

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

MINUTES of Meeting on Wednesday 25th May 2005
 at Churchstoke Community Village Hall, 7.45 p.m.

1.0 Attendance – Cllr Mrs B J Davies (Chairman), Cllr E Evans, Cllr G C Hamer, Cllr M J Jones, Cllr D A Paterson, Cllr D L Powell, Cllr Mrs B A Rowley, Cllr Mrs A R Stephens.

Apologies – Cllr G F Griffiths, Cllr Mrs P J Jones

The Chairman welcomed members of the public.

Declarations of Members' Interests:

Agenda Number	Item	Councillor	Nature of Declaration
4.5	All applications	G C Hamer	Member of planning authority
4.5	M20050403	D L Powell	Pecuniary interest
4.5	M20050403	G C Hamer	Pecuniary interest
4.5	M20005457	G C Hamer	Pecuniary interest

2.0 Minutes of Meetings – to approve and sign the minutes of 27th April 2005 at Hyssington Village Hall, as a correct record.

The minutes of the meeting of 27th April were approved and signed as a correct record.

3.0 Matters Arising for Information – to report matters for information from minutes of 27th April 2005 at Hyssington Village Hall.

3.1 (6.8) Draft Commissioner for Older People (Wales) Bill

The Chairman reported that the strategy was commendable but recommended that CCC does not need to make a consultation response.

3.2 (7.2) One Voice Wales Montgomeryshire Area Committee

Cllr M J Jones reported that he attended the meeting on 19th May 2005.

4.0 Planning Matters

4.1 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	None		

4.2 Powys CC Site Inspection Panel – notifications/reports (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 Service Decisions – to report recent Powys CC planning decisions

The Clerk reported formal notification of planning decisions by Powys CC as follows –

Ref.	Site	Powys CC Planning Decision
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M20050104	The Pentre, Pentre, Churchstoke	Full planning permission granted
M20050295	Ivy House, Churchstoke	Listed building consent granted
M20050310	Garden Plot Maesyronnen, Hyss'ton	Full planning permission refused
M20050338	Waterlily Cottage, Churchstoke	Full planning permission granted

4.4 Planning Specific Correspondence – to receive and resolve on correspondence (if any)

4.4.1 Powys County Council – Principal Planning Officer

Re – Area Planning Contacts

Letter of introduction from the Principal Planning Officer, and offer to attend a community council meeting in order to help establish strong working relationships and understanding of key issues in the area. Members agreed to invite the Principal Planning Officer, Mr J Berriman to the June meeting.

Action – Clerk to process

4.4.2 The Clerk reported other correspondence relating to planning applications as follows –

Ref.	Site	Description
None	None	

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

Declarations of Members' Interests:

- All applications – Cllr G Hamer, having earlier declared an interest as a member of the planning authority, refrained from voting
- M20050403 – Cllr D Powell, having earlier declared a pecuniary interest, left the meeting for this item
- M20050403 – Cllr G Hamer, having earlier declared a pecuniary interest, left the meeting for this item
- M20050457 – Cllr G Hamer, having earlier declared a pecuniary interest, left the meeting for this item

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

S = support, O = object, N = note,

Ref.	Applicant	Site	Description	rec.
New Plans				
M20050403	Mr D Powell, 26 Cross Likey, Churchstoke	Pt os 6591 Land near Glebe Farm, Old Churchstoke	Erection of a dwelling, formation of vehicular access & installation of sewerage treatment plant	S
M20050465	J G Rogers & Sons, Pond House, Churchstoke	Claerwen Pig farm, Bacheldre	Erection of 4 grain storage silos	S
M20050466	J G Rogers & Sons, Pond House, Churchstoke	Claerwen Pig farm, Bacheldre	Erection of stable block	S
M20050457	K Bickley, Cockshut, Montgomery	Cockshut, Montgomery	Conversion of outbuilding to 1 holiday unit	S

M20050474	Mr R T Breeze, Rocklea House, Appletree Turn, White Grit	Rocklea House, Appletree Turn, White Grit	Extension to agricultural building	S
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Action – Clerk to process

