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

MINUTES of Meeting on 25th February 2009
 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 C S Fowles, Cllr M J Jones, Cllr L D Owen, Cllr D H Payne, Cllr B A Rowley, Cllr J Stelmasiak, Cllr V E D Tudor.

Apologies for Absence: Cllr P C Rigg.

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

Agenda Number	Item	Councillor	Nature of Declaration
4.4	Planning Applications	M J Jones	Personal not Prejudicial Interest as a Members of Powys CC Planning Committee

2.0 Minutes of Meetings – to approve and sign the minutes of 28th January 2009 at Churchstoke Community Hall, as a correct record.

The minutes of the meeting 28th January 2008 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 28th January 2009 at Churchstoke Community Hall.

3.1 (5.0) One Voice Wales – example Standing Orders

The Clerk reported that example Standing Orders in electronic format are available from One Voice Wales (approx £14) and that these will be more flexible for use by CCC than hard copy. Council agreed to purchase electronic format example Standing Orders rather than hard copy.

Action – Clerk to process

3.2 (7.0) Street Lighting 'Switch off' Review

Council received acknowledgement from Powys CC of CCC's information to input to the review and that the street lighting engineer will contact CCC in the near future. Cllr M J Jones confirmed that as County Councillor he has met Powys CC Officers to review the 'switch-off' in Churchstoke area and to consider CCC's recommendations, and that in general there will be little difficulty with moving to increasing the number of lamps switched-on to part night lighting. Work is expected to begin mid-March.

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
P20081695	Hillside, Churchstoke	Full planning permission granted
P20081713	Harry Tuffins Supermarket	Full planning permission refused

P20081724	Hillington Farm, White Grit	Full planning permission granted
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4.2 Planning Specific Correspondence – to receive planning specific 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	Start Date
None			

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

RESOLVED ‘CCC responds to planning consultations as follows:’

Ref.	Applicant	Site	Description	rec.
P20090096	Mr J K Rogers, Pond House, Bachelldre	Coot Meadow, Churchstoke	Erection of replacement dwelling with detached garage with alterations to vehicular access and installation of sewerage treatment plant	S
P20090108	Mrs D Styles, Primrose Cottage, Fishpool Lane, White Grit	Primrose Cottage, Fishpool Lane, White Grit	Erection of extension and alterations with erection of garages with residential annex above	O*

***P20090108** – CCC objected to this application on the following grounds

- the considerable size of the extension in comparison to the existing dwelling
- the residential annex above the proposed three garage block represents a residential dwelling in open countryside
- there will be three access entrances opening onto the highway, all in very close proximity to one other.

Action – Clerk to process

4.6 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 / conference / area meetings / guidance notes / correspondence.

- OVW – Buckingham Garden Palace Garden Party – Tuesday 14th July 2009
Council received information regarding the annual invitation to nominate Chairs of councils to attend the Garden Party in recognition of past service. OVW has a quota

of 10 allocations for Mid Wales, and Councils are invited to make 2 nominations (Chairman and accompanying guest) by 27th March, with allocations to be drawn from the hat. Members agreed to nominate its Chairman Cllr D L Powell and Mrs Powell.

Action – Clerk to process

- b) SLCC – Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA) Wales
Council received information on the launch of ‘CiLCA Wales’ developed by the National Training Group (SLCC, OVW, WAG) specifically for Clerks working for Welsh Town & Community Councils, and which is expected to become the benchmark entry level qualification. Course fees are £150 with 2 years to complete the course.

6.0 Vacancy in the Office of Community Councillor – there being no election called, to receive nominations and to proceed to fill the vacancy by co-option.

The Clerk reported that notices of intention to co-opt have been posted to notice boards and to the web site. Council received nominations for co-option to office, and Members voted to co-opt as follows:

- o Mrs Nowela Swanson

Action – Clerk to process

7.0 Allotments – to report results of the ‘survey of interest’, and to resolve on commitment to proceed (deferred from January meeting).

The Chairman reminded Members of the survey of interest being undertaken before CCC proceeds further, and in view of the low attendance at the January meeting and the possible high financial commitment that decision whether to proceed is deferred until the February meeting. Cllr J Stemasiak reported on results of the survey in that six forms have been returned expressing interest in allotments.

