

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

**MINUTES of Meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2005**  
 at Churchstoke Community Hall, at 7.30 p.m.

**1.0 Attendance** – Cllr Mrs B J Davies (Chairman), Cllr E Evans, Cllr G F Griffiths, Cllr M J Jones, Cllr D H Latimer, Cllr D A Paterson, Cllr D L Powell, Cllr Mrs B A Rowley, Cllr Mrs A R Stephens.

Apologies – Cllr G C Hamer

The Chairman welcomed members of the public.

Members stood in silence in memory of former councillor Mr Derek Page, who had recently passed away.

Declarations of Members' Interests:

Agenda Number	Item	Councillor	Nature of Declaration
7.2	Funding Village Halls	B J Davies	Member of Chur'stoke Rec. Assoc.
7.2	Funding Village Halls	E Evans	Member of Chur'stoke Rec. Assoc.
7.2	Funding Village Halls	D A Paterson	Member of Hyss'n Vill. Hall Cttee.
7.2	Funding Village Halls	D L Powell	Member of Chur'stoke Rec. Assoc.
7.2	Funding Village Halls	B A Rowley	Member of Chur'stoke Rec. Assoc.

**2.0 Minutes of Meetings** – to approve and sign the minutes of meeting 24<sup>th</sup> August 2005 at Churchstoke Community Hall, as a correct record.

The minutes of the meeting of 24<sup>th</sup> August 2005 were approved and signed as a correct record.

**3.0 Matters Arising for Information** – to report matters for information from minutes of meeting 24<sup>th</sup> August 2005 at Churchstoke Community Hall

None.

**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
None	None		

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
M20041044	Former Hatchery site, Churchstoke	Full planning permission granted
M20050860	Ivy House, Churchstoke	Full planning permission granted
M20050844	Pt OS 9100 adj. Cockshutt, Montg'y	Outline planning permission refused

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

##### 4.4.1 Powys County Council – Planning Services Liaison Officer

Re – The Planning Guide; new sections 2 and 3 on Enforcement and Policy

Copies of latest sections to the planning guide,

- Section 2 – Planning Enforcement
- Section 3 – Planning Policy

The Clerk has obtained copies for each Member. Distributed.

##### 4.4.2 R V W Pugh Ltd

Re – Proposals for housing development at Mellington

Copy of letter to Powys CC Rural Housing Strategy & Development Officer setting out R V W Pugh's proposals for a housing development at Mellington with specific reference to the Powys CC's affordable housing policy. The Clerk reported that he had spoken to Ms Pugh to explain the role of CCC in the planning process, and that CCC is a consultee which is able to comment on particular applications once they have been submitted.

Members agreed to await proposals with interest.

##### 4.4.3 The Clerk reported other correspondence relating to planning applications as follows –

Ref.	Site	Description
M20050963	Land opp. Cwm Chapel, Mellington	Erection of timber shed & timber fence
		The Clerk reported on copies of a letter sent to Powys CC regarding the application, pointing out that a) the development is on the line of Offa's Dyke ancient monument b) the plan boundaries are marked incorrectly and therefore inaccurate
RESOLVED	'To discuss these considerations at item 4.5, along with planning application M20050963'	

#### 4.5 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>				
M20050963	Mr A C Thirtle-Watts, Cwm Chapel, Mellington	Land opp. Cwm Chapel, Mellington	Erection of timber shed & timber fence	*N
M20050997	Mr & Mrs R Cross, Upper Hurdley, Hurdley	Upper Hurdley, Hurdley, Hyssington	Conversion of barn to form single dwelling	S

\***M20050963** – CCC noted the application and added the following points,

- a) the development is on the line of the Offa's Dyke monument. CCC feels that it is important that CADW are consulted and involved in the planning process
- b) the tank on the site is not actually inside the shed. As a consequence it would appear that the shed may be a general store, rather than protection for the utility
- c) the boundaries indicated on the plans are inaccurate, and therefore misleading, as they include properties and a large area of land not owned by the applicant
- d) it is not clear if planning permission for change of use of the plot (from agricultural use to domestic use) was ever obtained

Action – Clerk to process

4.6 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	

**5.0 Correspondence** – to receive items of general correspondence.

5.1 Powys County Council – Scrutiny Services Manager

Re – Liaison Meeting with Town & Community Councils

Reminder of the next meeting is Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2005, at 7pm, and invitation to submit items for agenda and for up to 3 attendees plus Clerk to attend.

Action – Chairman &  
Cllr M J Jones to attend

5.2 Powys County Council – Home Energy Conservation Officer

Re – Carbon Dioxide Initiative (CO2i) 2005-2006

Information on the 'CO2i' launched by Powys CC in response to Welsh Assembly Government targets for 12% reduction on home energy use by 2007. Noted.

