

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

**MINUTES of Meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> September 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 E Evans, Cllr M J Jones, Cllr D H Latimer, Cllr D A Paterson, Cllr P A Rees, Cllr Mrs B A Rowley, Cllr Mrs A R Stephens

Apologies – Cllr G F Griffiths, Cllr D L Powell

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

The Clerk reported on confirmation from the Monitoring Officer, Powys County Council, regarding declaration of interest relating to consultation on proposed changes to funding arrangements for Village Halls / Community Centres. The Standards Committee convened a special meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> November and has granted specific classes of blanket dispensations to Town & Community Councillors in relation to discussion of funding arrangements for Village Halls / Community. That dispensation still applies.

Members declared interests as follows:

Agenda Number	Item	Councillor	Nature of Declaration
4.0	Village Green	M J Jones	Member of Powys CC
5.5	Planning applications	M J Jones	Member of Powys CC
9.0	Funding Village Halls	B J Davies	Member of Chur'stoke Rec. Assoc.
9.0	Funding Village Halls	E Evans	Member of Chur'stoke Rec. Assoc.
9.0	Funding Village Halls	M J Jones	Member of Powys CC
9.0	Funding Village Halls	D A Paterson	Member of Hyss'n Vill. Hall Cttee.
9.0	Funding Village Halls	P A Rees	Member of Chur'stoke Rec. Assoc.
9.0	Funding Village Halls	B A Rowley	Member of Chur'stoke Rec. Assoc.

**2.0 Minutes of Meetings** – to approve and sign the minutes of 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2006 at Churchstoke Community Hall, as a correct record

The minutes of the business meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> August 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 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2006 at Churchstoke Community Hall

3.1 (5.4) Welsh Assembly Government, 'Commissioner for Older people in Wales Draft Regulations'

The Chairman reported on the consultation draft regulations, and recommended that no response is necessary.

3.2 (5.5) South Shropshire District Council, 'Draft Statement of Community Involvement' and 'Interim Planning Guidance Affordable Housing'

The Chairman reported on and commended the consultation draft documents on Affordable Housing and Sustainability, and recommended that no response is necessary. Members agreed to forward their commendation of the South Shropshire DC documents (both content and presentation) to Powys CC, and to enquire whether any of the South Shropshire DC proposals would be used as examples for Powys.

Action – Clerk to process

### 3.3 (7a) Environmental concerns at White Grit

The Clerk reported that there has been initial contact from South Shropshire DC and that investigations are underway by that council.

### 4.0 Application for registration of Village Green in Churchstoke – report

Cllr M J Jones reported that the hearing is likely to be on 16<sup>th</sup> November – a site visit to Churchstoke followed by the hearing in Welshpool – but this remains to be confirmed.

### 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
M20060295	Hurdley Farm, Hurdley	Full planning permission granted
M20060316	Camlad View, Old Churchstoke	Full planning permission granted
M20060495	Middle Alport, Churchstoke`	Full planning permission granted
M20060654	Green Farm, Churchstoke	Full planning permission granted
M20060658	The Pentre, Pentre	Full planning permission granted
M20060665	Oak Cottage, Great Argoed	Full planning permission granted

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

None.

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

RESOLVED ‘to respond to consultation on applications as follows’ –

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

Ref.	Applicant	Site	Description	rec.
<i>New Plans</i>				
M20060774	S C & C M Jones, Rockfield, Hyssington	Rockfield, Hyssington	Relocation of access	S
M20060845	Mr A Matthews, Main Lodge, Bearwod College, Wokingham	Middle Alport, Churchstoke	Listed building consent for replacement attic floors, installation of 3 roof lights, installation of balanced flue	N*
M20060861	Mr J Brown, Snowdrop Cottage, White Grit	Snowdrop Cottage, White Grit	Erection of stable block	N*

**\*M20060845** – CCC noted the application and left further comment to the listing authorities

**\*M20060861** – CCC had no objection to the stable block itself, but expressed concern that the site plan indicates a conversion without any detail on the application or on the site plan. Without such detail, CCC noted the application and urged the Powys Planning Office to clarify this uncertainty.

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 area meetings/guidance notes/correspondence

6.1 OVW – Annual General Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> October 2006

The Clerk reported on notification of the six motions for debate at the AGM, and Cllr P Rees expanded on the motion proposed by Montgomeryshire Area Committee on ‘Road Pricing and Privacy’. Cllr P Rees will be attending the AGM. Noted.

6.2 OVW – Montgomery Area Committee 6<sup>th</sup> September

Cllr P A Rees reported on attendance at the Area Committee.