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 and resolved as follows –

Ref.	Site	Description
M20040731	Bank Cottage, Hyssington	Erection of detached garage and garden store
The Chairman reported on a letter from Powys CC Chief Executive in reply to CCC's comments on the administration on this application. The Chief Executive replies that the amendments were treated as 'minor' amendments, and that is the reason for no further consultation. The reply (together with CCC's original letter) was circulated to all Members so that they could consider the matter further.		
RESOLVED	<i>Members to consider the relevant information, including the two items of correspondence, and to discuss the matter at the June meeting'.</i>	

Action – for June agenda

5.0 Correspondence – to receive items of general correspondence

5.1 Powys County Council – Community Regeneration Manager

Re – Powys Community Strategy

Copies of the newly published Powys Community Strategy 2005-2020, as approved by the Powys Community Strategy Partnership. The substantial document highlights the 5 key thematic partnerships – Health Social Care & Well Being, Lifelong Learning, Economic Development, Environment, Community Safety – and lists priorities and action for each. The document will soon be available on the web at <http://community-strategy.powys.gov.uk>.

Members noted that this is an important framework and reference, which will strongly influence how the community will evolve over many years.

Action – passed to
Chairman & Vice-chairman, then
for all Members' attention

5.2 Powys County Council – Scrutiny Services Manager

Re – Communications Review

Reminder of the current review of communications between Powys CC and the public and other organisations and that replies are welcomed by 27th May 2005. Noted.

5.3 Powys County Council – Principal Accountant

Re – Public Inspection of Accounts 2004-05

Notice that the period for public inspection of the accounts will begin Monday 13th June 2005. The Clerk reported that this notice has already been posted to notice boards. Noted.

5.4 Powys County Council – Head of Recreation & Countryside Services

Re – FAW/UEFA Mini Pitch Proposal

Notification that FAW/UEFA is providing assistance or 2 mini pitches in each local authority and that Powys CC will be contributing up to £20,000 to each facility. Town & Community Councils are invited to put forward bids for the pitches by 30th June 2005. Noted.

5.5 Welsh Assembly Government – Head of Local Government Modernisation Division

Re – Review of Model Code of Conduct

Notification that the WAG is undertaking and consulting on a review of the Model Code in the light of its experience in operation by local government, and that the review group is recommending 26 changes. WAG provides a copy of the report of the review group, summary of the recommendations and consultation questionnaire, and a draft revised code. Responses to the consultation welcomed by 29th July 2005.

Action – Clerk to review report

5.6 Public Services Ombudsman for Wales

Re – Information on the new single Public Services Ombudsman for Wales

Notification that from 1st April 2006 Wales will have a single Ombudsman service covering the majority of Welsh public services, together with copies of information booklets. Distributed to Members.

5.7 Environment Agency – Area Environment Manager

Re – Severn Uplands Catchment Abstraction Management Strategy (CAMS)

Copy of the final strategy document ‘Severn Uplands CAMS’ together with ‘Managing Water Abstraction’. The Clerk reminded Members that CCC was one of the very few community councils to contribute to the original consultation exercise in May 2004. Passed to Cllr A R Stephens.

5.8 Environment Agency

Re – Local Environment Focus newsletter

Copy of the Focus newsletter for Severn Uplands Area. Noted.

5.9 Tetlow King Planning

Re – Powys County Council – Affordable Housing Planning Guidance

Notification that Powys CC has engaged Tetlow King Planning Consultants to prepare Supplementary Planning Guidance of provision of affordable housing through the planning system, and will be conducting public consultation during summer 2005. Noted.

5.10 Dyfed Powys Police Authority

Re – Community Consultative Forum

Notice of the meeting of the Forum 12th May 2005, at Machynlleth. Noted.

5.11 Society of Local Council Clerks / University of Gloucestershire

Re – Good Practice Guide

Information that following the recent publication by Univ. of Gloucestershire of the Good Councillor’s Guide, the Welsh Assembly Government has commissioned a Good Practice Guide. In order to assist with preparation, examples of innovative projects would be welcomed. Noted.

