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

MINUTES of Meeting on Wednesday 26th January 2005
 at Churchstoke Community Hall, 7.30 p.m.

1.0 Attendance – Cllr Mrs B J Davies (Chairman), Cllr E Evans (Vice-chairman), Cllr G F Griffiths, Cllr M J Jones, Cllr D A Paterson, Cllr D L Powell, Cllr Mrs A R Stephens.

Apologies – Cllr P Delves, Cllr Mrs P J Jones, Cllr Mrs B A Rowley

The Chairman welcomed members of the public.

2.0 Minutes of Meetings – to approve and sign the minutes of 22nd December 2004 at Churchstoke Community Hall, as a correct record.

The minutes of the meeting of 22nd December 2004 were approved and signed as a correct record.

3.0 Matters Arising for Information – to report matters for information from minutes of 22nd December 2004 at Churchstoke Community Hall.

3.1 (3.1.1) Application for Public Entertainment Licence

Cllr D A Paterson reported that due to continued delays at Powys CC, Hyssington Village Hall still does not have a Public Entertainment Licence. Powys CC states that the expiring licence will be valid until a renewal can be issued.

3.2 (3.1.2) Car Parking at the foot of Hall Bank

Cllr G Griffiths reported that there has been no improvement in the situation and cars continue to be parked on the carriageway

Action – Clerk to write to MWH

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
M20040893	APP/T6850/A/04/1 171508	Quarry Garage, Churchstoke	Closing date for comments, 16 th February 2005
RESOLVED 'to make no further comment on the application'.			

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
M20041096	Lower Tasker garage, White Grit	Full planning permission granted
M20041126	Bacheldre Farm, Churchstoke	Full planning permission granted

M20041169	Barn at Snead Farm, Snead	Full planning permission granted
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4.4 Planning Specific Correspondence – to receive and resolve on correspondence (if any)

The Clerk reported on correspondence relating to planning matters as follows –

Ref.	Site	Description
M20041098	Part of plot 6591, Land near Glebe Farm, Old Churchstoke	Erection of local needs dwelling, with new vehicular access & installation of sewerage treatment plant
The Clerk reported on copy of letter of objection sent to Powys CC regarding the application. Members agreed to discuss this at item 4.5, along with planning application M20041098.		

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

Cllr A R Stephens joined the meeting at this point.

Declarations of Members' Interests:

- M20041098 – Cllr D Powell declared a pecuniary interest and 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.
<i>New Plans</i>				
M20050012	Mr H Brackenbury, Pentre Mill, Pentre	Mill House, adj. Pentre Mill, Pentre	Conversion & extension of outbuilding to dwelling	S
<i>Amended Plans</i>				
M20041098	Mr D Powell, 26 Cross Likey, Churchstoke	Part of plot 6591, Land near Glebe Farm, Old Churchstoke	Erection of local needs dwelling, with new vehicular access & installation of sewerage treatment plant	S*

***M20040198** – Support is for the amendments as in this consultation. CCC's original support in October 2004, and concerns regarding possible disruption to water sources, still pertains.

Action – Clerk to process

5.0 Correspondence – to receive items of general correspondence

5.1 Powys County Council – Community Services, Senior Trading Standards Officer

Re – Ringmaster Messaging System

Notification that the Ringmaster Messaging System is operating in conjunction with Dyfed Powys Police, providing warnings to the community about rogue trading activity in the area. Trading Standards invite participation to sign up to the system to receive fax, telephone, e-mail messaging. Noted.

5.2 Powys County Council – Technical & Local Services, Waste Minimisation Officer

Re – Powys Recycler Jan 2005

Copies of the latest Recycler newsletter, including a feature on CCC Green Grants Scheme and the Tuffins waste collection site. Noted.

5.3 Welsh Assembly Government – Local Government Modernisation Division

Re – Account & Audit Regulations

Copy (for purposes of information and by way of advance notice) of the final draft of the Regulations to come into force 1st April 2005, applying to accounts for 2005-2006 and beyond. Noted.

5.4 Welsh Assembly Government – Local Government Modernisation Division

Re – Consultation on Indemnities to Members and Officers of Relevant Authorities

Consultation document regarding powers under S101 of Local Government Act 2000 allowing for relevant authorities to provide indemnity for Members and Officers for personal liability arising from actions taken in the course of official duties. Comments welcomed by 1st March 2005. Noted.

