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

MINUTES of Meeting on Wednesday 26th May 2010
 at Churchstoke Community Hall at 7.45 p.m.

1.0 Attendance, Apologies and Declarations of Members' Interests

Attendance: Cllr D L Powell (Chairman), Cllr C S Fowles, Cllr S V Griffiths, Cllr M J Jones, Cllr D H Payne, Cllr I Philpott, Cllr B A Rowley, Cllr J Stelmasiak, Cllr V E D Tudor.

Apologies for Absence: Cllr P C Rigg.

Declarations of Members' interests: Members declared interests during the meeting as follows:

Agenda Number	Item	Councillor	Nature of Declaration
5.2 to .5.7	Planning matters	M J Jones	Personal not Prejudicial Interest as a Member of Powys CC Planning Committee
5.5	Planning Applications	C S Fowles	Personal and Prejudicial Interest in application P20100469
5.5	Planning Applications	J Stelmasiak	Personal and Prejudicial Interest in application P20100457
8.0	Village Green at Hyssington	M J Jones	Personal not Prejudicial Interest as a Member of Powys CC Rights of Way

2.0 Minutes of Meetings – to approve and sign the minutes of business meeting 28th April at Hyssington Village Hall, as a correct record.

The minutes of the meeting on 28th April 2010 were approved and signed as a correct record.

3.0 Matters Arising from Minutes for Information – to report matters for information from minutes of business meeting 28th April 2010 at Hyssington Village Hall.

3.1 (3.1) Waste Recycling

The Clerk reported that he has met Powys CC Waste management Officers, and that several points of clarity in the draft new agreement are being addressed.

3.2 (3.2) Cae Camlad Playground Ramp

The Chairman reported that a new plywood ramp has been installed.

4.0 Vacancy in the Office of Community Councillor – to declare the occurrence of a casual vacancy in the office of community councillor for Churchstoke Ward.

The Clerk reported on a letter of resignation from the office of community councillor in Churchstoke ward from Mrs K H J Dowbiggin.

RESOLVED: *'In accordance with the Local Government Act 1972, CCC declares a casual vacancy in the Office of Community Councillor in Churchstoke ward as a result of the resignation from office of Cllr K H J Dowbiggin. Publication of the declaration of vacancy will be distributed for the notice boards in accordance with Section 87(2) of the Local Government Act 1972, and the Deputy Returning Officer will be informed'.*

Action – Clerk to process

5.0 Planning Matters:

5.1 Powys CC Spring Planning Liaison Meeting Wednesday 12th May – to report on matters from the meeting (previously circulated).

Cllr C S Fowles and the Clerk reported on attendance at the meeting of 12th May, and Council received the Clerk's written report. Items discussed at the liaison meeting, and highlighted including:

- Affordable Housing and LDP – including policy and criteria for affordability
- LDP – progress towards starting work on the LDP
- S106 agreements – portable agreements
- Barn Conversions – more flexibility for residential use
- Agricultural exceptions – for dwellings in open countryside
- Powys Care Trust – list of approved contractors
- Training sessions – intended for Town & Community Councils
- Rural Housing Enabler – presentation
- Built Heritage – presentation

Members agreed to invite the Rural Housing Enabler Mr Henk Jan Kuipers as guest presenter to a future meeting.

Action – Clerk to contact

The Chairman thanked Cllr Fowles and the Clerk for attending for CCC, and for the report back to Members.

5.2 Planning Specific Correspondence – to receive planning specific correspondence (if any).
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
P20091240	Hurdley Hall, Hurdley	Listed building consent granted
P20100109	Tennis Courts, Churchstoke	Full planning permission granted
P20100169	The Bungalow, Bank Farm, Ch'stoke	Full planning permission granted
P20100187	Adj. Harry Tuffin Ltd, Ch'stoke	Full planning permission granted
P20100216*	Hollybank House, Hyssington	Full planning permission granted
P20100248	New House, White Grit	Full planning permission granted

*P20100216 – Members noted that this application was determined prior to suitable opportunity to respond following CCC's request for clarification of the precise site. Members agreed to write to Powys Planning Officer to complain at the manner in which this application was determined.

