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

MINUTES of Meeting on Wednesday 28th January 2004
 at Churchstoke Community 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 D H Latimer, Cllr D G Page

Apologies – Cllr P Delves, Cllr G C Hamer, Cllr Miss B Madeley

The Chairman welcomed members of the public.

2.0 Minutes of Meeting of 16th December 2003 at Churchstoke Community Hall were approved and signed as a correct record

3.0 Matters Arising for Information from minutes of 16th December 2003 at Churchstoke Community Hall

3.1 (3.1) Safe Routes to School

The Clerk reported on a reply from Powys CC regarding CCC's letter of support for safe crossing points and warning signals. Powys report that investigations are underway and that it may be possible to seek funding in the 2004-2005 budget.

3.2 (10.0 a) Electrical Power to Car Park and Bowling Club

It was noted that power has been restored to the Bowling Club. Loss of Car Park lighting has been reported to Powys CC Street Lighting.

4.0 Planning Matters

4.1 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	None	None

4.2 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	None	None

4.3 Powys CC Planning Committee 9th January 2004 – report

The Clerk reported formal notification from Powys CC as follows –

Ref.	Site	Powys CC Planning Decision
M20030372	Land adj. Chapel Croft, Pentre	Full planning permission granted
M20030852	Churchstoke Pottery, Churchstoke	Consent to display advertisements
M20031148	Acorn workshop, Snead	Full planning permission granted
M20031163	Former stable block, The Court House	Full planning permission granted
M20031164	Former stable block, The Court House	Listed building consent granted
M20031187	Ty Bryn, Old Churchstoke	Full planning permission granted
M20031251	Little Bryn, Todleth	Full planning permission refused

M20031207	Quarry Garage, Churchstoke	Outline planning permission refused
M20031211	Snead Farm Workshop, Snead	Full planning permission granted
M20031278	Court House & Trydar Cott., M'ton	Full planning permission granted
M20031305	Todleth, Churchstoke	Full planning permission granted

4.4 Planning Specific Correspondence – to receive correspondence –

The Clerk reported on correspondence from members of the public to the Powys CC planning office, and copied to CCC, relating to applications as follows:

Ref.	Site	Description
None	None	None

4.5 Planning Applications/Notices for PCC Planning Committee 7th Feb. 2004 including – Declarations of Members' Interests:

- M20031364 – Cllr M Davies declared a pecuniary interest and left the meeting for this item.
- M20031372 – Cllr B Davies declared a pecuniary interest and left the meeting for this item.

Council RESOLVED *'to comment on applications as follows'* –

S = support, O = object, N = note

Ref.	Applicant	Site	Description	rec.
<i>New Plans</i>				
M20031364	WSE Ltd (for Aquilla Networks), Gaer Fach, Trefnanny Meifod	The Meadows, Churchstoke	Erection of electricity pole (adjacent to existing pole)	S
M20031372	Mr & Mrs Delves, Mead House, Churchstoke	The Garage, Castle Road, Churchstoke	Residential development and construction of vehicular access (outline)	S*
M20031391	Mr & Mrs Cross, Upper Hurdley	Barn at Upper Hurdley	Conversion of barn into domestic annex to main dwelling house, plus septic tank	S
M20031392	Mr B Lawley, Lower Tasker, White Grit	Lower Tasker Garage, White Grit	Conversion of redundant barn to dwelling & installation of sewerage treatment plant	S

***M20031372** – CCC supported the outline application but added the following comment,

- a) residential development in the village continues to expand, and Members continue to have grave concerns about what is already a lack of sufficient capacity of the sewerage system
- b) Members would like to see the development include 'affordable housing' for first time or local buyers

Action – Clerk to process

5.0 Correspondence – to consider items of general correspondence

5.1 Powys County Council – Children, Families & Lifelong Learning Directorate

Re – Churchstoke CP School, Capacity and Staffing

Reply to CCC letter urging action to address lack of capacity to satisfy demand and to review staffing levels. Powys CC report that funding has been allocated for mobile

classroom (to be fitted Easter holidays 2004), and that deficiencies in the building are to be addressed as part of a wider countywide review of all schools. The Directorate also states that staffing levels is a matter for the School Governing Body and its spending priorities.

Action – for February agenda

5.2 Welsh Assembly Government – Mid Wales Regional Committee Clerk

Re – Next meeting of the Mid Wales Regional Committee

Notice of next meeting Friday 6th February 2004, Neuadd Dyfi, Aberdyfi, 10:00 am to 12:30 pm. The focus will be on future provision of out of hours medical services in Wales. Noted.

5.3 Welsh Assembly Government – Head of Local Government Modernisation Division

Re – Disposal of Land by Authorities in Wales for less than Best Consideration

Notice of ‘General Disposal Consent (Wales) 2003’, coming into effect 31st December 2003, providing for new regulations regarding the disposal of land at less than best consideration. Noted.

5.4 The Home Office

Re – Burial Law and Policy in the 21st Century consultation paper

Copy of the consultation paper reviewing legislation surrounding burial and cemeteries. Responses to be submitted by 13th July 2004. Passed to Cllr B Madeley.

5.5 Dyfed-Powys Police Authority – Clerk to the Authority

Re – Building Safer Communities Together

Copy of a summary of the Home Office consultation paper (Nov. 2003) and a reply questionnaire. Noted.

