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

MINUTES of Meeting on Tuesday 25th November 2003
 at Hyssington Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.

1.0 Attendance – Cllr D A Paterson (Chairman), Cllr S J Boundy, Cllr Mrs B J Davies, Cllr M R K Davies, Cllr E Evans, Cllr M J Jones, Cllr Miss B Madeley

Apologies – Cllr P Delves, Cllr G C Hamer, Cllr D G Page

The Chairman welcomed members of the public.

2.0 Guest – Mr. I Roberts, Headmaster Churchstoke CP School – to discuss issues of mutual concern relating to the school

The Chairman welcomed Mr Roberts, Headmaster of Churchstoke CP School. Mr Roberts described some of the present difficulties including,

- Capacity – there is insufficient capacity at the school to satisfy pupil numbers. Powys CC has taken short-term alleviating measures by providing a demountable classroom. Problems remain in the longer term especially in view of the anticipated and planned growth in the villages. Mr Roberts thanked CCC for its support in correspondence to Powys CC, which will add weight to the need for a satisfactory solution
- Staffing – with over 100 pupils expected after Christmas, Mr Roberts would like Powys CC to address the problem of insufficient staffing levels before it arises. CCC agreed *‘to write to Powys CC Education to ask for a follow up information from the school review’*
- Safe Routes to School – efforts are being made to obtain funding from the ‘Safe Route to School’ programme to encourage and investigate alternative and safer routes for the children. Measures being considered include crossing points on the A489 and pathways avoiding Cae Camlad. Mr Roberts will continue to pursue safety measures with Powys CC Highways, and to remind parents of the need for constant driving care when picking up and setting down children. CCC agreed *‘to write to Powys CCC Highways to emphasis the need for safe crossing points and warning signals’*.

Action – Clerk to write

3.0 Minutes of Meeting of 28th October at Churchstoke Community Hall were approved and signed as a correct record

4.0 Matters Arising for Information from minutes of 28th October at Churchstoke Community Hall

None.

5.0 Planning Matters

5.1 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		

5.2 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
None	None		

5.3 Powys CC Planning Committee 7th November 2003 – report

The Clerk reported formal notification from Powys CC as follows –

Ref.	Site	Powys CC Planning Decision
M20030851	Churchstoke Pottery, Castle Rd	Full planning permission granted
M20031008	Harry Tuffins Supermarket	Full planning permission granted
M20031102	The Meadow, White Grit	Full planning permission refused
M20031103	R V W Pugh Depot, Mellington	Outline planning permission refused
M20031112	Meadow Place, White Grit	Full planning permission granted
M20031149	Todleth Farm, Old Churchstoke	Full planning permission granted

5.4 Planning Applications/Notices for PCC Planning Committee 5th December including –

Council RESOLVED ‘to comment on applications as follows’ –

S = support, O = object, N = note

Ref.	Applicant	Site	Description	rec.
<i>New Plans</i>				
M20031187	Mr & Mrs N Moreton, Ty Bryn, Old Churchstoke	Ty Bryn, Old Churchstoke	Erection of garage, construction of balcony & formation of additional driveway	S
M20031207	Mr G Griffiths, 23 Cae Camlad, Churchstoke	Quarry Garage, Churchstoke	Erection of dwelling, installation of septic tank & alteration to access (outline)	O*
M20031211	S Allen & J Cox, Portcullis Furniture, Craven Arms	Snead Farm Workshop, Snead	Change of use from forestry depot to retail of antiques, household furniture & architectural items	S
M20031251	Mr & Mrs F Zihni, The Bryn, Todleth	Little Bryn, Todleth	Application to remove condition 3 attached to previous planning applications M20020080 & M20010746	N
M20031278	P Oppenheim, P Owens, D Read Flemming & J Adams	Court House Cottage & Trydar Cottage, Mellington	Formation of new vehicular access (retrospective)	S

***M20031207** – CCC objected to this application on grounds

- that it is outside the village development envelope
- of lack of safe access arrangements onto the A489
- of likely disturbance to water supply to neighbouring properties

Action – Clerk to process

6.0 Correspondence – to consider items of general correspondence

6.1 Powys County Council, Economic & Community Regeneration Directorate

Re – Key Statistics from 2001 Census

Copy of the statistics for Powys as a whole and for Churchstoke community. Previously distributed to Members.

6.2 Welsh Assembly Government – Head of Local Government Modernisation Division

Re – Study into Role, Functions & Future Potential of Town & Community Councils

Copy of the final report & 12 copies of executive summary report by the Institute of Geography & Earth Sciences, University Collage of Wales, Aberystwyth. Comments to be submitted by 27th February 2004. Distributed to members.

6.3 Dyfed Powys Police Authority - Chairman

Re – Budget Outlook 2004-2005

Copy of letter and presentation sent by the Chairman to all MPs and AMs regarding the shortfall in policing grant and the impact this will have on Council Tax for 2004-2005.

Noted.

6.4 Powys Drugs & Alcohol Centres – Chef Executive

Re – Powys Substance Misuse Action Plan

Copy of the Executive Summary of the Action Plan for public display. Distributed for pottery notice board.

