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

MINUTES of Meeting on Tuesday 25th March 2003
 at Churchstoke Community Hall, 7.30 p.m.

1.0 Attendance – Cllr D A Paterson (Chairman), Cllr Mrs B J Davies, Cllr P Delves (item 5.0 onwards), Cllr G C Hamer, Cllr M J Jones, Cllr D G Page.

Apologies – Cllr Mrs S J Boundy, Cllr Miss B Madeley, Cllr M R K Davies, Cllr D H Latimer.

2.0 Minutes of Meeting of 25th February 2003 at Churchstoke Community Hall were approved and signed as a correct record.

3.0 Matters Arising for Information from minutes of 25th February 2003 at Churchstoke Community Hall.

3.1 (5.2) Young Peoples' Partnership Draft Strategy Consultation document
 Cllr B J Davies reported that there was little likelihood of funding for CCC from the partnership.

3.2 (5.3) Consultation on Funding for Childrens' Play
 Cllr B J Davies reported that it does not seem cost-effective for CCC to attend the participatory consultation event.

3.3 (5.4) PATCC Montgomeryshire District meeting
 Cllr M J Jones reported that he was unable to attend the recent meeting of the Montgomeryshire District Committee.

3.4 (13.2a) North Walk/The Bridge broken drain & safety barrier
 Members noted that Powys CC has repaired the broken drain but the broken barrier is still outstanding.

3.5 (14.0b) North Walk Fir Tree Hedge
 Members noted that the hedge has not yet been trimmed but that work is likely to be undertaken soon.

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
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None	None		
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4.3 Powys CC Planning Committee 7th March 2003 – report

The Clerk reported formal notification from Powys CC as follows –

M20021219 – at The Glebe barn, Old Churchstoke – reserved matters are approved

M20021251 – at barns adj. Todleth House, Churchstoke – reserved matters are approved

M20030057 – at Gerybryn, Montgomery – full planning permission granted

4.4 Planning Applications/Notices for PCC Planning Committee 4th Apr. 2003 including –

M20030154 – Cllr B J Davies declared a pecuniary interest and left the meeting for this item.

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>				
M20030154	Harry Tuffin’s Supermarket, Churchstoke	Harry Tuffin’s Supermarket, Churchstoke	Installation of 6 additional water tanks for bottled water	S
M20030191	Mr & Mrs K Emery, Fir Court, Churchstoke	Fir Court, Churchstoke	Listed building consent to include timber weather boarding, installation of glazed opening and roof light	N
M20030200	J G Rogers & Sons, Bachelldre Farm, Churchstoke	Bachelldre Farm, Churchstoke	Conversion of redundant agricultural building to dwelling, installation of sewerage treatment plant & alteration to vehicular access (outline)	S
M20030273	S J Roberts, Lowfield, Marton	The Cann, Mellington, Churchstoke	Erection of replacement dwelling & construction of vehicular access	S*

***M20030273** – CCC supported the application, and also commented that the existing drainage system may need upgrading to cope with a dwelling of this size.

Action – Clerk to process

5.0 Correspondence – to consider items of general correspondence

5.1 Powys County Council – Economic & Community Regeneration Directorate – Director Re – UDP Consultation Draft, March 2003

Notification of publication and the consultation arrangements for the draft plan for the period to 2016, together with a copy of the plan. Consultation is open 17th March – 2nd May 2003. Copies are available in council main offices, council area offices and libraries.

Members agreed to hold a special meeting to discuss the plan on Wednesday 16th April 7:30 pm Churchstoke Community Hall.

Action – arrange special meeting

5.2 Powys County Council – Economic & Community Regeneration Directorate

Re – Powys Arts Strategy Consultation

Copy of 1st stage consultation & background document with invitation to submit ideas and views by 4th April. Passed to Cllr B J Davies.

5.3 Powys County Council – Democratic Services Directorate – Deputy Returning Officer

Re – Welsh Assembly Elections 1st May 2003

Formal notification and notices of election. Noted. Notices to be put to Pottery Notice Board.

5.4 Welsh Assembly Government – Welsh Language Unit

Re – National Action Plan for a Bi-lingual Wales

Informing of the Action Plan to support & promote the Welsh Language, together with a copy of ‘Iaith Pawb: A National Action Plan for a Bi-lingual Wales’. Noted.

5.5 Mr M Jones (no contact details given)

Re – Speed limit in Churchstoke

Request for speed limit repeater signs in the village. The Clerk reminded Members that this is a county council responsibility, and that CCC has requested signs in the past.

Request to be passed to Powys CC Traffic section.

5.6 Various Material tabled,

– Play Wales Chwarae Cymru – Spring 2003 Newsletter. Passed to Cllr B J Davies.

6.0 Powys Community Strategy (Welshpool & District Local Forum) – progress report

The Clerk reminded Members of the meeting of the local forum which was to have taken place 10th March (Chairman & Vice-Chairman attending for CCC). Notification has been received from Powys CC that the meeting has been rescheduled to 31st March 7:00 pm, Corn Exchange, Welshpool.

Action – Cllr B J Davies and
Cllr G H Hamer will attend

7.0 Consultation Arrangements with Powys CC (Spring Liaison Meeting 27th March) – to receive notification / agenda & to nominate CCC representatives

The Clerk reminded Members of earlier notification of the Spring Liaison Meeting between Powys CC and Town & Community Councils – Thursday 27th March, 7:00 pm, Neuadd Maldwyn – and that CCC is invited to send 3 representatives (plus Clerk).

Members agreed *‘that CCC will be represented on this occasion by Chairman & Cllr G C Hamer’*.