6.0 One Voice Wales, Guidance Notes – to receive guidance notes/correspondence on,
None.

7.0 Casual Vacancy in the Office of Community Councillor (Churchstoke Ward) – to the report on information from the office of the Returning Officer

The Clerk reported on notification from the office of the Returning Officer that no election has been called in Churchstoke ward and that the co-option process will take effect.

Members were asked to seek interested members of the public and to notify the Clerk of names of interested parties.

8.0 Community Plan – to receive progress report from working group

The Chairman reported on the latest meeting of the group, where the focus of discussion was Housing. Further meetings are planned for other topics.

Action – for working party

9.0 Churchstoke Recreation Field

9.1 Guidelines for usage – to receive progress report from working group

Cllr E Evans reported on the group meeting. The group is recommending that a simple broad statement of regulation of use of the field is sufficient, with backup terms of reference for use by the Clerk. The group will bring forward draft proposals at a future meeting of the council.

Action – for working party

9.2 Dog nuisance on the recreation field – to report and agree an appropriate course of action

Cllr E Evans reported that the group considered that this would be adequately covered by 'guideline for use' (see above), and that dogs should be kept under close control in the vicinity of other people or animals.

10.0 Churchstoke Cemetery – to consider requirements and implications of safety inspections, and to resolve on adoption of a policy/procedure for dealing with same

The Clerk reminded Members of earlier discussions of the matter of monument safety at the Cemetery, and the need to agree an appropriate course of action, and referred Members to the briefing note.

Members agreed that in the light of advice from Insurers and from One Voice Wales, that CCC should investigate and take appropriate action.

RESOLVED 'CCC will request local contractors to undertake a preliminary investigation (with temporarily make safe if necessary), and that further contract work may be requisitioned if, in the view of the Council, the preliminary results indicate that such work is required'.

Action – Clerk to process

11.0 Financial Report

11.1 Items received since last meeting – to report.

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

Payer	Description	£
M E & A Hughes	Cemetery memorial fee (plot 350)	75.00
Powys County Council	1 st installment of Precept & Recreation Grant	5,096.86

Powys County Council	Cemetery Grant 2005-2006	750.00
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11.2 Items for payment this meeting – to authorise items for payment, including as follows, RESOLVED ‘to authorise items for payment as follows’,

cheque	Payee	Description	£
294	Churchstoke Recr'n Assoc	Room hire Jan-Mar 2005	21.00
295	Allianz Cornhill Insurance	Insurance premium 2005-2006	428.14
St.Ord	E J Humphreys	Clerk's salary May 2005	314.77

Action – Clerk to process

11.3 Consolidated balances at 25th May Apr. 2005 after sweep, receipts & payments – to report

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

	Reserve account £	Current account £
Gross balances	18,856.36	550.86
Less ring-fenced funds	3,545.44	0.00
Net balances available	15,310.92	550.86

12.0 Highways Reports

12.1 Highways report from Powys/Shropshire CC to CCC – to report items from Powys CC

The Clerk reported on letter of intention to investigate/deal with issues from

Powys/Shropshire CC regarding,

- a) Rock Footbridge – letter informing of reconstruction of Rock Footbridge (unclassified road Rock farm to Alport), and asking CCC' s views of adequacy of new bridge given the circumstances and constraints also described.

Action – Chairman to check

12.2 Highways report from CCC to Powys CC – to report items to Powys CC

- a) Cllr B A Rowley – Fir Court Avenue – name sign broken & needs replacement
- b) Cllr B A Rowley – Old Post Office – a reminder that cars are still being parking on the pavement
- c) Cllr D A Paterson – Hyssington, in front of Old Post Office, pothole – a reminder that no work has been undertaken
- d) Cllr D A Paterson – Hyssington, on lane to Church, 2 areas of edge breakdown– a reminder that no work has been undertaken
- e) Chairman – Hyssington road – pothole adj. The Gables near entrance to Hyssington village

Action – Clerk to write to PCC

13.0 Chairman's Announcements & Dates of AGM and next meeting

- a) Chairman – thanked all Members for their conscientious work and support over the last year, and noted that CCC had successfully assimilated the changes in membership brought about as a result of the June 2004 elections.

Next meeting –

Wednesday 22nd June 2005, 7:30 p.m. at Churchstoke

Meeting ended 8:55 p.m.