minutes of 26th September 2007 at Churchstoke Community Hall, as a correct record

The minutes of the meeting 26th September 2007 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 26th September 2007 at Churchstoke Community Hall

3.1 (10.1a) Highways report C2055, near Blue Barns and Cartref

Cllr G Griffiths reported that he has met inspectors on site and that the blockage has been jettied clear.

3.2 (10.2c) Highways report U2708 Stone House Lane

Cllr A R Stephens reported that markings have been laid and work is obviously planned.

3.3 (12.2) Dyfed Powys police Community Policing

The Chairman reported on attendance with the Clerk at the first public meeting of PACT (Police and Communities Together) for Churchstoke, Montgomery, and Berriew, held on Tuesday 9th October, 7pm, Montgomery Town Hall. In summary:

- Meeting was chaired by Sgt J Rees accompanied by PC Huw Morgan and PCSO Gwyn Bufton
- Sgt Rees having responsibility for 'community policing' Newtown area with a staff of 11 officers (2 dedicated to rural areas), and will raise the visible profile of police in the small towns and villages
- PACT will hold regular meeting every 8 weeks with minutes issued
- Topics raised were speeding traffic, antisocial behaviour, use of a mobile police station in the villages, issuing of penalty tickets for dog fouling offences

3.4 (12.3) Placing of a seat at cemetery

Cllr D L Powell reported that he is in contact with Mr Yapp and that the matters is in progress.

4.0 Planning Matters

4.1 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
M20070498	Barn lane, Hyssington	Full planning permission granted
M20070515	Land adj. Cockshutt, Montgomery	Full planning permission granted

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

None.

4.3 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			

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

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

- All applications – Cllr M J Jones, having earlier declared an interest as a member of Powys CC Montgomeryshire Planning Authority (decision role), refrained from discussion or voting.

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

Ref.	Applicant	Site	Description	rec.
<i>New Applications</i>				
M20070938	Mr & Mrs C Lawrence, Jacobs Barn, White Grit	Jacobs Barn, White Grit	Erection of stable with feed/hay store	S*
M20070957	Mr M Rogers, Bacheldre Cottage, Churchstoke	Bacheldre Cottage, Churchstoke	Erection of two storey extension and attached double garage	S*

***M20070938** – CCC supported the application on the assumption that it replaces previous application M20070811 as it appears to be on the same site, and on the proviso that the development remains a stable and is not converted to a dwelling at some later date.

***M20070957** – CCC supported the application on the proviso that space for turning of vehicles is accommodated within the development area to alleviate any need to reverse out of the development onto the roadway.

Action – Clerk to process

4.5 Planning Enforcement Appeals – notifications/reports (if any) of Planning Inspectorate Enforcement Appeals.

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
None		

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

5.1 One Voice Wales – AGM 13th October

Cllr P A Rees provided a written report in absentia, on attendance at the AGM at Llandrindod Wells. Of major concern was the lack of satisfactory translation so that English-only speakers could understand those speaking in Welsh. Other topics reported were:

- Chief Executive's Report
- Membership Fees
- Motions for Debate
- Progress on debated Motions 2006
- Amendments to the Financial Regulation of One Voice Wales.

RESOLVED *'Members felt that lack of translation was most unsatisfactory, and a serious matter which hampered participation by some member councils, and is worthy of a strongly worded letter of protest to One Voice Wales'.*

Action – Clerk to process

5.2 One Voice Wales – Maldwyn Area Committee 10th October

Cllr P A Rees provided a written report in absentia, on attendance at the area committee at Pontrobert. Topics reported were:

- Elections 2008, and the timetable from opening of nominations on 25th March to polling day on 5th May
- Playground Inspections
- Closure of Local Post Offices
- CCC's Welsh Language Scheme (which is being circulated to other member councils on request)
- Cross Border Issues
- Llanfyllin Ambulance Station
- Next Meeting 7.00pm, 17th January 2008, at Llanymynech.

RESOLVED *'to invite the Maldwyn Committee to hold one of their area meetings in Churchstoke, as this would be an opportunity for all Members to experience the work of the committee first hand, to see the relative usefulness of the forum, and also to raise the profile of border councils within One Voice Wales'.*

Action – Clerk to process

5.3 One Voice Wales – 'The Voice' magazine

Copies of the 'The Voice'.