Action – Clerk to process

5.4 Planning Inspectorate Appeals – to receive & resolve responses to notifications/reports (if any).

The Clerk reported on notification of planning appeals/decision as follows:

Plan Ref.	Appeal Ref	Site
None		

5.5 Planning Applications/Notices – to receive & resolve responses to consultations by Powys CC including –

Declarations of Members' interests

- Cllr M J Jones: declared a Personal not Prejudicial Interest as a Member of Powys CC Planning Committee.
- Cllr J Stelmasiak: P20100457 – declared a Personal and Prejudicial Interest as applicant, and left the meeting for this item.
- Cllr C S Fowles: P20100469 – declared a Personal and Prejudicial Interest as an immediate neighbour, and left the meeting for this item.

RESOLVED ‘*CCC responds to planning consultations as follows:*’

Ref.	Applicant	Site	Description	rec.
P20100457	Mr J Stelmasiak, Golden Rocks, Coed Lane, Churchstoke	Golden Rocks, Coed Lane, Churchstoke	Construction of wooden garden pergola to house 16 solar PV panels	S
P20100469	Mr P Gray, Little Cefn Farm, Hyssington	Little Cefn Farm, Hyssington	Erection of 18.61m vertical wind axis turbine for domestic & business use	S

Action – Clerk to process

5.6 Planning Enforcement Appeals – to receive & resolve responses to notifications/reports (if any).

The Clerk reported on notification of planning enforcement appeals/decision as follows:

Ref.	Site	Description
None		

5.7 Planning Enforcement – to report on planning enforcement matters within the community.

Members discussed enforcement matters as follows, and the Chairman also invited

Members to bring forward planning enforcement matters for discussion:

Ref. / Site	Description
Off A489 opp entrance to Cae Coed, Churchstoke	Large lorry container. No further report from Powys CC since March. Members noted the container is still present despite assurances to planning enforcement officer that it would be removed soon, and asked the Clerk to chase progress.
A489 at Tuffins Supermarket	Advertising billboards near the zebra crossing are a distraction to drivers approaching the crossing. No further report from Powys CC since March. Members agreed to make a direct approach to Harry Tuffins to report that local concerns have been raised, and to request that signage is reviewed and relocation is considered where this would improve safety at the crossing.

Action – Clerk to process

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

6.1 One Voice Wales

6.1.1 Notice and agenda for OVW 2010 Annual Conference and AGM, Saturday 9th October 2010 at Bont Pavilion, Pontrhydfendigaid:

- Conference: at 10:30am; two delegates per council; £75 per delegate; focus being on the future direction of community and town councils in Wales especially in regard to the recent Local Government Competence Order; booking by 31st July.
- AGM: at 2.15pm, one vote per council, free of charge. Councils are invited to submit a maximum of two motions for debate by 2nd July.

Cllr M J Jones agreed to represent CCC at the AGM.

Action – Clerk to process
Action – Cllr M J Jones to attend

6.1.2 Copy of The Voice Newsletter, April 2010, including an update on the Councillor Training Programme, and encouragement to contact the unitary authority to seek the Local Charter. Noted.

6.2 Society of Local Council Clerks

6.2.1 Summer 2010 events and training programme. Noted

6.2.2 Regional Conference for Wales, Wednesday 14th July, Cwmbran. Noted.

7.0 Allotments – to receive status report from the task group.

The Clerk reported for the task group that due to diary commitments that it has proved difficulty to find a date to convene, and the task group is due to meet 4th June.

Action – task group to meet to plan next actions

8.0 Village Green at Hyssington – to receive status report from the task group.

The Clerk reported for the task group that the appointment with the solicitor to refine the application form, was cancelled due to unforeseen events, and is rearranged for 14th June.

Action – Clerk to meet solicitor

9.0 Playgrounds – to receive the report of the February 2010 inspection

The Clerk reported that the results of inspection have not yet been received.

