

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

MINUTES of Meeting on 25th October 2006
 at Churchstoke Community Hall, at 7.30 p.m.

1.0 Attendance, Apologies and Declarations of Members' Interests – Cllr Mrs B J Davies (Chairman), Cllr G F Griffiths, Cllr M J Jones, Cllr D H Latimer, Cllr D A Paterson, Cllr D L Powell, Cllr P A Rees, Cllr Mrs B A Rowley,

Apologies – Cllr Mrs A R Stephens

The Chairman welcomed members of the public.

Members noted the passing of Sir Michael Pollock, and remarked on his valuable contribution to the work of the community council.

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

The Clerk confirmed dispensation from the Monitoring Officer, Powys County Council, regarding declaration of interest relating to proposed changes to funding arrangements for Village Halls / Community Centres.

Members declared interests as follows:

Agenda Number	Item	Councillor	Nature of Declaration
4.0	Village Green	M J Jones	Member of Powys CC Rights of Way Committee
5.5	Planning applications	M J Jones	Member of Powys CC Mont. Planning C' ttee (decision role)
10.1	Financial Year 2007-08 (Re. community hall)	B J Davies	Member of Chur'stoke Rec. Assoc.
10.1	Financial Year 2007-08 (Re. village hall)	D A Paterson	Member of Hyss'n Vill. Hall Cttee.
10.1	Financial Year 2007-08 (Re. village hall)	D L Powell	Member of Chur'stoke Rec. Assoc.
10.1	Financial Year 2007-08 (Re. community hall)	P A Rees	Member of Chur'stoke Rec. Assoc.
10.1	Financial Year 2007-08 (Re. community hall)	B A Rowley	Member of Chur'stoke Rec. Assoc.

2.0 Minutes of Meetings – to approve and sign the minutes of 27th September 2006 at Churchstoke Community Hall, as a correct record

The minutes of the business meeting 27th September 2006 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 27th September 2006 at Churchstoke Community Hall

3.1 (3.3) Environmental concerns at White Grit

Cllr D H Latimer reported (as councillor closest to the location) on recent correspondence with South Shropshire DC:

- a) Request for a diary / log of dog barking disturbances to be returned to South Shropshire DC via the Clerk
- b) Letter informing of South Shropshire DC contact with the owner of the premises concerned.

Cllr Latimer reported that there has been no abatement of disturbance

Action – with S. Shrop DC
for Nov meeting

3.2 (14.4) Welshpool & District Community Forum, Affordable Housing

The Chairman reported that Chairman and Clerk attended the meeting of Welshpool & District Community Forum re. ‘Affordable Housing – The Way Forward’. The meeting was addressed by Powys CC portfolio holder for housing Cllr Graham Brown, Powys CC Acting Head of Housing, and the Welshpool based officer of the organisation ‘Land for People’. The Chairman commented that although Powys CC and Land for People appeared to be taking the issue forward in a useful way, there are no obvious quick solutions to a long term wide reaching problem. Members expressed an interest in the ideas of Land for People for a community land trust and agreed to invite their officer to a future meeting of the community council.

4.0 Application for registration of Village Green in Churchstoke – to report and further resolve on progress with the applications

The Clerk reported that one objection has been received to the North Walk application, and no objections to the Cherry Tree Land application. The next step in the process is a hearing by Powys CC Rights of Way Committee, at which evidence for and objections against will be heard, and CCC now needs to inform Powys CC whether it wishes to proceed with the applications. CCC’s solicitors have recommended that it take advice from legal counsel experienced in the field (and an indication of likely costs), and if it wishes to proceed that legal counsel represent CCC at the hearing.

RESOLVED ‘to seek legal counsel on the application and objection, together with financial costs involved, to discuss at the November meeting in the light of the advice of legal counsel, and to inform Powys CC of same.’

Action – Clerk to process

5.0 Planning Matters

5.1 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	None	None

5.2 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	None	None

5.3 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
M20060774	Rockfield, Hyssington	Full planning permission granted

5.4 Planning Specific Correspondence – to receive correspondence (if any)

Re – Planning Liaison Meeting

Invitation to attend the Town and Community Councils / Powys CC Planning Liaison meeting Tuesday 21st November, 7.00 pm, Neuadd Maldwyn Welshpool. Discussions to include the new planning protocol, a short training presentation, and updates on wind farm developments and interim planning guidance

Action – Chairman
Cllr D A Paterson
Cllr D L Powell
and Clerk to attend

5.5 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 the planning authority (decision role), refrained from discussion or voting.

