

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

MINUTES of Meeting on 25th July 2007
 at Hyssington Village Hall, at 7.30 p.m.

1.0 Attendance, Apologies and Declarations of Members' Interests

Attendance: Cllr D L Powell (Vice-chairman), Cllr G F Griffiths, Cllr M J Jones, Cllr D H Latimer, Cllr D A Paterson, Cllr Mrs B A Rowley, Cllr Mrs A R Stephens.

In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-chairman took the Chair.

Apologies: Cllr E Evans (Chairman), Cllr Mrs B J Davies, Cllr Mrs P J Jones.

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 meeting 27th June 2007 at Churchstoke Community Hall, as a correct record.

The minutes of the meeting 27th June 2007 were approved and signed as a correct record, with one amendment:

12.2 j) C2056 at Rock Lane – blocked culvert. Amended to read U2707 at Rock Lane – blocked culvert.

3.0 Matters Arising from Minutes for Information – to report matters for information arising from minutes of meeting 27th June 2007 at Churchstoke Community Hall.

4.1 (5.2) Planning and UDP

Cllr M J Jones reported that the UDP Inspector is recommending that White Grit is not redesignated as small village.

4.2 (8.0) Green Grants Awards 2007

The Clerk reported that arrangements have been made with the manager of Harry Tuffins for presentation at the recycling banks, or in the café in the event of inclement weather.

4.3 (9.0) First Time Sewerage Scheme at White Grit

The Clerk reported that CCC is awaiting a reply from the Powys CC Environmental Health Office regarding the household survey. Cllr D H Latimer reported that CCC's request to Powys CC for a survey has been circulated to households in White Grit. Cllr Latimer also reported that private consultants could provide assistance to communities on preparation of Section 101a applications.

Action – for August meeting

4.4 (10.0) Noise Pollution at White Grit

The Clerk reported that CCC has contacted SSDC to confirm that the onus is now on residents to log and submit complaints and CCC will not pursue the matter.

4.5 (14.4) Football at Cross Likey

The Clerk reported that CCC is awaiting a reply from the Powys CC Housing Office.

4.6 (15.0c) Entrance to Cae Camlad

The Clerk reported that the Clerk to the Governors indicates that the Headmaster is arranging a joint site meeting with Powys CC Highways officers to look at options and implications of a new entrance. When the date is known the Governors will invite CCC to the site meeting.

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
None		

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

4.2.1 Roger Parry and Partners – Mr Richard Corbett

Re – Proposed dwelling to rear of the Courthouse Hotel, Churchstoke
 Letter informing of withdrawal of planning application for ‘erection of proposed detached 2-storey private dwelling with an integral double garage including a new private drive access and all associated external works (M20070132)’. Mr Corbett requests a site visit with regard to the application. Members noted that the Clerk has written to Mr Corbett to request more specific detail on matters the visit would consider and to clarify some ambiguity, so that CCC can make a more informed response to the request. CCC is awaiting reply. Council also agreed to contact One Voice Wales for advice.

Action – Clerk to process

Action – for August meeting

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>				

M20070638	Mr & Mrs M Walter, Holly Cottage, Great Argoed	Holly Cottage, Great Argoed	Conversion of barn to dwelling (retrospective) and change of use from agricultural land to residential curtilage (design amendment to M20041131)	N
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Action – Clerk to process

4.5 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
None		

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

5.1 One Voice Wales

The Clerk reported that the Maldwyn Area Committee 19th July at Welshpool will have included a presentation by Planning Aid Wales of a planning pilot training ‘Taster Session’. Noted.

The Clerk also reported on receipt of:

- ‘The Voice’ magazine, highlighting articles on Planning Aid Wales pilot taster sessions, and a brief mention of CCC’s draft Welsh Language Scheme
- A model policy on dealing with unacceptable actions by individuals

Noted.

5.2 Society of Local Council Clerks

The Clerk reported that he attended the AGM of the Powys branch of the Society on 7th July at Llandrindod Wells, and has accepted the office of Vice Chairman. Noted.