6.0 BMX Area – to report that demolition has been requisitioned.

The Clerk reported that a purchase order has been issued for demolition and includes the additional element requested by council to remove and take away the concrete footings.

7.0 First Time Sewerage Scheme at White Grit – to receive results (if available) of Environment Agency survey and their discussions with Powys CC, and to consider preparation of Section 101a application.

The Clerk reported that Powys CC officers have met Environment Agency officers on site on 3rd October to discuss the problems areas. Powys CC officers also indicate that the agency is willing to meet CCC on site following publication of the agency report, and that PCC officers offer to be in attendance. Members agreed that arrangements to meet the Environment Agency will be made at the earliest opportunity following publication.

8.0 Consultation on Powys CC draft Open Spaces Strategy 2007-2012 – to receive and resolve a response if desired to the draft strategy

The Clerk reported on receipt of the draft strategy for consultation with comment invited by 9th November. In view of the short timescales, the Clerk has requested and obtained an extended deadline of 9th December so that CCC may resolve its response at the November meeting. Passed to Chairman, and then to be circulated to Members.

Action – for November agenda

9.0 Financial Report

9.1 Financial Year 2006-2007 – to report and approve conclusion of external audit

The Clerk reported that there has been no written communication from the auditors, although telephone enquiries by the Clerk indicate that audit has been completed with no issues raised by auditors.

9.2 Financial Year 2008-2009 – to receive the budget panel report on the 1st draft annual budget (previously circulated) & to resolve on bids for recreation and cemetery concurrent funding

The Chairman reported for the budget panel and presented 1st draft of the 2008-2009 budget. Members were reminded of the timetable and the need to submit bids for concurrent funding for recreation and the cemetery immediately after this meeting. A second draft will be presented for further discussion at the December meeting.

RESOLVED ‘to proceed with CCC bids for recreation and cemetery concurrent funding grants based on the 1st draft as presented’.

The Chairman thanked the budget panel and the Clerk for their preparatory work on the 1st draft.

Action – Clerk to process
and for December agenda

9.3 Items received since last meeting – to report.

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

Payer	Description	£
e-on Central Networks	Pole/cable rents and wayleaves	62.45
M E & A Hughes	Cemetery memorial fee (plot 457)	100.00
E R D Corfield & sons	Cemetery Excl. Right of Burial fee (plot 252)	100.00
I B Williams & Son	Cemetery memorial fee (plot 440)	100.00
M E & A Hughes	Cemetery memorial fee (plot 318)	100.00
Powys County Council	Waste re-cycling proceeds Apr-Jun 2007	892.91

NatWest Bank plc	Gross interest Jul – Sep 2007	181.56
------------------	-------------------------------	--------

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

cheque	Payee	Description	£ inc. vat
418	SMG (Redd factors Ltd)	Web hosting Oct'07-Oct'08	99.88
419	Mrs B A Rowley	Village Steward Jul-Sep 2007	88.25
420	E J Humphreys	Refuse bags for cemetery (1 roll)	33.26
421	E J Humphreys	Admin expenses Jul-Sep 2007	152.24
St.Ord	E J Humphreys	Clerk's salary Oct 2007	364.57

Action – Clerk to process

9.5 Consolidated balances at 24th Oct 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	26,180.57	461.77
Less ring-fenced funds	6,127.38	0.00
Net balances available	20,053.19	461.77

10.0 Highways and Rights of Way Reports

10.1 Highways and Rights of Way report from Powys/Shropshire CC to CCC – to report

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

- a) speeding traffic through village, and the suggestion of placing more 30mph repeater signs or tarmac markings. Member also agreed to write to PC Hugh Morgan to ask for his support on the matter. Acknowledgement only.
- b) U2696 Pentrenant to Pen-y-cwm – poor surface with deep potholes making passage of vehicles very difficult. Acknowledgement only.
- c) U2708 Stone House lane - poor surface with deep potholes making passage of vehicles very difficult. Acknowledgement only.
- d) C2151 between Bacheldre and Pentrenant – reminder of CCC's April report and that the various potholes are still not filled. Acknowledgement only.

10.2 Highways and Rights of Way report from CCC to Powys CC – to report

- a) Cllr D L Latimer – White Grit – reported that gully emptying has been taking place but seems only to have involved hosing leaves away on the surface, rather than emptying. Members agreed to query the action and frequency of gully cleaning with Powys CC.
- b) Cllr G Griffiths – Green Lane, Old Churchstoke – reported that gully emptying has been taking place but seems only to have involved hosing leaves away on the surface, rather than emptying. Members agreed to query the action and frequency of gully cleaning with Powys CC.