Action – Chairman,
Cllr G C Hamer &
Clerk to attend

8.0 Items of Maintenance & Recreation Field

8.1 Recreation Field – to review proposals for ground treatment / improvement

Cllr M J Jones & Cllr D G Page reported on the site meeting with a representative of the football club and Powys CC Grounds & Landscapes Manager, and on the formal recommendations. Costs would be £4,478 for sand & ground treatment, plus additional cost of mini-digger to assess the drain lines. Powys CC would be unwilling to undertake mole ploughing.

Members agreed *'that Cllr M J Jones & Cllr D G Page meet with representatives of the football club, to invite their comments and discuss options in view of the report'*.

Action – Clerk to copy report to Football club

Action – Cllr M J Jones & Cllr D G Page to meet with Football club

Members also resolved *'to continue with the usual aeration treatment programme as quoted separately by Powys CC (4 sessions at £59.16 per session)'*.

Action – Clerk to process

The Clerk also reported information from Mr I Roberts, Headmaster Churchstoke CP School, that there is some sign of disease in the row of poplar trees next to the school field but that the risk is minimal.

8.2 Recreation Field – to consider purchase of dog fouling bin for recreation field

The Clerk reported on costs of the standard bin as used by Powys CC at around £115. Members resolved *'to purchase 1 bin for the recreation field'*.

Action – Clerk to process

8.3 Grass-cutting & Grounds Maintenance – opening tenders / awarding of 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

9.0 Allotments – opening tenders / awarding of tenancies (plots 2, 3, 4)

The Clerk reported that 3 tenders had been received. The tenders were opened and Members resolved *'to accept those of -*

– *Mr B P H Llewellyn (plot 2)*

– *Mr J Munslow (plot 3)*

– *Mr G Griffiths (plot 4)'*

Action – Clerk to process

10.0 Playground Inspection 2003 – to consider inclusion in 2003 inspections round

The Clerk reported that enquiries made of Powys CC indicate that the inspection has already been undertaken at no cost to CCC. Powys CC has received grant funding from Welsh Assembly Government to cover the inspection round. The report will be received in due course

11.0 Casual Vacancy in the office of Community Councillor (Churchstoke Ward) – to receive nominations for co-option and to proceed to fill the vacancy

The Clerk reported that 1 name had been nominated for co-option to the vacancy –

- Mr E Evans, Linley Cottage, Fir Court Avenue, Churchstoke

It was resolved unanimously *‘to co-opt Mr E Evans to the council as a Member for Churchstoke Ward’*.

Action – Clerk to process

12.0 BMX Cycle Facility – progress report

Cllr P Delves reported that ramp work will be undertaken week commencing 7th April ready for Easter holidays.

13.0 Car Park Resurfacing – report

The Clerk reported,

- a) Loan Sanction – not yet received from Welsh Assembly Government. The Chairman reminded Members that as soon as sanction is received, the loan application and the works purchase order will be processed
- b) School Headmaster has been informed of the project
- c) Response by Powys CC to CCC’s letter of intent to proceed, the suggestion to omit marking and written assurances. Powys CC confirm
 - That the work will best be undertaken during school summer holiday
 - Car park marking can be omitted to maximise the number of spaces
 - The Engineering & Design Service is covered by professional indemnity
 - Restate their confidence in the effectiveness of the proposals & repeat the requirement for periodic cleaning of the chambers

14.0 Cemetery Fees – triennial review of cemetery fees (from April 2003)

The Clerk reminded Members that cemetery fees are due for the triennial review and referred to the previously circulated briefing paper.

Members agreed *‘that in the absence of the Cemetery Manager, that the matter is deferred until the April meeting’*.

Action – for April agenda

15.0 Financial Report

15.2 Items received since last meeting – report

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

Payer	Description	£
M & G	Charibond interest Nov 2002- Jan 2003	1.90

15.3 Items for payment this meeting – including as follows

Members resolved *‘to authorise items for payment as follows’*,

cheque	Payee	Description	£
179	E R D Corfield & Sons	Fixing waster bin, Castle Road	17.62
180	Powys County Council	Playground equip.lease 2003-05	15.00
181	E J Nicholls Contracting	Tree work in village Feb 2003	460.00
182	Soc. Local Council Clerks	Subscription 2003	54.00
183	Mr S Hockly	Maint. White Grit Notice Board	20.00
St.Ord	E J Humphreys	Clerk’s salary Mar 2003	251.55

Action – Clerk to process

15.4 Consolidated balances at 25th March 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	24,165.96	181.83
Less ring-fenced funds	9,561.62	0.00
Net balances available	14,604.34	181.83

16.0 Powys County Council and Highways Reports

16.1 Highways report from Powys CC to CCC

The Clerk stated there is nothing to report.

16.2 Highways report from CCC to Powys CC

- a) Cllr G C Hamer – Woodgate area – severe potholes have still not been repaired
- b) Cllr B J Davies – Stonehouse Lane – surface and pothole problems have still not been repaired
- c) Cllr B J Davies – Llan Road C2009 – erosion of the road edges. Members agreed that preventative work is needed. Cllr G C Hamer agreed to investigate what would be involved in upgrading the road to ‘B’ class.

Action – Clerk to write (a)-(c)

Action – Cllr G C Hamer (c)

17.0 Chairman’s Announcements & Date Next Meeting

- a) Chairman – Powys CC are to install a recycling bank for cardboard at the Tuffins re-cycle site
- b) Cllr B J Davies – tipping has been removed from at the Maes Chwarae site but that no Health & Safety measures have been undertaken, and that there is a possible drainage problem

Action – Clerk to write

Next special meeting (UDP) – Wednesday 16th April 2003, 7:30 p.m. **at Churchstoke**

Next monthly meeting – Tuesday 22nd April 2003, 7:30 p.m. **at Hyssington**

Meeting ended 9:15 p.m.