6.3 OVW – National Training Strategy

Copy of OVW National Training Strategy for Community & Town Councils in Wales. This is a follow up to the 2003 report by University of Wales Aberystwyth “The Role, Functions and Future Potential of Community & Town Councils in Wales” in which CCC participated. OVW invites views and feedback on the strategy (form provided ) by 25<sup>th</sup> October 2006 so that implementation can proceed. A series of regional seminars is planned for the New Year.

Action – Clerk to process

6.4 OVW/SLCC – Delivering Neighbourhood Services Questionnaire

The Clerk reported on a survey being undertaken by OVW and SLCC (sponsored by Welsh Assembly) into how community & town councils in Wales work with other

councils, unitary authorities, or other agencies to deliver services. This is a follow up to the 2003 report by University of Wales Aberystwyth “The Role, Functions and Future Potential of Community & Town Councils in Wales”.

Action – Clerk to process

#### 6.5 The Voice / Y Llais Newsletter

Copies of the September newsletter. Passed to Cllr P Rees. It was note that the newsletter highlighted a free guide to cemetery managers available free of charge from the Coroners Service.

Action – Clerk to request guide

#### 7.0 BMX Area – to receive status report

Cllr P A Rees and the Chairman reported on a very constructive meeting with the BMX Group on 29<sup>th</sup> August, and described work in progress and plans for future digging work. Members noted that interest continues amongst the group.

#### 8.0 Review of Community & Electoral Arrangements – to receive final report from Powys CC elections office

The Clerk reported on formal notification from Powys CC that the Powys CC Board adopted the final proposals of the review on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2006. CCC responses have been accepted in full and the final changes for Churchstoke will be as follows:

- A community of Churchstoke comprising the present community, LESS the area around Weston Madoc which is to be transferred to Montgomery, and LESS a small area around Lower House Sarn which is to be transferred to Sarn Ward of Kerry
- The community to have 12 members
- The community will be warded as present with an adjustment to ward boundaries so that Weston Road is transferred to Hyssington Ward
- Churchstoke Ward will have 9 Members
- Hyssington Ward will have 3 Members

#### 9.0 Funding of Village Halls 2007-2008 – to receive and discuss reports from the Churchstoke Recreation Association and the Hyssington Village Hall Committee on levels of grants from Powys CC for 2007-08

##### Declarations of Members' Interests:

- Cllr B J Davies – declared an interest as a member of the Churchstoke Recreation Association, and refrained from voting in accordance with the dispensation.
- Cllr E Evans – declared an interest as a member of the Churchstoke Recreation Association, and refrained from voting in accordance with the dispensation.
- Cllr M J Jones – declared an interest as a member of Powys CC and refrained discussion or voting
- Cllr D A Paterson – declared an interest as a member of the Hyssington Village Hall Committee, and refrained from voting in accordance with the dispensation.
- Cllr P A Rees – declared an interest as a member of the Churchstoke Recreation Association, appointed to represent CCC
- Cllr B A Rowley – declared an interest as a member of the Churchstoke Recreation Association, and refrained from voting in accordance with the dispensation.

The Chairman and Cllr D A Paterson reported on formal notification by Powys CC to village halls of reduced grant levels for 2007-08 under the new grant formula. As a result, in the cases of both Churchstoke and Hyssington, there will be a considerable shortfall in income even when combined with the funds already committed by the community council. Members were urged to bear this shortfall in mind during the next budget setting process (for 2007-08 budget, affecting Powys CC grants levels for 2008-09).

CCC requested that Halls prepare a cash forecast to help inform the budget setting process.

Action – Hall reps to prepare  
for Oct budget panel

## 10.0 Financial Report

### 10.1 Financial Year 2007-2008 – to begin annual budget preparations

The Clerk reported that the draft budget and precept for the Financial Year 2007-2008, will be prepared over the coming months. A 1<sup>st</sup> draft is intended for the October meeting in order to meet the deadlines for application to Powys CC for recreation and cemetery concurrent funding.

Action – for budget panel  
& October meeting

### 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	2 <sup>nd</sup> installment of Precept & Recreation Grant	5,224.51
M & G Investments	Charibond dividend May-Jul 2006	1.90
Powys County Council	Waste re-cycling proceeds Apr-Jun 2006	850.50
E R D Corfield & Sons	Cemetery ashes fee (plot 31)	50.00

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

cheque	Payee	Description	£
364	Churchstoke Rec. Assoc	Room hire Apr-May 2006	15.40
365	Churchstoke Rec. Assoc	Room hire (village green) Apr'06	5.00
366	E J Humphreys	BT Openworld dial up Apr-Jun'06	5.11
St.Ord	E J Humphreys	Clerk's salary Sept 2006	324.06

Action – Clerk to process

### 10.4 Consolidated balances at 27<sup>th</sup> Sept 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	25,054.33	650.43
Less ring-fenced funds	3,750.38	0.00
Net balances available	21,303.95	650.43

