

**CYNGOR CYMUNED YR YSTOG  
CHURCHSTOKE COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

2 Rowes Terrace, Plough Bank, Montgomery, Powys. SY15 6QD

**MINUTES of Meeting on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2003**  
at Churchstoke Community Hall, 7.30 p.m.

**1.0 Attendance** – Cllr D A Paterson (Chairman), Cllr Mrs S J Boundy, Cllr Mrs B J Davies, Cllr M R K Davies, Cllr P Delves, Cllr G C Hamer, Cllr M J Jones, Cllr D H Latimer, Cllr Miss B Madeley, Cllr D G Page

**2.0 Minutes of Meeting** of 25<sup>th</sup> January 2003 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> January 2003 at Churchstoke Community Hall.

3.1 (3.1) Jubilee Oak

Cllr D Page reported that the oak has been re-planted in the correct location.

**4.0 Planning Matters**

4.1 Planning Appeals – notification (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                   |
|-----------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| M20020249 | APP/T6850/A/02/11<br>03038 | Daisy Bank Caravan<br>Park | Appeal allowed and planning<br>permission varied |

4.2 Powys CC Site Inspection Panel – report

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 7<sup>th</sup> February 2003 – report

The Clerk reported formal notification from Powys CC as follows –

- M20000970 – at The Cann, Mellington – application withdrawn
- M20020994 - at Hollydene, Hall Bank – full planning permission granted
- M20021060 – at Snead Farm, Snead – listed building consent granted
- M20021146 – at Middle Alport – listed building consent granted
- M20021147 – at Middle Alport – full planning permission granted
- M20021163 – at land adj., Ivy House – outline planning permission granted
- M20021167 – at Pt Os 3468 Moat Farm, Bishops Moat – full planning permission granted
- M20021185 – at Golden Rocks, Coed Lane – full planning permission granted
- M20030016 – at Bacheldre Watermill – full planning permission granted

4.4 Planning Applications/Notices for PCC Planning Committee 7<sup>th</sup> Mar. 2003 including –

All applications – Cllr G C Hamer declared a non-pecuniary interest as a member of Powys Planning Authority and refrained from voting.

Council resolved 'to comment on applications as follows' –

S = support, O = object, N = note

| Ref.             | Applicant   | Site   | Description  | rec. |
|------------------|---|--|--|------|
| <i>New Plans</i> |   |  |  |      |
| M20030054        | Mr & Mrs R Higgs,<br>Upper Trefeen Farm,<br>Kerry, Newtown    | Land at Little Bank,<br>Mellington,<br>Churchstoke | Erection of agricultural<br>dwelling & installation of septic<br>tank  | *O   |
| M20030057        | A & S Webber,<br>Gerybryn,<br>Montgomery                      | Gerybryn,<br>Montgomery                            | Erection of extension &<br>alterations to existing dwelling  | S    |
| M20030092        | Mr D Trefor-Jones,<br>Woodlift Ltd, 15<br>Neville St., London | Great Argoed,<br>Mellington                        | Conversion of barns to 3<br>dwellings, 1 self contained unit,<br>garages, stables, sewerage<br>treatment plant | S*   |
| M20030097        | Mrs F Evans,<br>Meadow Place,<br>White Grit                   | Meadow Place,<br>Weston Rd., White<br>Grit         | Conversion of redundant barn<br>to dwelling  | S    |
| M20030129        | Mr G Griffiths,<br>Tyddyn, Old<br>Churchstoke                 | Pt OS 1027, Tyddyn,<br>Old Churchstoke             | Change of use of land to form<br>HGV operating centre for 1<br>vehicle, & alteration to existing<br>access     | S    |
| M20030134        | Mr S Crowe, Holly<br>Cottage, Pentre                          | Holly Cottage,<br>Pentre                           | Erection of extension &<br>conservatory  | S    |

\***M20030054** – CCC objected to this application as it appears to be new development in open countryside without any demonstrable need

\***M20030092** – CCC supported the application but has reservations on highways aspects viz.

- likely increase in volume of traffic on the very narrow lane to Great Argoed
- safety at the Argoed/Cwm junction (where there are no road markings or signs)
- safety at the Court House junction with the B4385 Bishops Castle road (there is poor visibility for traffic entering the B4385, and on which CCC has expressed concern in the past)

Action – Clerk to process

## 5.0 Correspondence – to consider items of general correspondence

### 5.1 Powys County Council – Head of Legal Services

Re – Freedom of Information Act 2000, Publication Scheme

Copy of the Powys CC scheme. Noted.

### 5.2 Powys County Council – Children, Families & Lifelong Learning Directorate

Re – Young Peoples' Partnership Draft Strategy Consultation document

Copy of the draft consultation document (with questionnaire) on the 5-year strategy.

Responses welcomed by 28<sup>th</sup> February. Passed to Cllr B J Davies.

### 5.3 Welsh Assembly Government – Head of Children & Family Programmes Team

Re – Consultation on Funding for Childrens' Play

Copy of the consultation document. Responses welcomed by 31<sup>st</sup> March. Also invitation to attend a participatory consultation event 3<sup>rd</sup> March, Metropole Hotel, Llandrindod Wells. Passed to Cllr B J Davies

#### 5.4 PATCC – County Secretary

Re – County Circular February 2003

Copy of the circular including information on

- Future (single body) representation of Town & Community Councils in Wales
- Research Scoping Study by Institute of Earth Sciences, University of Wales, Aberystwyth on role & potential of Town & Community Councils in Wales
- PATCC representation on the Powys CC Community Strategy programme
- Notice of forthcoming district meetings and AGM

Noted.