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

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

Ref.	Applicant	Site	Description	rec.
<i>New Plans</i>				
M20060892	Mr J Brown, Snowdrop Cottage, White Grit	Snowdrop Cottage, White Grit	Conversion of outbuilding to provide additional living accommodation with link to existing cottage	S

Action – Clerk to process

5.6 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
None	None	None

6.0 One Voice Wales / Society of Local Council Clerks, Guidance Notes – to receive reports of AGM/area meetings/guidance notes/correspondence

6.1 OVW – Annual General Meeting 14th October 2006

Cllr P A Rees reported on attendance at the AGM, and speaking on the proposition against road pricing in regard to respecting personal privacy. The motion was carried. Cllr Rees also remarked on the importance of having a voice at OVW and a collecting voice via OVW.

7.0 Powys CC Autumn Liaison Meeting 2006 – to report on the meeting of 4th October

The Chairman reported on attendance with Cllr Rowley and Clerk at the very well attended liaison meeting on 4th October. The main topics of discussion were:

- Update on progress with Access to Services programme
- Town & Community Councils involvement in planning matters and complaints to the Public Services Ombudsman (Clerk to copy notes to all Members)
- New Planning Protocol
- Council Priorities
- Member and Officer Indemnities (Clerk to request One Voice Wales advice)

Next meeting, Spring Liaison meeting, Wednesday 14th March 2007, 7.00pm, Neuadd Maldwyn, Welshpool.

Action – Clerk to process

8.0 BMX Area – to receive status report

Cllr P A Rees and the Chairman reported further work at the site, and Members noted that interest continues amongst the group.

9.0 Consultation on Gambling Act 2005 – to resolve a response to Powys CC consultation on the Draft Statement of Licensing Policy (previously circulated)

Council received the consultation on Gambling Act 2005 Draft Statement of Licensing Policy. Responses are welcomed by 19th November 2006. Whilst members felt it related mainly to casinos and gaming houses, it was

RESOLVED *‘to respond that CCC is of the opinion that,*

- a) it is not clear in the draft policy whether it also covers the Lottery and Gaming Act 1976 in regard to running licensed draws*
- b) it would be useful to have information or a seminar on how the licensing process is intended to work in practice’.*

Action – Clerk to process

10.0 Financial Report

10.1 Financial Year 2007-2008 – to receive the budget panel report on the 1st draft annual budget (previously circulated), & to resolve on bids for recreation and cemetery concurrent funding

The Clerk reported for the working party and presented 1st draft of the 2007-2008 budget. Members were reminded of the timetable and the need to submit bids for concurrent funding immediately after this meeting. A second draft will be presented for further discussion at the December meeting.

RESOLVED *‘to proceed with CCC bids for recreation and cemetery concurrent function grants based on the 1st draft as presented’.*

The Chairman thanked the budget panel and the Clerk for their preparatory work on the 1st draft.

Action – Clerk to process
and for December agenda

10.2 Items received since last meeting – to report.

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

Payer	Description	£
Central Networks	Wayleaves & Pole Rents	77.46
NatWest Bank plc	Gross interest Jul – Sep 2006	118.33

10.3 Items for payment this meeting – to authorise items for payment, including as follows,

cheque	Payee	Description	£
367	E R D Corfield & Sons	Repairs to playground equipment	209.15
368	Mrs B A Rowley	Village Steward Jul-Sep 2006	95.95
369	E J Humphreys	Admin expenses Jul-Sep 2006	140.07
St.Ord	E J Humphreys	Clerk's salary Oct 2006	324.06

Action – Clerk to process

10.4 Consolidated balances at 25th Oct 2006 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	24,900.60	230.77
Less ring-fenced funds	3,750.38	0.00
Net balances available	21,150.22	230.77

11.0 Highways Reports

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

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

- a) Cae Coed (Coed Farm to Little Rhiston) – subsidence resulting in cracks in road surface: Powys CC states that the site has been inspected, and that there are no plans to carry out works at present. The situation will be monitored, and should action be necessary in future then it will be taken in timely fashion
- b) Hurdley lane – potholes: Powys CC states that an order has been issued to remedy the potholes. Cllr Powell reported that work has already been carried out
- c) Pentrenant Lane between post-box and telephone box – rutted with worn slippery surface resulting in danger in wet weather: Powys CC states that the site has suffered from heat during the summer, and the site will be monitored over coming months. An order has been issued to rectify some localised cracking. Cllr Rees reported that work has already been carried out
- d) Bagbury Lane – lane was resurfaced at each end around December 2002 to January 2003, but the middle section is breaking up particularly at Bagbury Farm: Powys CC states that although not dangerous the road would benefit from surface treatment. It will be included on the list for programmed work
- e) Wernddu Lane – to enquire whether CCC had heard from Powys CC regarding traffic monitoring on Wenddu Lane: Powys CC states that monitoring equipment installed on 7th July failed to produce reliable results, and that the survey is rescheduled for 23rd October. The results will be relayed to CCC shortly afterwards.