The Clerk again reported that contact has been made with Bishops Castle Town Council, and that BCTC has agreed to receive a delegation from CCC.

RESOLVED *‘CCC Allotments group (plus other Members who may wish to attend) will undertake a visit to BCTC in order to hear of BCTC experiences of cost, public interest and administration of allotments’.*

Action – Allotments group with Clerk

Action – Clerk to arrange

8.0 Village Green at Hyssington – to receive progress report from the task group.

The Chairman reminded Members of the resolution to proceed to stage 1 (survey) but that no progress has been made. The task group agreed that the Clerk will prepare the survey of households, and the village green group will progress the matter.

Action – Clerk and Village Green group

9.0. Street Naming – to receive an invitation by Powys CC to consider its suggestions for a name for the new development at the former Hatchery site, and to resolve a response for preferred choice (previously circulated)

Council received invitation from Powys CC to consider its three suggestions for a name for the new development at the former hatchery site.

RESOLVED *‘from the three Powys CC suggestions, CCC chooses ‘Orchard Close’ with a Welsh translation ‘Clos y Berllan’ as its preferred name for the site’.*

Action – Clerk to process

10.0 Grounds Maintenance:

10.1 Recreation Field Aeration – to receive and resolve on quotations for aeration treatment 2009-2010.

The Clerk reported on a quotation from Powys CC for aeration treatment of the recreation field at £76.03 plus vat per session.

RESOLVED *‘CCC continues with the usual aeration treatment programme provided by Powys CC – for 4 sessions at £76.03 plus vat per session’.*

Action – Clerk to process

10.2 Grass-cutting & Grounds Maintenance – to receive and resolve on tenders for contract 2009-2010.

The Clerk reported that 3 tenders have been received. The tenders were opened and it was,

RESOLVED *‘CCC accepts the tender of G F & M Astley Landscapes for a two year contract to the value of £6,825 plus vat’.*

Action – Clerk to process

11.0 Financial Report:

11.1 Cemetery Bequest Fund – to receive information from the Clerk, and to discuss the future use of the fund.

The Clerk reported on the background to the Cemetery Bequest Fund, the balance on the fund standing at £273.88, and advised that when considering use of the funds that Members consider expenditure on items of capital investment rather than annual running costs. The Chairman, on behalf of Council, thanked the Clerk for the diligent and time-consuming research into the origins of the funds.

11.2 Items received since last meeting – to report.

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

Payer	Description	£
Powys County Council	Waste recycling proceeds Jul-Sep 2008	701.17
Powys County Council	Waste recycling proceeds Oct-Dec 2008	534.37
E R D Corfield & Sons	Burial fee (plot 344)	100.00

Members noted the considerable overflow of bottle banks during the Christmas period, and wished to acknowledge and once again thanked Harry Tuffins Supermarket for the support given by way of hosting and cleaning around the recycling banks. Members also agreed to contact Powys CC to request more frequent monitoring and emptying of the banks to prevent overflow in future.

Action – Clerk to process

11.3 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
<i>To authorise items for payment:</i>					
482	Powys County Council	Playground inspect. 2009	50.00	7.50	57.50
483	Powys County Council	Election recharge 1 st May	385.16	0.00	385.16
484	Soc. Loc. Council Clerks	Practitioner Conference	190.00	28.50	218.50
485	Ch'stoke Recr'n Assoc'n	Rm Hire Oct-Dec/Affil'n	28.60	0.00	28.60
486	E J Humphreys	Back pay Apr'08-Jan'09	91.70	0.00	91.70
<i>Total to authorise</i>			<i>745.46</i>	<i>36.00</i>	<i>781.46</i>
<i>To report items previously authorised to be paid by direct debit or standing order:</i>					
SO	E J Humphreys	Clerk's salary Feb'09	382.75	0.00	382.75
<i>Total previously authorised</i>			<i>382.75</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>382.75</i>

Action – Clerk to process

11.4 Consolidated balances at 25th Feb 2009 after sweep, receipts & payments – to report.
The Clerk reported on the M&G six monthly annual statement for 1st Jul-30th Sep 2008,