5.6 Powys Local Health Board – Chief Executive

a) Re – waiting targets at Royal Shrewsbury Hospital (RSH)

Letter regarding recent press coverage of waiting times for Powys patients attending RSH, stressing that the long-term agreement between RSH and the Powys Local Health Board is within current Welsh Assembly Government targets. Noted, although it was commented that Welsh waiting time targets are not the same as English targets.

b) Re – Health, Social Care & Well-being Needs Assessment

Copy of a ‘Needs Assessment’ consultation document as the first step in developing the strategy for Health, Social Care & Well Being, together with a responses questionnaire. Responses to be submitted by 28th February 2004. Public consultation meetings are to be arranged in January and February. Tabled.

5.7 Montgomeryshire Family Crisis Centre – Senior Practitioner

Re – Development of Service

Information that due to increased demand for the service, MFCC has taken on a new head office at Unit 2, St Giles Enterprise Park, Newtown. The community office/drop-in will continue to operate from 321 Violet Close, Newtown. Noted.

5.8 Various Materials tabled,

– Powys Zero Waste – notice of launch as a limited company. Noted.

- Powys CC Chairman – appeal for Earthquake Disaster, Bam, S Iran. (The Clerk reminded CCC that its powers of donation under S137 would not be sufficient to cover such a donation). Noted.
- Cae Post Recycling – notice of AGM 22nd January. Noted.
- Cymru Ar-lein – notice and information on the Welsh Assembly Government ‘Meet the Mouse’ campaign (including workshops in Welshpool, 6th February). Noted.

6.0 Hyssington Village Hall Committee – to receive further details on a request for CCC to adopt the Hyssington play area and equipment

The Clerk reported that CCC is still awaiting further details from the Hyssington Village Hall Committee. The Village Hall Committee is to meet 5th February.

Action – for February agenda

7.0 Anti-speeding equipment – to receive a request from Dyfed Powys Police for co-funding
The Clerk reported on details from the Police HQ, Newtown, regarding the request for co-funding of an anti-speeding device

Members RESOLVED *‘that although CCC supports anti-speeding measures it is not favourable to funding police equipment which it feels should be sought from police budgets’.*

Action – Clerk to reply

8.0 Applications for Public Entertainment Licences – Powys CC consultation

8.1 Churchstoke Community Hall – public entertainment licence

The Clerk reported that consultation by Powys CC on the application for a Public Entertainment Licence at Churchstoke Community Hall has not yet been received.

Action – for February agenda

9.0 Playground Inspection 2004 – to consider inclusion in 2004 inspections round

The Clerk reported on an invitation from Powys CC to join the 2004 round of inspections at £50.00 + vat per playground site.

Members RESOLVED *‘to join the Powys CCC round of playground inspections for 2004, for Cae Camlad Playground and also for the BMX site if insurers advise’.*

Action – Clerk to process

10.0 Financial Report

10.1 Financial Year 2004-2005 – to consider 3rd & final draft budget report

The Clerk reported on recent letters of appeal as follows,

- The National Eisteddfod of Wales (Newport 2004). Noted.

The Clerk reported for the working party on the final draft 2004-2005 budget. Members were informed of the Powys CC Recreation and Cemetery Concurrent funding,

- recreation award increased to 36.5% Powys CC concurrent funding
- cemetery award increased to 72.8% Powys CC concurrent funding

Cllr E Evans suggested that in view of the minimal effect on income, that the increase in precept be held down below inflation rate.

It was RESOLVED unanimously to 'accept the budget as broadly presented, with a precept to the value of £14.99 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.

10.2 Items received since last meeting – to report

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

Payer	Description	£
M & G Investments	Charibond dividend Aug-Oct 2003	1.90
	Allotment No.1 rent	25.00
National Westminster Bank	Gross interest Oct-Dec 2003	102.08
Powys County Council	3 rd instalment precept & recreation grant	3,888.59
Powys County Council	Car Park resurfacing contribution	3,000.00

10.3 Items for payment this meeting – including as follows

Members resolved 'to authorise items for payment as follows',

cheque	Payee	Description	£
224	Churchstoke Rec'n Assoc'n.	Room hire Oct-Dec 2003 + affil'n	24.00
225	Mrs B Rowley	Village Steward Oct-Dec 2003	77.70
226	Mrs B Rowley	Liners for dog waste bin	3.10
227	E J Humphreys	Clerk's expenses Oct-Dec 2003	89.92
St.Ord	E J Humphreys	Clerk's salary Jan 2004	260.35

Action – Clerk to process

10.4 Consolidated balances at 28th January 2004 after sweep, receipts & payments

The Clerk reported on gross, ring-fenced funds, & net avail. balances to 2nd Jan as follows,

	reserve account £	current account £
Gross balances	10,834.75	544.93
Less ring-fenced funds	4,825.86	0.00
Net balances available	6,008.89	544.93

11.0 Powys County Council and Highways Reports

11.1 Highways report from Powys CC to CCC

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

- Alport Lane – Surface and standing water – inspection to be carried out and ditches to be cleared where they are not the landowners' responsibility. Remedial works to surface will be programmed according to funding priorities

11.2 Highways report from CCC to Powys CC

Members had no items to report.

12.0 Chairman's Announcements and Date of Next Meeting

- Clerk – reminded Members of the close of current consultation on the Role, Functions and Future Potential of Town & Community Councils, with responses to be submitted by 27th February. The Clerk also reported on attendance at the consultation seminar at Llandrindod Wells, 19th January 2004.

- b) Clerk – reported that Powys CC have been monitoring the car park drainage and will extend the earth bund to further safeguard adjoining properties from overspill in times of heavy rainfall.
- c) Clerk – reported that work on the web-site content will proceed in February and March

Next meeting – Wednesday 25th February 2004, 7:30 p.m. **at Churchstoke**

Meeting ended 8:45 p.m.