11.2 Highways report from CCC to Powys CC – to report

- a) None

12.0 Powys County Council – to receive and discuss other general County Council matters

Cllr M J Jones reported:

- a) Budget 2007-2008. Despite WAG funding increases, the finances of Powys CC for 2007-08 are still uncertain. It needs to save £20m over 3 years, £6.7m in 2007-08. To

do so it may aim for 10% staff cuts across services. CCC remained concerned at the likely adverse effect of education services.

- b) Unitary Development Plan. The UDP hearing has taken place and the final document is to come before full council. One specific item relating to planning permission for land to south of area M117EA1 (livestock market) is ambiguous and Cllr M J Jones will be seeking clarification.

13.0 Correspondence – to receive other items of general correspondence.

13.1 Powys Community Safety Partnership (CSP) – Cllr Graham Brown

Re – Community Safety Partnership day event

Information on and invitation to attend the all day event ‘Working together to Keep Powys Safe’, 16th November 2006, Hafod a Hendre, Royal Welsh Showground, Llanelwydd. The event will review achievements and progress so far, will look to future programmes, and will include of a series of workshops on CSP issues. Noted.

13.2 Welsh Assembly Government

Re – Draft Guidance on Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005

Consultation documents on Draft Guidance on Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005. The document also contains draft regulations in respect of fixed penalty notices and dog control orders. Responses welcomed by 29th December 2006. Passed to Cllr B A Rowley.

Action – for Dec agenda

13.3 National Assembly for Wales Mid & West Wales Regional Committee

Re – next meeting of the Mid and West Wales Regional Committee

Notice of the next meeting of the NAW Mid Wales Regional Committee, Friday 17th November 2006, 10am-12.30pm, Penybont & District Community Hall, Penybont, Llandrindod Wells. The focus of the meeting will be on the topic of ‘Growing up in Rural Wales’. Noted.

13.4 Shropshire County Council – Sustainability Group Assistant Policy Officer

Re – Consultation on Core Strategy & Mineral Resources Development Plan

Notice that Shropshire CC has published two new planning documents: Core Strategy Development Plan, and Mineral Resources Development Plan. Public consultation on these take place 27th Oct-8th Dec 2006. Comments welcomed to be submitted on the forms supplied. The documents and response forms are available on the internet at www.shropshire.gov.uk/planning.nsf. Printed copies can be requested by telephone (01743-252510). or by email (sustainability@shropshire-cc.gov.uk). Passed to Cllr D H Latimer.

Action – for Nov agenda

13.5 Various other correspondences, tabled

- a) Powys CC – information sheet, Issue 4 September 2006, on progress with the customer services programme including the establishment for the new customer services call centre at Llandrindod Wells, and the contact point at Llanidloes. Noted and tabled.
- b) Powys CC – Director of Policy Regeneration & Environment – follow up notes & briefings for the recent Wales Spatial Plan events and the Key Settlements & Rural Areas Study (Jacob Babbie), and notice that future local meetings will be held. Noted and tabled

- c) Powys Local Health Board – Annual Report 2005-2006. Noted and tabled.
- d) PAVO – newsletter October 2006. Noted and tabled.

14.0 Chairman's Announcements & date of next meeting

- a) Cllr B A Rowley – new dog waste bins are not yet in place
- b) Cllr B A Rowley – the north east hedge at the cemetery has not been curt. Members commented that although the south west and north west hedges are cut by CCC's contractors, the north east hedge may belong to the owner of the adjacent field
- c) Clerk – reported that the new notice board is in place at Cross Likey
- d) Clerk – reported that car park soak-away tanks have been emptied in preparation for winter
- e) Clerk – reported that trees are overhanging into neighbouring gardens at the recreation field car park. Pruning and pollarding work will be carried out on trees along the north and east boundaries
- f) Clerk – reported that six more years of council minutes (1997-2002) are now available on the web site.

Next meeting – Wednesday 22nd November 2006, 7:30 p.m. at Hyssington

Meeting ended 9:15 p.m.