

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

MINUTES of Meeting on Tuesday 28th October 2003
at Churchstoke Community Hall, 7.30 p.m.

1.0 Attendance – Cllr D A Paterson (Chairman), Cllr S J Boundy, Cllr M R K Davies, Cllr P Delves, Cllr E Evans, Cllr G C Hamer, Cllr M J Jones, Cllr D H Latimer, Cllr Miss B Madeley, Cllr D G Page

Apologies – Cllr Mrs B J Davies, Cllr D H Latimer

The Chairman welcomed members of the public.

2.0 Guest – Inspector G Dickson, Dyfed Powys Police, Divisional HQ, Newtown
The Chairman welcomed Inspector Graham Dickson and police officer Terry Slater, who had been invited to address the meeting on matters of community concern and to help foster good relations between the community and local police. Inspector Dickson was pleased to have the opportunity to attend and make contact with the community council.

It was noted that the crime rate in Churchstoke is relatively low within a county with one of the lowest crime rates, and detection rates around 65%.

Inspector Dickson described the national policing plan driving the strategy forward and how it is underpinned by local aims & objectives.

Specific mention was made of

- Speeding traffic at Snead and efforts to control it (including the use of the ‘speed-van’ at 39 selected sites around Powys)
- Automatic registration plate readers to identify known wanted vehicles
- Absence of a drug problem in Churchstoke and Hyssington

Assistance and information from the community council would be very welcome including use of the confidential ‘**CRIME STOPPERS TELEPHONE NUMBER 0800-555111**’.

Members agreed that increasing the police presence would help reassure residents and alleviate their fear of crime, and that the police might benefit from similar face to face visits with other community groups.

Council agreed to take the opportunity of inviting further liaison visits from the police on a six monthly basis.

3.0 Minutes of Meeting of 23rd September at Churchstoke Community Hall were approved and signed as a correct record

4.0 Matters Arising for Information from minutes of 23rd September at Churchstoke Community Hall

4.1 (6.2) First Time Sewerage Scheme at White Grit

The Clerk reported on a reply from Powys CC in response to CCC's comments on the local survey questionnaire.

4.2 (6.10) One Voce Wales (OVW)

Cllr M Jones reported some difficulty with establishing OVW and that PATCC may continue in its present form some time.

4.3 (7.0) C2009 Consultation regarding 7.5 tonne amenity weight restriction

The Chairman and Cllr J Boundy reported on a meeting held in Hyssington to explain the issue to local residents and to try to dispel misunderstandings.

5.0 Planning Matters

5.1 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		

5.2 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		

5.3 Powys CC Planning Committee 3rd October 2003 – report

The Clerk reported formal notification from Powys CC as follows –

Declarations of Members' Interests:

- M20030805 – Cllr G Hamer declared a pecuniary interest in this item.

Ref.	Site	Powys CC Planning Decision
M20030744	Blue Barns, Green Lane, Churchstoke	Full planning permission granted
M20030779	Holmwood, Old Churchstoke	Full planning permission granted
M20030803	R V W Pugh Depot, Mellington	Outline planning permission refused
M20030805	Pt OS 6509, Old Churchstoke	Reserved matters approved
M20030901	The Bryn, Todleth, Churchstoke	Full planning permission granted
M20030920	Cae Glas, Pentrenant	Full planning permission granted
M20030930	Pt OS 8277, Weston Rd, White Grit	Full planning permission granted
M20030971	Greenfields, Coed Lane, Churchstoke	Full planning permission granted
M20030976	The Gables, Weston Rd, White Grit	Full planning permission granted

5.4 Planning Applications/Notices for PCC Planning Committee 7th November including – Declarations of Members' Interests:

- All applications – Cllr G Hamer declared a non-pecuniary interest as a member of the planning authority and refrained from voting
- M20031148 – Cllr D Page declared a pecuniary interest and left the meeting for this item.
- M20031163 – Cllr P Delves declared a pecuniary interest and left the meeting for this item.
- M20031164 – Cllr P Delves declared a pecuniary interest and left the meeting for this item.

