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

MINUTES of Meeting on 28th June 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 L Powell, Cllr P A Rees, Cllr Mrs B A Rowley, Cllr Mrs A R Stephens

Apologies – Cllr G F Griffiths, Cllr Mrs P J Jones, Cllr D A Paterson

The Chairman welcomed the guest speaker from Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service.

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

Agenda Number	Item	Councillor	Nature of Declaration
6.5	Planning applications	M J Jones	Member of Powys planning authority

2.0 Minutes of Meetings – to approve and sign the minutes of,

2.1 AGM on 24th May 2006 at Churchstoke Community Hall, as a correct record

The minutes of the AGM on 24th May 2006 were approved and signed as a correct record with one amendment as follows:

(1.0) Attendance – Cllr D H Latimer was present at the meeting

2.2 Business meeting 24th May 2006 at Churchstoke Community Hall, as a correct record.

The minutes of the Business meeting 24th May 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,

3.1 AGM on 24th May 2006 at Churchstoke Community Hall

None.

3.2 Business meeting 24th May 2006 at Churchstoke Community Hall

None.

4.0 Guest – Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service – presentation on the work of the service

The Chairman introduced Assistant Divisional Officer Evans, Group Commander Newtown. Mr Evans described the work of the service and Members asked questions across a range of issues.

Points of particular discussion and note included,

- Overall organisation of service

- Covering the large area of Powys, Dyfed, and West Glamorgan; divided into 3 ‘commands’; further subdivided into 7 stations in Montgomeryshire
- Some full time staff to run the service but fire fighters are entirely ‘retained’ positions
- Local organisation of service
 - Closest station to Churchstoke is Montgomery, with overlapping cover from Bishops Castle
 - Montgomery is staffed entirely by community volunteers, and now also provides a ‘co-responder’ service with a small vehicle staffed to provide First Aid and defibrillator to supplement the traditional ambulance service
 - Estimated response time is 11-12 minutes from Montgomery to Churchstoke with slightly longer to the hinterland
- Work of the service
 - Building on the usual intervention role (fire fighting) towards prevention and home safety (especially to vulnerable groups in the population). The service will provide and fit long life fire detectors
 - Aim to complete 2000 home safety checks per year, and would like to explore any avenue of contact into the community to promote the home service
 - Nationally 80% of homes have detectors, much lower in Powys
 - Service also provides response to road traffic crashes
 - Navigation is preferred using the ‘Grid Reference’ scheme – if caller knows the reference the service will have far better chance of finding the scene quickly and efficiently
 - Some difficulties in providing staff cover during the daytime in smaller towns as a minimum of 12 staff are needed for 24-hour on-call cover

The Chairman thanked ADO Commander Evans for the opportunity to hear about the valuable work of the Fire & Rescue Service first hand, and Members offered to publicise the work via notice boards, website and contacts into the community.

5.0 Application for registration of Village Green in Churchstoke – report

The Clerk stated that there is nothing more to report from Powys CC, but noted that the Oxford ‘Trap Grounds’ case has been determined. CCC is awaiting formal notification from Powys CC of its progress with the Churchstoke applications.

6.0 Planning Matters

6.1 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

6.2 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

6.3 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
M20060233	Land south of Hyssington Farm	Full planning permission granted
M20060289	Bacheldre Farm, Bacheldre	Reserved matters approved

6.4 Planning Specific Correspondence – to receive correspondence (if any)

6.4.1 Powys CC – Planning Liaison Officer

Re: Reply to CCC letter of 11th May concerning amendments to planning applications.

Powys CC apologise over the delay in sending details of amendments to plans on the particular case in point, and state the more general policy:

- o Where permission has already been granted, and amended plans showing substantial changes are received, the community council will be sent the amended plans and given 7 days to comment
- o If significant changes occur before application is determined, the community council will be sent the amendments for comment.

Powys CC acknowledges that the matter hinges on what is meant by ‘significant’ and individual planning officers have to interpret whether the amendment requires re-consultation. Powys CC also offer to attend a CCC meeting when staffing levels have been brought back to full complement following the recent departure of the Principal Planning Officer.

6.4.2 Powys CC – Landscape Officer

Re: Proposed Tree Surgery, affecting trees included in TPO 63, Hall Bank

Copy of proposed report to the Montgomeryshire Planning Committee of 7th July 2006 concerning proposed tree surgery affecting trees included in TPO 63, Hall Bank, Churchstoke, and invitation for CCC to comment

RESOLVED ‘to support the proposals recommended in the report on condition that the applicant agrees to, and undertakes, a suitable replanting scheme’.

Action – Clerk to process

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

Declarations of Members’ Interests:

- All applications – Cllr M J Jones, having earlier declared an interest as a member of the planning authority, refrained from voting.