Action – Clerk to process

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

- a) Powys CC: Cllr M J Jones reported:
 - Budget 2008-09 – process is underway
 - Primary Schools – 3 schools are to be closed across the county
 - Over-16 Education Review – has started
 - UDP – proceeding towards adoption for March 2008 if there are no unexpected delays

➤ Cwm Chapel – local inspections and consultations have taken place

b) South Shropshire DC:

➤ No report.

12.0 Correspondence – to receive other items of general correspondence.

12.1 Powys County Council – Schools Modernisation Manager

Re: Consultation of Secondary Schools Modernisation Policy

Copy of the Strategic Review report and Consultation Documents, and Modernisation Policy. The consultation period runs from 1st November to 23rd November 2007, with results to be taken to the Board in December. Passed to Chairman then to be circulated to Members.

Action – for November agenda

12.2 Powys County Council – Head of Regeneration and Environment

Re: Wind Farms – Community benefits

Letter reminding that Mid Wales is a prime location for interest in energy generation by wind power, and indicating that communities may be in a position to need to negotiate community benefits of various kinds. Powys CC also indicates that developers may be keen to negotiate directly with communities, and Powys CC Officers will be available to provide advice and assistance to Town and Community Councils in negotiations. More information can be obtained from the DTI report ‘Delivering Community Benefits from Wind Energy Development: A Toolkit’, also available on-line at www.dti.gov.uk/files/file38710.pdf. Noted.

12.3 Welsh Language Board – Development Officer

Re: Churchstoke Community Welsh Language Scheme - approval

Letter informing that CCC’s scheme has received statutory approval by the Welsh language Board in accordance with Section 14 of the Welsh Language Act 1993, with an approval date 27th July 2007. The Clerk reminded members that CCC will now begin to put the scheme into effect, which in the main will be making arrangements with translators.

Action – Clerk to process

12.4 R T & E Bishop, Tudor Rose, Castle Road

Re: Developments of Maes Chwarae, Hall Bank

Letter informing of problems at the Maes Chwarae development site adjacent to Tudor Rose, specifically the height of raised levels and infilled ditches giving rise to drainage problems; furthermore, informing that attempts to resolve the situation by contact with the developer and Powys CC Enforcement Officers has been in vain, and asking for CCC support towards a resolution.

RESOLVED *‘to write to Powys CC Planning Officer explaining the frustration felt by residents at the unsatisfactory response of developers and enforcement officers, and asking that planning and enforcement officers investigate to reach a resolution, and to report back to CCC; furthermore, that if a site visit is needed to reach a solution to request that Powys CC facilitate the meeting’.*

Action – Clerk to process

12.5 Various correspondences, tabled:

- a) Dyfed Powys Police Authority. Notice of latest round of consultative forums, the nearest to Churchstoke being Thursday 15th November 7.00pm, at Coleg Powys, Newtown. Noted.
- b) National Assembly for Wales – Public Information Services information flyer. Noted.
- c) PAVO – notice of AGM, and supporting documents, to be held on Thursday 15th November 10:00-15:30, at Hafod a Hendre, Royal Welsh Showground. Guest speakers will be Dr Brian Gibbons, Minister for Social Justice and Local Government, Mark Kerr, Chief Executive Powys CC, and Graham Benfield, Chief Executive of Wakes Council for Voluntary Action. Noted.
- d) PAVO – Autumn 2007 Newsletter. Noted.
- e) Play for Wales / Chwarae dros Cymru – Autumn 2007 Newsletter. Noted.
- f) Montgomeryshire Community Health Council – information regarding the free training ‘Heartstart’ scheme, teaching people the techniques of emergency life support. Noted.
- g) Llanidloes Energy Solutions Ltd. Publicity for the Llanidloes Green Fair 20-21st October. Noted.

13.0 Chairman’s Announcements & Date of Next Meeting

- a) Chairman – requested ideas from Members for future projects, which CCC may wish to undertake.

Action – for November agenda

Next meeting – Wednesday 28th November 2007, 7:30 p.m. at Hyssington

Meeting ended 9.30 p.m.