## 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) Hall Bank, Churchstoke – low hedges and branches on left side obstructing high loads and risk of snagging and slipping of loads: Powys CC states the inspector for the area will contact the owner of the hedge with a view to cutting back
- b) Todleth Farm to Hurgay Quarry, Old Churchstoke – low hedges and branches on left side obstructing high loads and risk of snagging and slipping of loads: Powys CC states the inspector does not consider a formal notice is needed at this time, but hedges and branches will be monitored to ensure that they are attended to in September when most landowners undertake cutting
- c) Cae Camlad, Churchstoke – drains are silted along the ‘school to church’ end of Cae Camlad, and outside number 15, causing flooding and risk of internal flood damage to properties: Powys CC states that inspection reveals the gullies to be clean and will investigate further to see if the drains are blocked
- d) Castle Road / Wernddu lane – cars parking on the pavement, causing obstruction and making it difficult for pedestrians to pass easily and safely: Powys CC states that it is an offence to obstruct a footway by parking, and that enforcement lies with the police. Members agreed to refer the matter to the police

Action – Clerk to process (d)

#### 12.2 Highways report from CCC to Powys CC – to report

- a) Cllr M Jones – Cae Coed (Coed Farm to Little Rhiston) – subsidence resulting in cracks in road surface
- b) Cllr M Jones – Hurdley lane – potholes
- c) Cllr P Rees – Pentrenant Lane between post-box and telephone box – rutted with worn slippery surface resulting in danger in wet weather
- d) Cllr D Paterson – Bagbury Lane – lane has been resurfaced at each end but the middle section is breaking up particularly at Bagbury Farm.

Action – Clerk to process

#### 13.0 Powys County Council – to receive and discuss other general County Council matters

Cllr M J Jones reported that Powys CC is beginning its budget setting process and that there are considerable discussions around cutting expenditure to avoid large increases in council tax. This could result in cuts in service.

#### 14.0 Correspondence – to receive other items of general correspondence.

##### 14.1 Powys CC – Corporate and Democratic Support services

Re – Autumn Liaison Meeting

Copy of the agenda for meeting Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October, 7pm, Neuadd Maldwyn, Welshpool

Action – Chairman  
Cllr D A Paterson  
Cllr B A Rowley  
and Clerk to attend

##### 14.2 Powys CC Head of Recreation, Culture & Countryside Services

Re – WAG Active Lifestyles Community Capital Programme Fund

Information on the distribution of the fund by the Sports Council Wales, aimed at adult's physical recreation activity. Powys CC has been asked to act as administrator for the Fund and invites project proposals by 5<sup>th</sup> October 2006 (Sports Council deadline 13<sup>th</sup> October).  
Noted.

#### 14.3 Sports Council for Wales – Active Communities Investment Manager

Re – WAG Active Lifestyles Community Capital Programme

Information on the distribution of the fund by the Sports Council Wales aimed at adult's physical recreation activity and invitation to submit project proposals by 13<sup>th</sup> October.

Noted.

#### 14.4 Welshpool & District Community Forum - Secretary

Re – 'Affordable Housing – the way forward'

Notice of event on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October, 7-9.30pm, at The Corn Exchange, Welshpool.

Noted.

#### 14.5 Various other correspondence, tabled

- a) Powys CC – Notice of road closure at the Devil's Elbow B4385 for subsidence repairs. Members noted that work has been completed and the road reopened promptly.
- b) Powys CC – information sheet 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.
- c) The Independent Group (Montgomeryshire) – information on the establishment of an Independent Montgomeryshire Group in the contact of the new political grouping on Powys CC. Noted.
- d) Welsh Assembly Government – copy of Annual Report 2005-2006 of the Local Government Partnership Scheme. Tabled.
- e) Adjudication Panel for Wales – copy of Annual Report 2005-2006 of the Panel. Tabled.
- f) Health Challenge Wales – Summer 2006 news booklet. Tabled
- g) Wse Ltd – notification that inspection and repair will be carried out for Central Networks on poles and cables in the area and entry onto wayleave land may be necessary. Noted
- h) Save Llanidloes Hospital Action Team – campaign information, inviting support. Noted.

#### 15.0 Chairman's Announcements & date of next meeting

- a) Cllr B Rowley – reported that she has received adverse and strongly made comments from a member of the public concerning areas of the village for which CCC has no direct responsibility.
- b) Cllr B A Rowley suggested that road name signs are needed at Maes Neuadd, off Hall Bank.
- c) Cllr P Rees – enquired whether CCC had heard from Powys CC regarding traffic monitoring on Wenddu Lane.
- d) Cllr A Stephens – reported that water mains in Old Churchstoke had recently twice broken (but now repaired).

Action – Clerk to enquire (c)

Next meeting – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2006, 7:30 p.m. at Churchstoke

Meeting ended 9:10 p.m.