- M20031168 – Cllr J Boundy declared a pecuniary interest and left the meeting for this item.
- M20031180 – Cllr J Boundy 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>				
M20031102	Mr & Mrs Philpott, The Meadow, White Grit	The Meadow, White Grit	Application for discharge of S106A local needs occupancy condition (M25732)	N
M20031103	R V W Pugh Ltd, Mellington	Land adj. R V W Pugh Depot, Mellington	Residential development (2 dwellings) with septic tank (outline)	S
M20031112	Mr & Mrs B Lewis, Gwenlyn, Hillingdon Road, White Grit	Meadow Place, Weston Road, White Grit	Formation of access track at Meadow Place (part diversion of existing track)	S
M20031148	Mr R Page, Dolfelyn, Pentre	Acorn Workshop, Snead	Variation of condition 10 & 11 to planning permission M20010161 (increase area and increase hours of operation)	S
M20031149	A L & R A Powell, Todleth Farm, Churchstoke	Todleth Farm, Churchstoke	Erection of agricultural storage building	S
M20031163	Morris Builders, Beldon House, Cross Likey Close	The Court House, Churchstoke	Conversion of former stable block to office at The Court House	S
M20031164	Morris Builders, Beldon House, Cross Likey Close	The Court House, Churchstoke	Listed building consent for alterations at The Court House	N
M20031168	Mr & Mrs T M Boundy, Hyssington Farm, Hyssington	Hyssington Farm, Hyssington	Erection of 2 dwellings & installation of sewerage treatment plant	S
M20031180	Mr & Mrs T M Boundy, Hyssington Farm, Hyssington	Hyssington Farm, Hyssington	Erection of 4 dwellings & garages to replace existing farmyard buildings	S

Action – Clerk to process

6.0 Correspondence – to consider items of general correspondence

6.1 Powys County Council, Economic & Community Regeneration Directorate

Re – Community Tourism Capital Grant Scheme

Notification of new European funded grant scheme for supporting (up to 75%) small-scale community based tourism projects from 1st Aug 2003 to 31st Jan 2005. Noted.

6.2 Powys County Council, Chief Executive – Head of Performance Management

Re – Powys CC Welsh Language Scheme

Copy of the scheme. Noted

6.3 Powys County Council, Technical & Local Services – Director

Re – Regional Waste Plan, North Wales

Notification that Denbighshire CC has been appointed as co-ordinating authority for collation of consultation responses, and copies of consultation booklet. Noted.

6.4 Welsh Assembly Government – Sue Essex AM

Re – Proposals for date of 2004 local elections

Notification that, subject to consultation, the WAG intends to introduce an order to combine the County Council and Town & Community Council elections with the elections to the European Parliament to be held on 10th June 2004. In addition the WAG intends to argue in favour of piloting an all-postal ballot for the elections.

Responses welcomed by 18th November 2003.

Council RESOLVED *‘that CCC is in favour of a combined election date of 10th June 2004, but objects to an all postal ballot’.*

Action – Clerk to reply

6.5 Welsh Assembly Government – Clerk to the Mid Wales Regional Committee

Re – Next meeting of Mid Wales Regional Committee

Notification that the committee is to meet in public at The Metropole Hotel, Llandrindod Wells, Friday 10th October 2003, 10:00 am-12: 30 pm. Noted.

6.6 Dyfed Powys Police Authority – Clerk to the Authority

Re – Annual Policing Plan 2004-2005

Notification that the authority is now setting out the plan, and inviting CCC to submit its top priorities as local objectives for inclusion. Replies requested by 21st November.

Council RESOLVED *‘to set local priorities as*

- *an increased visual presence with regard to prevention of vandalism*
- *advertising the local police office and presence in the community’*

Action – Clerk to reply

6.7 Mr R C Burns, Cae Coed, Churchstoke

Re – Telephone Exchange opposite Churchstoke Pottery

Informing that the retaining wall at the Castle Road exchange is in a poor condition (and would seem an invitation for further vandalism), and requesting that CCC consider writing to BT to point out that remedial work is required.

Action – Clerk to write to BT

6.8 PATCC – County Secretary

Re – County Circular October 2003

Copy of the circular including details of,

- Next meeting Montgomeryshire District Committee 3rd November, 7:30 pm
- Society of Local Council Clerks first Wales Conference 27th November, Cardiff, focussing on Welsh Assembly Government’s study ‘Role, Functions and Future Potential of Town & Community Councils in Wales’
- Welsh Assembly Government proposals to hold combined elections 10th June 2004, along with piloting an all-postal ballot
- Minutes of One Voice Wales shadow body

- Legal Topic Note 57 on Tombstones & Memorials in Council Cemeteries & Closed Churchyards
- Copy of progress note towards operating One Voice Wales Noted.

7.0 Cae Post Recycling – to discuss possibilities of future kerb-side collections, as presented at the September meeting

The Chairman reminded Members of the September presentation by Mr Membury, Cae Post Recycling, and the proposals for kerb-side collection scheme. The Clerk reported that Powys CC is awaiting the Cae Post business plan before considering a partnership or funding arrangement.

Council RESOLVED *‘to keep a watching brief on the proposals until such time as further information is received from Powys CC’.*

8.0 Countryside & Rights of Way Act 2003 – to consider a response to the consultation Draft Maps for Montgomeryshire (except Berwyn)

The Clerk reminded Members of consultation by the Countryside Council for Wales on the draft maps of open country and registered common land for Montgomeryshire (except Berwyn) according to the Countryside & Rights of Way Act (CROW) 2000. Responses are to be made by 12:00 noon on 22nd December.