5.3 Montgomery Crime Reduction Forum

Re – Minutes of meeting 10<sup>th</sup> August 2005

Copy of the minutes of the meeting Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2005. Noted

5.4 Shropshire County Council

Re – Consultation on Draft Statement for Community Involvement

Notification of, and consultation on, draft Statement for Community Involvement in regard to a new planning system, and explanation that Shropshire CC is obliged to consult adjoining community councils. Summary leaflet and response questionnaire supplied and responses welcomed by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2005.

The full consultation document is also available on the Internet at,  
<http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/polinfo.nsf>

Noted.

5.5 Welsh Assembly Government – Local Government Policy Division

Re – Proposed amendment to Standards Committees (Wales) Regulations 2001

Copy of, and consultation on, proposed amendment to the regulations mainly in regard to membership, term of office, and dispensations. Responses welcomed by 25<sup>th</sup> October 2005. Noted.

#### 5.6 Welsh Assembly Government – Regional Co-ordinator (Mid Wales)

Re – New Regional Information Teams

Information on the work and role of the new regional teams. Noted.

#### 5.7 Adjudication Panel for Wales – President of the Panel

Re – Annual Report 2004-2005

Brief summary of the work of the panel 2004-05 and that there have been no referrals or appeals during the year, and that no formal annual report will be issued. Noted.

#### 5.8 Countryside Council for Wales

Re – Information and publicity material following ‘Open Access’ land

Copies of information and publicity material ‘New Access to the Countryside n Wales’, plus new guide on ‘You and your dog in the countryside’. Noted.

#### 5.9 Montgomeryshire Community Health Council – Chef Officer

Re – Merger of Community Health Councils in Powys

Letter stating a case for opposition to the establishment of a single community health council in Powys. Noted

#### 5.10 Sarn C of E (Aided) School – Chairman of the Governors

Re – Consultation on proposals to close Sarn School

Consultation on the proposal by the Governing Body of Sarn C of E (Aided) School to close the school and to nominate Kerry School as the alternative. A public meeting has been arranged to discuss then proposals on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2005, 7.30pm, at Sarn School. Responses welcomed by 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2005. Noted.

#### 5.11 Various other correspondence,

- a) PAVO – requesting information on local newsletters. Noted
- b) Play Wales / Chwarae dros Cymru – Summer 2005 newsletter. Noted.
- c) Campaign for Conservation of Energy – ‘The Fifth Fuel’ newsletter. Noted
- d) Campaign for Sustainable Communities – information on ‘The Sustainable Communities Bill’ to be put before Parliament. Noted.
- e) Arts Council for Wales ‘Night Out’ events – publicity material. Noted.

### **6.0 One Voice Wales, Guidance Notes** – to receive guidance notes/correspondence/reports of area meetings

#### 6.1 Maldwyn Area Committee

Cllr M J Jones reported on attendance at the Maldwyn Area Committee meeting, 22<sup>nd</sup> September at Meifod, where the guest speaker was Mr Mark Kerr, Chief Executive Powys CC. Mr Kerr spoke on a range of subjects including changes in funding to village halls, closure of village schools, and improved communications between Powys CC and other organisations and the public.

#### 6.2 OVW Newsletter – ‘The Voice’

Copy of the first edition of the OVW newsletter. Circulated to Cllr M J Jones and Chairman.

#### 6.1 National Agreement on Salaries and Conditions of Service

Copy of the agreement between National Association of Local Councils and the Society of Local Council Clerks, as adopted by OVW, covering

- Part 1 – National Agreement on Terms & Conditions of Service
- Part 2 – Model Contract and Job Description
- Part 3 – Guide to Good Employment Practice

The Clerk reported that this brings together and modernises conditions and good practice into one model agreement, and recommended that CCC review it's own current terms of employment and employment practices in the light of this model.

RESOLVED *'that CCC requests the Member with special responsibility personnel and staffing matters and the Clerk review CCC's current employment terms, conditions and practices and report back to council in due course'*.

Action – Chairman & Clerk  
to review

#### **7.0 Previous Consultations** – to resolve responses to several previous consultations

##### 7.1 Powys County Council Consultation – to resolve a response to consultation document on Policy for Primary School Organisation

The Chairman reminded Members of the consultation exercise. Cllr A R Stephens and the Chairman reported on the consultation document, and considered that no response is necessary.

RESOLVED *'that the document be received and no response from CCC will be made'*.