6.0 BMX Area – to receive report on dismantling the site.

The Clerk reported that no response has been received from Harry Tuffins regarding re-use of materials. A local contractor has been contacted and will provide indicative costs for dismantling and taking away, plus the option of making good vegetation. CCC is awaiting costs. Cllr G Griffiths informed Members that Harry Tuffins have also indicated they would dismantle, and that this needed clarification.

Action – Clerk to process

7.0 Election of Member with Special Responsibility for Democratic Governance and Organisation – to report and to elect to the vacant position not filled at AGM (report previously circulated)

The Clerk reminded Members of the need to elect to the third position of Member with Special Responsibility for Democratic Governance and Organisation, and referred to the Clerk’s report of the anticipated role of the post. No nominations were received and the post remains vacant.

8.0 Cae Camlad Playground – to report and discuss the matter of ‘baby/toddler’ swings (costing may be available for the meeting)

The Clerk reminded Members of the enquiry at the June meeting into provision of 'baby/toddler' swings at Cae Camlad playground. RoSPA inspectors have been contacted and advise against mixing types of swing under a single frame. Equipment suppliers have indicated costs in the region of £2,400-£3,500 depending on size and surface, fully installed. The Clerk reminded Members that this matter has not been budgeted for 2007-08.

RESOLVED: *'that due to the high cost, swings will not be considered in the current financial year'.*

9.0 North Walk – to report on public liability for accidents (responses maybe available for the meeting)

The Clerk reported that CCC has contacted council insurers, the Powys CC Commons Registration office, and the Powys Rights of Way office on the matter of liability, and is awaiting replies from them all.

Action – for August agenda

10.0 Notice of Boundary Commission Review of community boundaries – to receive the Commission's notice and report, and to resolve a response if desired (Commission report on deposit at Powys CC Offices)

The Clerk reported on receipt of the Boundary Commission response to the Powys CC review of community boundaries. Members had received notice that the full response is on deposit at Powys CC offices. Notices have also been posted to notice boards. Comments on the Commission's response are to be made to the Welsh Assembly Government by 16th August.

Members noted that the response includes the Commissions acceptance of the Powys CC recommendations for boundary changes at Lower House, Sarn and the transfer of Weston Madoc area to Montgomery, and that there are no consequential changes (vis-à-vis boundaries) to electoral arrangements.

Members noted that there is one error in paragraph 6.24 concerning number of electors and agreed to bring this to the attention of WAG.

RESOLVED: *'that CCC inform WAG of the error in projected number of electors resulting from boundary changes at Lower House and at Weston Madoc.'*

Action – Clerk to process

11.0 Consultation on Powys CC School Closure Proposals – to resolve a response if desired to the closure proposals (report received at June meeting)

The Clerk reminded Members of the Powys CC proposals for primary school closures, and that CCC has an opportunity to respond by 23rd August 2007. Members agreed that no response is necessary from the point of view of Churchstoke.

12.0 Financial Report

12.1 Items received since last meeting – to report.

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

Payer	Description	£
Powys County Council	Re-cycling site proceeds Jan-Mar 2007(Qtr 4)	898.27

NatWest Bank plc	Gross interest Apr-Jun 2007	155.92
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12.2 Items for payment this meeting – to authorise items for payment, including as follows, RESOLVED: ‘CCC authorises items for payment as follows’:

cheque	Payee	Description	£ inc. vat
406	Churchstoke Bowling Club	Green Grant 2007	250.00
407	Ch’stoke School Infant Dept	Green Grant 2007	300.00
408	Ch’stoke Friends of School	Green Grant 2007	300.00
409	Churchstoke Guides	Green Grant 2007	180.00
410	Corndon Am’r Drama Assoc	Green Grant 2007	352.50
411	Hyssington PCC	Green Grant 2007	200.00
412	St Nicholas PCC	Green Grant 2007	500.00
413	Mr Herbert Stafford	Mole control at cemetery	40.00
414	Mrs B Rowley	Village Steward Apr-Jun 2007	98.98
415	E J Humphreys	Clerk expenses Apr-Jun 2007	152.97
St.Ord	E J Humphreys	Clerk’s salary July 2007	364.57