10.0 Financial Report:

10.1 Finance Specific Correspondence – to receive finance specific correspondence (if any).

10.1.1 Welsh Assembly Government – Local Government Finance Office

Re: Changes to Accounts and Audit Regulations and Capital Finance Accounting regulations in Wales

Council received notice that the capital finance and audit frameworks have been amended following consultations (June 2009), and the audit changes will take effect from 2011-12. Significant changes for community and town councils include the timetable deadlines for approval of accounts, and the certification and approval process. Noted.

10.2 Items received since last meeting – to report.

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

Payer	Description	£
Powys County Council	1 st instal. precept/recr'n grant & cemet'y grant	7,274.18
Churchstoke Bowling Club	Peppercorn rent 2010-11	1.00
J Munslow	Allotment no. 3 rent 2010-11	70.00
G Griffiths	Allotment no. 4 rent 2010-11	70.00
B P H Llewellyn	Allotment no. 2 rent 2010-11	60.00
K J Llewellyn	Allotment no. 1 rent 2010-11	60.00
Total		7535.18

10.3 Items for payment – to report and resolve to approve items for payment as follows:

RESOLVED 'CCC authorises payments as follows':

Chq	Payee	Description	£ex vat	£vat	£inc vat
To authorise items for payment this meeting:					
560	E J Humphreys	BT Openw'd Jan-Mar'10	5.43	0.00	5.43
561	Aon Limited	Insurance prem. 2010-11	556.10	0.00	556.10
562	NALC	Subscription LCR 2010	13.50	0.00	13.50
Total to authorise for payment this meeting			575.03	0.00	575.03
Items previously authorised (meeting 28 th April 2010) for payment this meeting:					
563	Bobarth Children's Therapy Centre Wales	Donation 2010	35.00	0.00	35.00
564	Hope House Children's Hospice	Donation 2010	35.00	0.00	35.00
565	Montgomeryshire Family Crisis Centre	Donation 2010	35.00	0.00	35.00
566	The Samaritans	Donation 2010	35.00	0.00	35.00
567	Wales Air Ambulance	Donation 2010	35.00	0.00	35.00
Total previously authorised for payment this meeting			175.00	0.00	175.00
To report items previously authorised to be paid by direct debit or standing order:					
SO	E J Humphreys	Clerk's salary May'10	387.70	0.00	387.70
<i>Total previously authorised to be paid by d.deb. or st.ord.</i>			387.70	0.00	387.70
<i>Grand total for payment this meeting</i>			1137.73	0.00	1137.73

Action – Clerk to process

10.4 Consolidated balances at 26th May 2010 after sweep, receipts & payments – to report.

The Clerk reported on the M&G quarterly statement for 1st Jan – 31st Mar 2010,

Fund	Number of shares	Share Price (p)	Value at 31/03/2010 (£)
Charibond	100	123.30	123.30

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

Item	Reserve account £	Current account £
Gross balances	34,716.85	500.00
Less ring-fenced funds	6,675.97	0.00
Net balances available	28,040.88	500.00

11.0 Highways & Rights of Way Reports:

11.1 From Powys CC/ Shropshire Council to CCC – to report.

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

- a) A489 – CCC had enquired as to its request, July 2009 meeting, for more speed limit repeater signs in Churchstoke village. Powys CC had stated that the request has been passed to the traffic section and that signs are usually at fixed standard spacing, and Members had agreed to pursue the matter and press for a response. Powys CC apologises for the delay in replying, and replies that repeater signs are not permitted in 30 mph zones.
- b) C2056 at Cefn Bank and Dingle Cottage gateway – broken concrete drain cover slabs giving rise to a hole, which could take a vehicle wheel. Powys CC replies that repairs to the drain cover have been actioned.
- c) A489 at Zebra Crossing Cross Likey/ Tuffins– representation had been received from a resident of Cross Likey suggesting that flashing LED lights would improved crossing visibility to drivers against the petrol sign LED at the filling station. Members had agreed to support the suggestion and ask that Powys CC gives consideration to installing such lighting. Members had also agreed to remind Powys CC that CCC is of the view that the crossing is not safe in its present location in view its lack of prominence compared to the surroundings, that users of the crossing are directed across a garage forecourt busy with moving vehicles, that display signs obstruct visibility and distract drivers approaching the crossing, and that Powys CC is requested to give consideration to relocating the crossing for safety reasons. Powys CC replies that flashing amber lights can only be used near schools, and that LED halos are expensive and the Authority does not have funds to use them on the county road network.