##### 7.2 Powys County Council Consultation – to resolve a response to consultation document on proposed changes to funding arrangements for Village Halls / Community Centres

###### Declarations of Members' Interests:

- Cllr B J Davies – declared an interest as a member of the Churchstoke Recreation Association
- Cllr E Evans – declared an interest as a member of the Churchstoke Recreation Association
- Cllr D A Paterson – declared an interest as a member of the Hyssington Village Hall Committee
- Cllr D L Powell – declared an interest as a member of the Churchstoke Recreation Association
- Cllr B A Rowley – declared an interest as a member of the Churchstoke Recreation Association

The Clerk reminded Members of the consultation exercise and explained the recommendations of the Monitoring Officer (Standards Committee) as regards declarations of interest. In view of the number of declarations of interest, and the small number of Members who would be able to vote, Members agreed to seek further clarification from the Monitoring Officer, and to defer discussion until the October meeting. The Chairman

reported on attendance with Cllr D A Paterson at the consultation meeting in Welshpool, and distributed written factual notes for consideration.

RESOLVED *'that CCC seeks further clarification from the Monitoring Officer as regards declarations of interest, and to defer discussion until the October meeting'*.

Action – Clerk to process

7.3 Welsh Assembly Government Consultation – to resolve a response to consultation document on draft National Service Framework for Older Peoples in Wales

The Chairman reminded Members of the consultation exercise. The Chairman reported on the consultation document, and considered that no response is necessary.

RESOLVED *'that the document be received and no response from CCC will be made'*.

7.4 Welsh Assembly Government Consultation – to resolve a response to consultation document on an Environment Strategy for Wales

The Chairman reminded Members of the consultation exercise. The Chairman reported on the consultation document, and considered that no response is necessary.

RESOLVED *'that the document be received and no response from CCC will be made'*.

**8.0 Ward Boundary Review at White Grit** –to discuss and resolve on proposals for possible ward boundary changes at White Grit

The Chairman reminded Members of their wish to discuss proposals for ward changes at White Grit, and the Clerk provided a map of the existing community and ward boundaries. The Clerk further reported on the forthcoming countywide boundary review being undertaken by Powys CC, that CCC would be consulted during that process, and pointed out some of the implications a review.

RESOLVED *'that CCC awaits the Powys CC review with interest, and to respond to consultation in due course'*.

**9.0 Broadband at White Grit** – to discuss and resolve on BT's inability to supply Internet Broadband to White Grit

The Chairman reminded Members of their previous wish to discuss BT's inability to supply Internet Broadband to White Grit. Cllr D H Latimer reported on the status of broadband at White Grit, particularly the poor condition of the infrastructure, and of the importance of both business and domestic broadband use in maintaining sustainable communities.

RESOLVED *'that CCC writes to BT to urge an update of infrastructure White Grit to cope with broadband requirements consistent with the "Wales On-line" objectives of the Welsh Assembly Government'*.

Action – Clerk to process

## **10.0 Financial Report**

10.1 Financial Year 2006-2007 – to begin Annual Budget preparations

The Clerk reported that the draft budget and precept for the Financial Year 2006-2007, 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	Waste re-cycling proceeds Apr-Jun 2005	705.76
Powys County Council	2 <sup>nd</sup> installment of Precept & Recreation Grant	5,096.86
M & G Investments	Charibond dividend May-Jul 2005	1.90
E R D Corfield & Sons	Cemetery burial fee (plot 445)	75.00
M E & A Hughes	Cemetery memorial fee (plot 442)	75.00

10.3 Items for payment this meeting – to authorise items for payment, including as follows, RESOLVED 'CCC authorises items for payment as follows',

Cheque	Payee	Description	£
St.Ord	E J Humphreys	Clerk's salary Sep 2005	314.77

Action – Clerk to process

10.4 Consolidated balances at 27<sup>th</sup> July 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	19,856.00	760.23
Less ring-fenced funds	979.64	0.00
Net balances available	18,876.36	760.23

## 11.0 Highways Reports

11.1 Highways report from Powys/Shropshire CC to CCC – to report items from Powys CC

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

- a) Rock Lane to Rock farm – reminder that the surface is still badly worn – noted and appropriate action will be taken
- b) Blue Barns corner – potholes – noted and appropriate action will be taken
- c) Speeding Traffic & Road Safety in Churchstoke Village – the Powys CC reply indicates that installation of a pedestrian crossing is unlikely under present traffic conditions, and that traffic speeds are to surveyed to assess what measure can be taken. Members agreed to reply,
  - to highlight the fact that the only continuous pavement runs along the north side of the A489 but that many of the village facilities are on the south side. Therefore there is clearly a need for safe crossing points
  - to await with interest the results of the speed survey

Action – Clerk to process

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

- a) Cllr B A Rowley – enquired whether Powys CC supply refuse bags at the cemetery.

Action – Clerk to enquire

## 12.0 Chairman's Announcements & Date of next meeting

Next meeting –  
Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2005, 7:30 p.m. at Churchstoke

Meeting ended 8:55 p.m.