Action – Clerk to process

12.3 Consolidated balances at 25th July 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	19,726.21	1,000.00
Less ring-fenced funds	4,339.47	0.00
Net balances available	15,386.74	1,000.00

13.0 Highways Reports

13.1 Highways report from Powys/Shropshire CC to CCC – to report

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

- a) Cae Camlad, Churchstoke, road entrance to recreation field – flooding onto the school play space from the middle right side (when entering recreation field). Powys CC states that the entrance road is not Highways property and belongs to the Education Department. The Clerk has also confirmed with Highways Office that the water collecting at the soak-away is not connected to this matter.
- b) Cae Camlad, Churchstoke – flooding surface drains needing inspection. Powys CC states that the inspector has issued instruction for clearing of gullies in Cae Camlad
- c) Foot of Hall Bank adj. Tudor Rose – surface drain blockages indicated by silting and appearance of subsidence. Powys CC states that this will be investigated and repaired as appropriate
- d) C2193, Old Churchstoke at entrance to The View – flooding onto road and water flowing along C2193 towards Todleth. Powys CC states that minor works are planned to alleviate the problem, and that the council also has backup plans.
- e) C2056, Hyssington – previously reported erosion (21st Feb 2007) opposite U2714 Church Lane, exacerbated by recent rainfall, now extending towards play area. Powys CC states works have recently been completed. Cllr D A Paterson reported that this appears to be successful.
- f) Defective beacon light on ‘zebra crossing’ (opp. Tuffins). Powys CC states that the matter has been brought to the attention of the street lighting section.

- g) C2193, Todleth Farm to Hurgay Quarry, Old Churchstoke – previously reported (31st July 2006) hedge encroachment obstructing high loads and risk of snagging and slipping of loads still needs attention. Powys CC states that notice to cut the hedge has been issued.
- h) Pentrenant to Bacheldre – potholes still not filled. Powys CC states that potholes will be filled in the near future.
- i) Binwilkin – water emanating onto road. Powys CC states that the problem will be investigated and actioned as appropriate.
- j) U2707 at Rock Lane – blocked culvert. Powys CC states that an order has been issued to remedy the matter.

13.2 Highways report from CCC to Powys CC – to report

- a) Cllr G Griffiths – C2055, near Blue Barns and Cartref – standing water, possibly due to a blocked outlet pipe
- b) Cllr M J Jones – C2054, near junction with B4385 at Courthouse – overflow from the culvert has caused road and fence damage
- c) Cllr M J Jones – C5054, Wernddu lane – existing surface deterioration made worse by recent floods
- d) Cllr M J Jones – B4385, at Devil's Elbow – subsidence on the Powys side of the boundary
- e) Cllr D L Powell – A489, at Snead (near The Friars) – undersized culvert unable to cope with water flow. Members agreed to support residents' concerns.

Action – Clerk to process

14.0 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:
 - Village halls – money available £1,000 per hall from the 'community challenge scheme' for purchase of physical activity equipment. Applications need to be submitted by 30th August to the Sports Development Team
 - Council Tax – Powys CC has the highest collection rate in Wales at 98.8%.
- b) South Shropshire DC:
 - No report.

15.0 Correspondence – to receive other items of general correspondence.

15.1 Various correspondences, tabled:

- a) Wales Rural Observatory – rural services survey questionnaire. Clerk and Chairman to respond

Action – Clerk to process
- b) Play for Wales / Chwarae dros Cymru – Summer 2007 Newsletter. Noted.
- c) Mr G D Price, Llandrindod Wells – table of allowances and expenses of members of Powys CC for 2006-07. Noted.

16.0 Chairman's Announcements & Date of Next Meeting

Next meeting – Wednesday 29th August 2007, 7:30 p.m. at Churchstoke (planning and finance only)

Meeting ended 8.55 p.m.