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

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

Ref.	Applicant	Site	Description	rec.
<i>New Plans</i>				
M20060495	Mr & Mrs M Thomas, Middle Alport Farm Barns, Churchstoke	Middle Alport Farm Barns, Churchstoke	Section 73 application to continue use of barn as residential annex without complying with condition no.4, M20051357, in order to allow annex to be attached to Middle Alport Barn not Middle Alport Farmhouse	N
M20060531	Mr A W & Mrs J Y Shelley, Fishpool Cottage, White Grit	Outbuildings adj. Fishpool Farm, White Grit	Conversion of farm buildings to residential dwelling & installation private treatment plant (resubmission)	S

Action – Clerk to process

6.6 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

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

7.1 Annual Conference and AGM 2006

The Clerk reported on notice of Annual Conference and AGM to be held Saturday 14th October 2006, at Metropole Hotel, Llandrindod Wells. Conference commences 10:30am with a theme of ‘Law and Order / Community Safety’; AGM commences 2:00pm. Motions for conference debate welcomed by 14th July. Conference fee £50; AGM free of charge. Noted.

The Clerk reported attendance at the SLCC (Powys branch) AGM 17th June.

7.2 Other correspondence

- ‘The Voice’ newsletter No 3.
- Car allowances from 1st April 2006 – details of NJC national agreement.
- National Eisteddfod Swansea 2006 – appeal for OVW Stand volunteers

8.0 BMX Area – to report, discuss and resolve on the future of the BMX area Members discussed.

Cllr P A Rees reported on the open meeting to regenerate interest in the BMX site. Publicity leaflets had been distributed in advance and 8-10 adults and children were present, plus Cllr Rees and Chairman. There was good support for keeping the site open and agreement from participants to clear and fix the site. Responsibility for this would lie with participants but non-financial support and monitoring from CCC would be needed. Work has already started and a follow up meeting will be held in a few weeks.

Action – Chairman,
Cllr P A Rees

9.0 Review of Community & Electoral Arrangements – to receive a progress report from Powys CC elections office

The Clerk reported on information received from Powys CC Elections Office that objections to the Powys CC draft proposals will be heard at the Board on 27th June, County Hall, Llandrindod Wells. Members noted that CCC's objection regarding allocation of councillors between wards is being recommended for acceptance.

10.0 Cemetery – to receive a request to set a new seat in the cemetery (Cllr B A Rowley to report)

Cllr B A Rowley reported on a request and offer from a member of the public to set a seat in the cemetery, and on the details of the proposal:

- o Location – far end of cemetery to left of path
- o Cost of purchase – paid by individual concerned
- o Maintenance – undertaken by individual concerned
- o Ownership – to be clarified
- o Style – to match and be in-keeping with existing wooden seat

RESOLVED *'to support the proposals as outlined by Cllr Rowley dependant on clarification of future ownership of the seat'*.

Action – Cllr Rowley to clarify
Clerk to process

11.0 Green Grants Awards 2006 – to receive the report and recommendations of the Green Grants Panel for Green Grants Awards 2006 (previously circulated)

The Clerk reported on the meeting of the Green Grants Panel, and the recommendations for awards of the 2006 Green Grants.

RESOLVED *'to receive and accept the recommendations of the Green Grants Panel on Green Grants Awards 2006 as follows,*

Organisation	£	Item description
1st Churchstoke Brownies	223.12	Digital Camera/printer & uniforms
Churchstoke Bowling Club	223.12	Green maintenance and repair costs
Churchstoke CP School Infant Dept	223.12	Development of outdoor classroom
Churchstoke Football Club	223.12	Pitch marking equipment
Churchstoke Friends of School	223.12	Development of ground around school millennium dome
Churchstoke Guides	223.12	Resource material and camp fees
Churchstoke Guides Czechered Dragons	50.00	Equipment for international camp
Churchstoke Junior Badminton Club	200.00	10 Badminton rackets
Churchstoke Pre-school Playgroup & Toddlers	150.00	Digital camera
Churchstoke Tennis Club	223.12	Replacement weatherboarding on pavilion
Corndon Amateur Dramatic Association	223.12	Digital Lighting Controller
Hyssington PCC, Hyssington	223.12	Repairs/rebuild to churchyard wall
St Mary the Virgin Church, Snead	223.12	Tapestry kneeler kits

St Nicholas PCC, Churchstoke	223.12	Rewiring Church
total	2854.32	

and to host the presentation ceremony on 4th August at Hyssington Village Hall’.