5.5 Welsh Assembly Government – Committee Clerk, Mid-Wales Regional Committee

Re – Next meeting Mid-Wales Regional Committee

Notice of next meeting of the committee, Friday 21st January 2005, Theatr y Mwldan, Cardigan, 10:00am-12:30pm. Noted.

5.6 Powys Local Health Board – Chief Executive

Re – Consultation on Draft Welsh Language Scheme

Copy for consultation of the Board's draft Welsh Language Scheme, in accordance with Welsh Language Act 1993, setting out how it proposes to deliver services to the public in Welsh. Comments welcomed by 1st March 2005. Noted.

5.8 Various other correspondence

- a) National Assembly for Wales – information on the free visitor service available 7 days a week. Noted.
- b) Glyn Davies AM – offer to attend community council meetings if invited, as a way of improving consultations and gathering local opinions. Noted.
- c) One Voice Wales, Chief Executive – letter of introduction and intent. Noted
- d) Environment Agency – 'Focus' newsletter for Middle Severn. Noted.
- e) Kidney Research Unit for Wales Foundation – invitation to join the fundraising 'Walk for Life' Sunday 13th March 2005. Noted.

6.0 Churchstoke Recreation Field, Guidelines for Usage – to discuss guidelines for use of recreation field, with particular reference to dangers which might arise from use of mechanical devices.

The Chairman reminded Members of their wish to discuss guidelines for use of the Churchstoke Recreation Field. Council agreed that implications could be broad, and that a set of guidelines would help ensure even-handed regulation of use.

RESOLVED *'that the Recreation Field Managers devise a set of draft guidelines for use of the recreation field, and present to Council for approval'*.

Action – Group to meet
to devise guidelines

Action – Clerk to enquire of
OVW and other councils

7.0 One Voice Wales, Guidance Notes – to receive guidance notes on,

7.1 Freedom of Information Act 2000 – General Right of Access

The Clerk reported on guidance notes received from OVW with regard to the Act, and pointed out the additional work, which could result if many requests were to be made. Members agreed that the Publication Scheme should be reviewed so that as much information as possible can be made under the Scheme. Noted.

7.2 Employment Act 2002 – Statutory Dismissal, Disciplinary & Grievance Procedures

The Clerk reported on guidance notes received from OVW with regard to the Act, and pointed out that election of a Member with special responsibility for personnel matters, and employer's statutory duties, should be considered. Noted.

7.3 S E Asian Tsunami appeal – general guidance note

The Clerk reported on guidance notes received from OVW with regard to the appeal. Members noted that CCC has no direct powers to make donations although work of a supportive nature could be undertaken. Noted.

7.4 Maldwyn Area Committee – notice of next meeting

The Clerk reported notice of next meeting on Thursday 17th February 2005, 7:30pm, at Pontrobert Community Hall. Noted.

8.0 Powys CC Waste Management Strategy – to receive and resolve a response to draft strategy issued for consultation by Powys CC

The Clerk reported on the summary draft strategy issued by Powys CC. Comments are invited by 15th February. The full draft strategy is available on the web at <http://waste.powys.gov.uk>.

In considering a response, Members noted the success of the 'bring-site' at Tuffins Car Park and the benefits that accrue directly to the community from the council's Green Grants scheme.

RESOLVED to reply that '*CCC notes the success of the 'bring-site' as a valuable and obvious focus for recycling in the community, the practical way in which it raises awareness of recycling, and the consequential good publicity afforded to the council's Green Grants Scheme*'.

Action – Clerk to process

9.0 Application for Public Entertainment Licences – to receive and resolve a response to consultation by Powys CC on application at Churchstoke Community Hall

The Clerk reported that consultation by Powys CC has not yet been received.

Action – for February agenda

10.0 Playgrounds Inspection 2005 – to consider inclusion in 2005 inspections round

The Clerk reported on an invitation from Powys CC to join the round of inspections for 2005, at £50.00 + vat per playground site.

RESOLVED that 'CCC joins the Powys CC round of playground inspections for 2005, for Cae Camlad Playground, and for the BMX site'.