RESOLVED ‘*CCC remains greatly concerned at a number of near misses, the safety of the Zebra crossing and a likelihood of severe injury, and escalates the matter to more senior officers at Powys CC to request improvements especially around traffic speed, visibility, and location.*’

Action – Clerk to process

11.2 From CCC to Powys CC/Shropshire Council – to report.

- a) Cllr M J Jones: pathway from Fir Court Avenue to A489 – this has still not been cleared of overgrowth despite assurance that this would be undertaken.
- b) Cllr V E D Tudor: C2056 at Blacksmiths Bank, Hyssington – overhanging hedge on Efail Hen side, causing damage to passing vehicles.
- c) Cllr B A Rowley: Maes Chwarae – enquired whether (and to what extent) this road has been adopted as highway.

Action – Clerk to process

12.0 County Council Matters– to receive & discuss other general Powys CC/Shropshire Council matters.

- a) Powys CC: Cllr M J Jones reported as follows:
 - Changes in Board membership and in Portfolio Holders
 - News, pre-general election, of the Welsh Assembly Government grant, leading to a predicted a 5% cut in budget over three years (£16m over three years)
 - Village Hall funding announcement is expected soon, and that low usage halls will be worst affected.

- b) Shropshire Council:

- No report.

13.0 Correspondence – to receive other items of general correspondence.

13.1 Mid and Wes Wales Fire & Rescue Authority

Re: Draft Annual Action Plan 2011-2012

Council received notice and copy of the public consultation on the draft action plan 2011-12. Replies are welcomed by 3rd August. Noted

13.2 Public Services Ombudsman for Wales – Ombudsman

Re: Code of Conduct for Members – Guidance

Council received a copy of the Code of Conduct for Members Guidance following consultation last year. Noted for file/ distribution.

13.3 Public Services Ombudsman for Wales – Ombudsman

Re: Complaints Wales Consultation

Council received consultation on proposals for a common complaints system for public services providers in Wales together with a model policy. Replies welcomed by 23rd July
Action – for June agenda

13.4 Welsh Assembly Government – Carl Sargent AM

Re: Guidance on relationship building and charters with unitary authorities

Council received information on shared working including

- four charters have now been established in Wales between unitary authorities and community and town councils
- the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 has established community and town councils as statutory consultees
- the recently approved Local Government Legislative Competence Order will enable legislation to be brought forward to deliver the Power of Wellbeing.

Noted.

13.5 Churchstoke Football Club – Honorary Chairman

Re: Pitchside Grandstand Draft Agreement

Council received a copy of a draft agreement between the club and CCC on terms and condition for the grandstand.

Action – for recreation group

13.6 Various other correspondences listed:

- a) Powys CC – notice of public inspection of account 2009-10. Noted
- b) Shropshire Hills AONB Partnership – notice of the next Stiperstones Corndon Landscape Partnership Scheme Steering Group to be held 12th May 10am, together with notes of the recent consultation meeting at Hyssington. Noted.
- c) Montgomeryshire Town and Community Council Forum – notice that the Forum will proceed and invites all local councils in Montgomeryshire to attend the next meeting 11th June. Members noted that CCC has resolved not to take membership of the Forum. Noted.
- d) Harry Tuffins Ltd – information that the press release promoting the recycling site appeared in the Shropshire Star Monday 10th May. Noted.

14.0 Chairman's Announcements & Date of Next Meeting

- a) Cllr B A Rowley – a local resident had reported that the A489 roadside bench needed cleaning, and that as Village Steward she has cleaned the bench and removed debris
- b) Cllr M J Jones – the officer from Shropshire Hills Stiperstones Corndon partnership has contacted Powys CC footpaths office indicating intent to provide footpath gates and signs for entrance to open access land.

Next business meeting: Wednesday 30th June 2010, 7:30 p.m. at Churchstoke

Meeting ended – 9.33 p.m.