7.0 Dates of Meetings for 2004 – to confirm dates of meetings for 2004

The Clerk presented the proposed dates for CCC meetings in 2004. Council RESOLVED *'to set the dates for 2004 as presented (the dates to be set out in the appendix to these minutes)'*.

Action – Clerk to write
to caretakers

8.0 Churchstoke Pre-School Playgroup – to receive further detail on request for play area

The Chairman reminded Members of the request by the playgroup for a dedicated play area, in order to assist the group attain Quality Assured status. Cllr B Madeley and Cllr B Davies reported further possibilities regarding play space nearer the school, and that they will meet with play-leaders to agree the best solution in more detail

Action – Cllr B Davies
and Cllr B Madeley to meet
Action – for Dec agenda

9.0 Hyssington Village Hall Committee – to receive further detail on request for CCC to adopt the Hyssington play area and equipment

The Chairman reported that as yet there is no further information from the village hall committee.

Action – for Jan agenda

10.0 Powys Community Strategy (Welshpool & District Local Forum) – to report

The Chairman reported on attendance at the recent meeting at Guilsfield where Environment was the topic for discussion. This was the final 'themed meeting' in the consultation exercise, and Powys CC will compile the final strategy report.

11.0 Financial Report

11.1 Financial Year 2002-2003 – to report completion of annual audit

The Clerk reported that ‘Notice of Conclusion of Audit’ has been received from the auditors, and is already displayed on notice boards. Members accepted and approved the Annual Return and audit opinion and noted the recommendations of the auditor.

The Chairman thanked the Clerk for successfully preparing and taking the accounts through the audit.

11.2 Financial Year 2004-2005 – to receive appeals for financial assistance

The Clerk reported on financial appeals received during the year as follows,

- Alzheimer’s Dementia care & Research, Montgomeryshire Branch
- Bobath Children’s Therapy Centre Wales
- Childline Cymru
- Commonwealth Games Council for Wales (Melbourne 2006)
- Hoppe Hose Children’s Hospice
- Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod
- Marie Curie Cancer care
- Powys Citizens Advice Bureau
- Rotary Clubs appeal for ‘All Under One Roof’ palliative care centre
- Shelter Cymru
- The Shropshire & Mid Wales Hospice
- Urdd Gobaith Cymru
- Urdd National Eisteddfod 2004 (Ynys Mon)
- Wales Air Ambulance
- Women’s Royal Voluntary Service

Members agreed ‘to incorporate usual donations (RBL, CAB, Montgomeryshire Family Crisis Centre, The Samaritans) into the budget’. The budget will be re-presented for further discussion at the December meeting.

Action – Clerk to process
& on December agenda

11.3 Items received since last meeting – report

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

Payer	Description	£
M E & A Hughes	Cemetery monument fee (plot 441)	75.00
Powys County Council	Waste re-cycling proceeds Jul-Sep 2003	694.78
E R D Corfield & Sons	Cemetery burial fee (plot 161)	75.00

11.4 Items for payment this meeting – including as follows

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

cheque	Payee	Description	£
218	Royal British Legion	Poppy appeal 2003	25.00
219	HLB AV Audit	External audit of 2002-03 accounts	141.00
220	Powys County Council	Internal audit of 2002-03 accounts	110.00
St.Ord	E J Humphreys	Clerk’s salary Nov 2003	260.35

Action – Clerk to process

11.5 Consolidated balances at 25th November 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	41,511.84	1,308.43
Less ring-fenced funds	30,426.79	0.00
Net balances available	11,085.05	1,308.43

12.0 Powys County Council and Highways Reports

12.1 Highways report from Powys CC to CCC

The Clerk reported on a letter of acknowledgement from Powys CC regarding,

- a) Old Churchstoke to Todleth Road – Subsidence on C2193 near Glebe Farm – site to be monitored and appropriate action taken
- b) Castle Road, Bus Shelter – glass panes are broken/missing and need replacement – order for repairs has been placed with suppliers

12.2 Highways report from CCC to Powys CC

- a) Cllr B Madeley – Pothole at Court House Corner, Mellington
Action – Clerk to write

13.0 Chairman's Announcements and Date of Next Meeting

- a) Chairman – informed Members that the Vice-Chairman will chair the December meeting in his absence
- b) Chairman – wished all Members and residents within the community council area a “VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR”.

Next meeting – Tuesday 16th December 2003, 7:30 p.m. **at Churchstoke**

Meeting ended 9:35 p.m.

Appendix to Minutes of meeting of CCC on 25th November 2003

Dates of Community Council Meetings for 2004

Meetings are normally scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m.

Day	Date	Comment
Wed	28/01/2004	at Churchstoke
Wed	25/02/2004	at Churchstoke
Wed	24/03/2004	at Churchstoke
Wed	28/04/2004	at Hyssington
Wed	26/05/2004	at Churchstoke
Wed	23/06/2004	at Churchstoke
Wed	28/07/2004	at Hyssington
Wed	25/08/2004	at Churchstoke. Planning Meeting only
Wed	22/09/2004	at Churchstoke
Wed	27/10/2004	at Churchstoke
Wed	24/11/2004	at Hyssington
Wed	29/12/2004	at Churchstoke

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