Fund	Number of shares	Share Price (p)	Value at 31/12/2007 (£)
Charibond	100	119.60	119.60

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

Item	Reserve account £	Current account £
Gross balances	28,303.00	500.00
Less ring-fenced funds	7,135.19	0.00
Net balances available	21,167.81	500.00

12.0 Highways and Rights of Way Reports:

12.1 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) C2056 (Hyssington Village) – traffic speed census wires were installed on a bend where traffic tends to slow naturally. Members requested a second census nearer the village hall, where traffic does appear to speed. Powys CC states that due to costs in the region of £300-400 for census and analysis, that it is unable to consider a repeat survey at this time.
- b) C2056 at Hillview, Blacksmith's Bank, Hyssington – edges of carriage way showing signs of tarmac erosion and in need of resurfacing. Powys CC states that the condition of C2056 will be assessed for future maintenance requirements as requested.

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

- a) Cllr V E D Tudor: C2009 – Potholes (deep in places) along the length of C2009, which risk damage to vehicles and put at risk the safety of cyclists and motor cyclists.
- b) Cllr J Stelmaisak: Street lamp Ch45 – faulty.
- c) Cllr K H Dowbiggin: A489 Churchstoke – following road resurfacing in the village by contractors to the Highways Authority there occurred flooding from the mains sewer arising from blockage by large pieces of concrete. This gave rise to considerable inconvenience and financial cost to a local resident. Members agreed that this should be brought to the attention of the Highways Authority.

- d) Cllr D L Powell: C2055 (Shropshire) Old Churchstoke to Priest Weston – two very large potholes between Cwmdulla and Priest Weston which have given rise to tyre punctures.
- e) Cllr D L Powell: Priest Weston Village (Shropshire) – faulty street lamp in the village.
Action – Clerk to process

13.0 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,
 - Council Tax: Full Council met Thursday 29th January to set the budget 2009-10. The overall Council Tax Precept per Band D property in Churchstoke community (including Police Authority, Fire & Rescue Authority, and Community Council) will be £1,045.17.
 - Budget savings will still be needed.
 - There is a change of formula for funding of schools which will be of net benefit to Churchstoke CP School.
- b) South Shropshire DC:
 - No report.

14.0 Correspondence – to receive other items of general correspondence.

14.1 Powys CC – People and Well-being Directorate

Re: Music strategy for children and young people

Council received a survey for music provision in the area which will inform the music strategy for children and young people. Replies are welcomed by Friday 6th March 2009.

Action – Clerk to process

14.2 Welsh Assembly Government – Local Government Finance Division

Re: Appropriate Sum under section 137(3) of Local Government Act 1972

Council received confirmation that the Appropriate Sum S137 for 2009-2010 is increased by 5% from £5.86 to £6.15 per elector, in line with RPI formula (Sept'07 to Sept'08).
Noted.

14.3 Welsh Assembly Government – Local Government Finance Division

Re: Borrowing by Community and Town Councils in 2009-10

Council received arrangements of borrowing approval 2009-10, with deadline for application being 13th March 2009. Noted.

14.4 Welsh Assembly Government – Brian Gibbons AM

Re: Local Government Partnership Scheme Annual Report 2007-08

Council received a copy of the annual report. Noted.

14.5 Various other correspondences listed:

- a) HM Court Service – invitation to Court Open Day, Brecon Magistrates' Court, Thursday 10th March 10am-4pm.
- b) Dyfed Powys Police Authority – invitation to the 'Money Talks' Community Consultative Forum, Thursday 12th February 2009, Llandrindod Wells.
- c) BDO Stoy Hayward (external auditors) – Local Council Briefing Spring 2009

15.0 Chairman's Announcements & Date of Next Business Meeting

- a) Cllr J Stelmasiak – the next PACT meeting with the local neighbourhood police will be Thursday 24th March, at Montgomery Town Hall
- b) Cllr B A Rowley – residents in Cae Camlad no longer need the Powys CC common TV Aerial pole in Cae Camlad as they all have own aerial s. CCC agreed to inform the Housing Office in Welshpool.

Action – Clerk to process

Next business meeting: Wednesday 25th March 2009, 7:30 p.m. at Churchstoke

Meeting ended 9.36 p.m.