Action – Clerk to process &
panel to organise

12.0 Financial Report

12.1 Items received since last meeting – to report.

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

Payer	Description	£
Powys County Council	Cemetery Grant 2006-2007	599.00
Powys County Council	Re-cycling site proceeds Jan-Mar 2006 (Qtr 4)	677.81
E R D Corfield & Sons	Cemetery burial fee (plot 362)	100.00
M & G Investments	Charibond interest Feb – Apr 2006	1.90

12.2 Items for payment this meeting – to authorise items for payment, including as follows,
RESOLVED ‘CCC authorises items for payment as follows’,

cheque	Payee	Description	£
343	Powys County Council	Recreation field aeration 2005-06	299.48
344	E J Humphreys	BT Openworld dial up Jan-Mar’06	9.40
D.Deb	Public Works Loan Board	Repay. Instal. (No.7) loan 487805	1,169.09
St.Ord	E J Humphreys	Clerk’s salary June 2006	324.06

Action – Clerk to process

12.3 Consolidated balances at 28th June 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	22,185.99	500.00
Less ring-fenced funds	4,891.20	0.00
Net balances available	17,294.79	500.00

13.0 Highways Reports

13.1 Highways report from Powys/Shropshire CC to CCC – to report

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

- The View, Old Churchstoke – foul water draining onto carriageway: Powys CC states that inspection and dye testing has been carried out and results indicate that running water is not foul water but is likely to be algae bloom in a natural spring (or possible in burst main).
- Footpath and bridleway from Woodgate through Corndon farm – obstructions making passage along the rights of way very difficult: Powys CC states that the matter will be dealt with following completion of contract work in Kerry community.
- Hyssington – at road junction with Church Lane – reminder that carriageway is now reduced to 2.7m and heavy vehicles regularly overhang the edge: Powys CC states a works order will be issued. The Chairman reported that work has been completed.
- Wernddu lane – continuing in a very poor surface condition, with flooding and silting. Members agreed to enquire whether weight restrictions could be applied: Powys CC

states there are no plans to undertake significant works but safety defects are noted and dealt with every three months, and that weight restrictions would be impractical due to presence of two farms part way along the road. CCC agreed to press the point further for an 'access only' weight restriction.

Action – Clerk to process

13.2 Highways report from CCC to Powys CC – to report

- a) Cllr M J Jones – reported that Powys CCC intends to make only 1 late cut to road verges on B and C class roads for reasons of £110,000 savings
- b) Cllr P A Rees – exit from Bacheldre Mill onto A489 – the new 'no parking' signs are obstructed by verge growth
- c) Cllr E Evans – concern on the congestion and danger created by the new school pick up points in Churchstoke village
- d) Chairman – roadside hedge at Yew Tree Cottage, Green Lane – forcing cars into middle of carriageway
- e) Chairman – roadside hedge at Courthouse Cottage, Mellington Cann Road - forcing cars into middle of carriageway

Action – Clerk to process

14.0 Powys County Council – to receive and discuss other general County Council matters

Cllr M J Jones reported preliminary figures for proposed allocation of funds by Powys CC to village halls for 2007-08. Using the formula indicated in the proposals both Churchstoke and Hyssington halls would suffer a shortfall on current levels of funds. Final confirmation awaited from the Powys CC Board.

15.0 Correspondence – to receive other items of general correspondence.

15.1 Powys County Council – Community Regeneration Directorate

Re – Wales Spatial Plan

Notice of shire based briefings on the plan, the nearest to Churchstoke being Wednesday 12th July, 7pm, at Flash Leisure Centre, Welshpool. The invitation also suggests topics and questions, which attendees could consider prior to the briefings. Noted.

15.2 Welsh Assembly Government – Chair of Local Government Committee

Re – Electoral Arrangements in Wales

Copy of consultation document on the National Assembly for Wales review of electoral arrangements in Wales, in regard to falling turnout and registration. Responses welcomed from electors by 4th September 2006. Passed to Chairman.

15.3 Public Services Ombudsman for Wales

Re – Annual report 2005-2006

Copy of the report, including a summary of complaints and allegation against local administrations in Wales. Passed to Chairman.

15.4 Various other correspondence, tabled

- a) Powys CC Customer services – update news on the plans for contact and service centres
- b) South Shropshire District Council – invitation to subscribe to receive planning consultation information

- c) Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Authority – notice of publication of Draft Risk Reduction Plan 2007-2010 and of consultation period 4th July-26th September. The plan can be accessed on-line at www.mawwfire.gov.uk
- d) Powys Local Health Board – acknowledgement of CCC's response to consultation documents 'Doing More Doing Better, and 'Designed to Deliver'
- e) Dyfed Powys Police Authority – notice of meeting of Community Consultative Forum (Montgomeryshire 12th June 2006)
- f) Welshpool Local Community Forum – notice of meeting at Llanfyllin 6th June discussing PLHB 'Doing More Doing Better, and 'Designed to Deliver''
- g) PAVO – June 2006 newsletter
- h) Charter 88 – news of the campaign for modern democracy and decline of community

16.0 Chairman's Announcements & date of next meeting

- a) Cllr M J Jones – reminded members of the need to undertake the preliminary cemetery safety survey
- b) Cllr P A Rees – would like to discuss funding of education in Powys (for next agenda)
- c) Chairman – highlight the problem of persistent dog fouling at the recreation field (for next agenda)

Next meeting – Wednesday 26th July 2006, 7:30 p.m. at Hyssington

Meeting ended 9:45 p.m.