#### 5.5 Various materials tabled

- Shelter Cymru South Powys – information on the service including their new ‘Homeless Take Up’ campaign. Noted.
- Jonathan Evans MEP – copies of MEP Contact Newspaper. Noted.
- Play Wales / Chwrae Cymru – publicity material for ‘Wheels for Play’ event 21<sup>st</sup> March, Llandudno, at £20 per delegate. Passed to Cllr B J Davies.

#### 6.0 Local Community Forum (Community Strategy) – report & CCC representation

The Chairman reported on attendance at a further meeting of the Community Strategy (Welshpool Area Forum), Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2003, Welshpool Town Hall. Powys CC has been tasked with producing the community strategy by May 2004 and to do so must aim for completion of a draft by September 2003.

Members expressed great concern on various aspects of the forum

- the general nature and style
- its unelected nature, given its likely impact on local government
- the need for regular attendance but that forum members can apparently attend without any form of longer term commitment
- how it might be funded
- the wide geographical area it covers and the workload on administrations

The Chairman & Vice-chairman agreed to attend the next meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> March.

Action – Chairman and

Vice Chairman

Action – for March agenda

#### 7.0 Items of Maintenance

##### 7.1 Recreation Field aeration – to receive quotation for aeration treatment 2003-2004

The Clerk reported on

- a quotation from Powys CC DSO for aeration treatment of the recreation field at £59.16 per session
- a letter from the football club suggesting that longer term more substantial mole-ploughing work be undertaken to improve the surface (towards which the club would be willing to make a financial contribution).

Members agreed that recreation field managers should investigate the best course of action in conjunction with the football club and Powys CC Landscape and Grounds officers.

Action – Cllr M Jones  
and Cllr D Page

#### 7.2 Grass-cutting & Grounds Maintenance – to invite tenders for contract 2003-2004

The Clerk reminded Members that the grass-cutting and grounds maintenance tenders will be due, and the contract awarded, at the March meeting. Notices of Tender were distributed for notice boards.

Action – Clerk to process  
& for March agenda

#### 8.0 Allotments – to invite tenders for 5 years fixed term tenancies 2003-2008 (plots 2, 3, 4)

The Clerk reminded Members that the 5 year fixed term tenancies on allotments 2, 3, 4 will end on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2003 and existing tenant have been given due notice. Tenders will be due, and the fixed term tenancies awarded, at the March meeting. Notices of Tender for fixed term 2003-2005 were distributed for notice boards.

Action – Clerk to process  
& for March agenda

#### 9.0 Playground Inspection 2003 – to consider inclusion in 2003 inspections round

The Clerk reported that the expected invitation from Powys CC to join the 2003 round of inspections has not yet been received.

Action – for March agenda

#### 10.0 Casual Vacancy in the office of Community Councillor – Churchstoke Ward

The Clerk reported that Powys CC Elections Office has informed CCC that no election has been called and that CCC is now to co-opt to fill the vacancy as soon as practicable.

Action – Members to seek  
nominees

#### 11.0 BMX Cycle Facility – progress report

Cllr P Delves reported that the work should be completed for the Easter holidays and that £500 funding has been received from Powys CC.

Cllr B Madeley reported that complaints have been made by School Governors.

#### 12.0 Car Park Resurfacing – report

The Clerk reported that application for loan sanction has been made, and acknowledgement received. When approval is received then application for loan will be made.

Acknowledgement has also been received, and written replies expected, from Powys CC regarding,

- car park spaces can be maximised by leaving out the markings
- assurance of the effectiveness of drainage scheme.

#### 13.0 Financial Report

### 13.2 Items received since last meeting – report

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

| Payer                | Description                            | £      |
|----------------------|--|--------|
| M E & A Hughes       | Cemetery monument fee (plots 343, 344) | 110.00 |
| Powys County Council | Waste recycling proceeds Oct-Dec 2002  | 604.58 |
| Mr G C Hamer         | Allotment No1 rent 2002-2003           | 25.00  |

### 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 Feb 2003 | 251.55 |

Action – Clerk to process

### 13.4 Consolidated balances at 25<sup>th</sup> February 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         | 24,360.61         | 748.45            |
| Less ring-fenced funds | 9,559.72          | 0.00              |
| Net balances available | 14,800.89         | 748.45            |

## 13.0 Powys County Council and Highways Reports

### 13.1 Highways report from Powys CC to CCC

The Clerk reported on a letter of acknowledgement from Powys CC regarding,

- foot of Hall Bank – large deep pothole
- Stone House Lane, Old Churchstoke – surface and pothole problems
- Woodgate area – severe potholes.

### 13.2 Highways report from CCC to Powys CC

- Cllr B Madeley –North Walk/The Bridge broken drain & safety barrier – has still not been attended to despite its dangerous condition.

Action – Clerk to telephone again

## 14.0 Chairman’s Announcements & Date Next Meeting

- Cllr B Madeley – Tree Pruning - this has been undertaken as agreed in the Belle Vue area and at the Cemetery. The Chairman thanked Cllr Madeley for the considerable hard work with the pruning and for directing the contractors on the day.
- Cllr B Madeley/Cllr B J Davies – North Walk Fir Tree Hedge – hedge needs trimming.  
Action – Clerk to write to owners
- Cllr B J Davies – White Grit Notice Board – glass panel jammed.  
Action – Clerk to write to Mr Hockly
- Cllr B J Davies – Dog Fouling Bin – needs to be considered for the recreation field entrance.  
Action – Clerk to obtain costs
- Cllr B J Davies – Paper Bank Recreation Field Car Park – reminder that notice needs to be given to the school for its removal, and plans for the car park made clear.  
Action – Clerk to write

Next Meeting – Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2003, 7:30 p.m. **at Churchstoke.**

Meeting ended 9:15 p.m.