Council RESOLVED *‘to support the boundaries of open country and registered common land as shown on the draft maps’*

Action – Clerk to write

9.0 Churchstoke Pre-School Playgroup – to receive & discuss a request for a play area

The Clerk reported on a request from Churchstoke Pre-School Playgroup for a play area to be set aside and designated for use by the group, in order to assist the group to obtain Quality Assured status.

Council RESOLVED *‘to support the idea in principle, but would like to investigate the practical detail of the proposals in co-operation with playgroup leaders’.*

A small working group comprising Cllr B Madely and Cllr B Davies was asked to contact the playgroup and report back to CCC.

Action – Cllr B Madeley &
Cllr B Davies to progress
Action – Clerk to reply

10.0 Hyssington Village Hall Committee – to receive & discuss a request for CCC to adopt the Hyssington play area and equipment

Declarations of Members’ Interests:

- Cllr D Paterson declared a non-pecuniary interest and refrained from comment.

The Clerk reported on a request from Hyssington Village Hall Management Committee that CCC consider ‘adopting’ the play area and equipment at Hyssington.

Council RESOLVED *'to request more practical detail of the proposals before decision can be made'*.

Action – Clerk to write

11.0 Churchstoke CP School – to receive & discuss report from CCC School Governor representative

Cllr B Madeley, CCC representative to Churchstoke CP School Governing Body, reported on issues of concern at the school,

- Lack of sufficient classroom capacity for the increasing numbers of pupils
- Safety of children and parents arriving at or leaving the school

Council RESOLVED *'to invite the Headmaster to the November meeting to explain the difficulties first hand, to discuss how CCC can help the School and how the School can help CCC'*.

Action – Clerk to write

12.0 Application for (Occasional) Theatres Licence – Churchstoke Community Hall

The Clerk reported on consultation by Powys CC on an application for an (Occasional) Theatres Licence,

at	Churchstoke Community Hall
applicant	Mrs Ruth Thurgur, Corndon Amateur Dramatic Society
dates	4 th , 5 th , 6 th December 2003

Council RESOLVED that *'CCC has no objection to the granting of the licence'*.

Action – Clerk to process

13.0 Powys Community Strategy (Welshpool & District Local Forum) – to report

The Chairman reported on attendance at the 'development day' seminar hosted by Powys CC at Llandrindod Wells, Saturday 25th October to address the role of Town & Community Councillors in the community strategy exercise. Difficulties seem to remain with the exercise in regard to lack of numbers of participants, lack of good organisation and direction.

14.0 Car Park Resurfacing – to receive the interim report to Welsh Assembly Government

The Clerk reported on the interim report submitted to the Welsh Assembly Government on the use of the loan sanction 2003.

15.0 Financial Report

15.1 Financial Year 2004-2005 – to receive Budget Panel 1st draft

The Clerk reported for the working party and presented 1st draft of the 2004-2005 budget. Members were reminded of the timetable and the need to submit bids for concurrent funding immediately after this meeting.

Council RESOLVED unanimously *'to proceed with CCC bids for recreation & cemetery concurrent function grants based on the draft as presented'*.

The budget will be re-presented for further discussion at the November meeting.

The Chairman thanked Cllr B J Davies, Cllr M R K Davies, Cllr E Evans and the Clerk for their preparatory work on the 1st draft.

Action – Clerk to process
& on November agenda

15.2 Items received since last meeting – report

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

Payer	Description	£
National Westminster Bank	Gross interest Jul-Sep 2003	111.55

15.3 Items for payment this meeting – including as follows

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

cheque	Payee	Description	£
215	Churchstoke Recr'n Assoc	Room hire Jul-Sep 2003	14.00
216	Mrs B Rowley	Village Steward July-Sep 2003	77.70
217	E J Humphreys	Admin. Expenses Jul-Sep 2003	122.94
St.Ord	E J Humphreys	Clerk's salary Oct 2003	260.35

Action – Clerk to process

15.4 Consolidated balances at 28th October 2003 after sweep, receipts & payments

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

	reserve account £	current account £
gross balances	41,997.83	525.01
Less ring-fenced funds	29,732.01	0.00
Net balances available	12,265.82	525.01

16.0 Powys County Council and Highways Reports

16.1 Highways report from Powys CC to CCC

The Clerk reported that no correspondence has been received from Powys CC.

16.2 Highways report from CCC to Powys CC

- a) Cllr P Delves – Castle Road Bus Shelter – glass panes are broken/missing and need replacement.

Action – Clerk to write

17.0 Chairman's Announcements and Date of Next Meeting

Next meeting – Tuesday 25th November 2003, 7:30 p.m. **at Hyssington**

Meeting ended 9:55 p.m.