Action – Clerk to process

11.0 Powys Community Safety Partnership Crime Audit for 2002-2005 – to receive and resolve a response to the crime audit.

The Clerk reminded Members of the Crime Audit received at the December meeting and that comments are invited as soon as possible after 17th January 2005.

RESOLVED that 'CCC does not wish to respond to the consultation'.

12.0 Financial Report

12.1 Financial Year 2004-2005 – to report completion of CCC Internal Audit.

The Clerk reported that a successful CCC Internal Audit had been undertaken by Cllr D Paterson, and the recommendation that ownership of land assets should be verified.

12.2 Financial Year 2005-2006 – to receive appeals for financial assistance.

The Clerk reported on financial appeals received as follows,

- Wales Air Ambulance
- Severn Hospice

Noted.

12.3 Financial Year 2005-2006 – to report and resolve on final annual budget

The Clerk reported for the working party on the final draft 2005-2006 budget. Members were informed of the Powys CC Recreation and Cemetery Concurrent funding,

- recreation award at 42.00% concurrent funding
- cemetery award at 41.65% concurrent funding

and that final budget return must be submitted to Powys CC by 28th January 2005.

RESOLVED that 'CCC accepts the 2005-2006 budget as presented, and set a precept to the value of £15.45 per Band D property'.

Action – Clerk to process

The Chairman, on behalf of Members, thanked the working party and Clerk for preparation of the budget.

12.4 Items received since last meeting – to report

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

Payer	Description	£
National Westminster Bank	Gross interest Oct-Dec 2004	94.42
Powys County Council	3 rd instalment precept & recreation grant	4,127.54
E R D Corfield & Sons	Cemetery burial fee (plot 85)	75.00

12.5 Items for payment this meeting – to authorise items for payment, including as follows, Members RESOLVED 'to authorise items for payment as follows',

cheque	Payee	Description	£
273	Powys County Council	Elections admin Jun'04 (Ch'stoke)	894.85
274	Powys County Council	Elections admin Jun'04 (Hyss'ton)	132.70
275	Severn Media Group	Web site hosting Oct'04 – Oct'05	99.88

276	Mrs B Rowley	Village Steward Oct'04 – Dec'04	83.25
277	E J Humphreys	Admin Expenses Oct'04 – Dec'04	150.18
278	Soc. of Local Council Clerks	Suscriptions 2005	82.00
St.Ord	E J Humphreys	Clerk's salary January 2005	305.73

Action – Clerk to process

12.5 Consolidated balances at 26th January 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	15,709.61	500.00
Less ring-fenced funds	2,790.46	0.00
Net balances available	12,919.15	500.00

13.0 Powys County Council and Highways Reports

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

The Clerk reported on response from Powys CC regarding,

- A489 The Bridge, Churchstoke – visibility at The Willows is still slightly obstructed by trees, for traffic travelling towards Welshpool and Newtown – an instruction has been issued to undertake the work within 3 weeks
- Cwm to Argoed junction, Mellington – road markings at the junction are very worn, and do little to improve safety for traffic travelling to and from The Cwm – a lining renewal programme will begin in the new financial year, in which all faded junctions and markings will be refreshed
- top of Pulletts, Mellington to Upper Rolva entrance – potholes and worn surface – highways inspector to investigate and instigate remedial action.

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

- Chairman – Cae Camlad – street lights out of action opposite the playground and a need to check/clarification the boundary of the highway at that same spot, as there appears to be encroachment onto the highway by new development
- Cllr D A Paterson – C2009 Llanerch to Ivy House – breakdown of the edge of carriageway, resulting risk of damage to vehicles and especially a danger to cyclists/motorcyclists
- Cllr M J Jones – Sunnybank to Whym road (at junction of Pentrecwm and Banks Head bridleway) – evidence of fly-tipping

Action – Clerk to write to PCC

14.0 Chairman's Announcements & Dates of next meetings

- Chairman – Community Strategy group – will meet Friday 11th February 7pm, at Old Churchstoke
- Chairman – Car Park lights – there is doubt over responsibility for maintenance and for running costs. Council minutes need to be checked.
- Cllr E Evans – reported on an offer by a member of the public to nurture new planting on the recreation field extension

Next meeting –

Wednesday 23rd February 2005, 7:30 p.m. at Churchstoke

Meeting ended 8:50 p.m.