

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

**MINUTES of Meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2009**  
 at Churchstoke Community Hall at 7.30 p.m.

**1.0 Attendance, Apologies and Declarations of Members' Interests**

Attendance: Cllr D L Powell (Chairman), Cllr K H J Dowbiggin, Cllr C S Fowles, Cllr S V Griffiths, Cllr M J Jones, Cllr D H Payne, Cllr B A Rowley, Cllr V E D Tudor.

Apologies for Absence: Cllr P C Rigg, Cllr J Stelmasiak.

Declarations of Members' interests: Members declared interests during the meeting as follows:

Agenda Number	Item	Councillor	Nature of Declaration
4.4	Planning Applications	M J Jones	Personal not Prejudicial Interest as a Member of Powys CC Planning Committee
8.0	Village Green at Hyssington	M J Jones	Personal not Prejudicial Interest as a Member of Powys CC Rights of Way Committee

**2.0 Minutes of Meetings** – to approve and sign the minutes of business meeting 26<sup>th</sup> August 2009 at Churchstoke Community Hall, as a correct record

The minutes of the meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2009 were approved and signed as a correct record.

**3.0 Matters Arising from Minutes for Information** – to report matters for information from minutes of business meeting 26<sup>th</sup> August 2009 at Churchstoke Community Hall

**3.1 (7.0c) Cemetery Seat**

The Clerk reported that refurbishment of the seat has been added to the existing purchase order to a local contractor for repairs to the gate hinge.

**3.2 (7.0d) PACT meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2009**

Cllr B A Rowley reported attending the meeting with Cllr J Stelmasiak. Topics of discussion included:

- o Vehicles for sale at the A489 Fir House Lay-by: police advise that trading is a matter for Trading Standards in the first instance
- o A presentation by Powys Drugs and Alcohol Council
- o 26 speeding tickets were recently issued in two mornings of speed checks in Churchstoke.

**4.0 Planning Matters:**

**4.1 Planning Specific Correspondence** – to receive planning specific correspondence (if any)  
 None.

**4.2 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
P20070014	The Garage, Castle Rd, Churchstoke	Reserved matters are approved
P20090616	Land at rear of Courthouse Hotel	Full planning permission is granted

#### 4.3 Planning Appeals – to receive and resolve responses to notifications/reports (if any) of Planning Inspectorate Appeals

The Clerk reported on notification of planning appeals/decision as follows:

Plan Ref.	Appeal Ref	Site
P20081430	APP/T6850/A/09/2105082	Chaseleyfield, Hall Bank
Appellant	Mr & Mrs P Delves	
Description	Erection of extension and alterations	
Inspectorate Decision	To allow the appeal and grant planning permission	

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

RESOLVED ‘CCC responds to planning consultations as follows:’

Ref.	Applicant	Site	Description	rec.
P20090923	Sandy Williams, 3 Rowan Court, Kerry	Clive House, White Grit	Erection of replacement dwelling, garage & installation of sewerage treatment plant	S
P20090989	Mr A Bryant & Ms H Baker, 19-21 Patricia Av., Wolverhampton	Camlad View, Old Churchstoke	Renovation & extension of derelict cottage (revised design to previous approval M20060316)	S

Action – Clerk to process

P20090923 – the Clerk reported telephone contact from a member of the public regarding lack of publicity and canvassing of local views, and has replied indicating that notice of planning applications is undertaken by Powys CC (although CCC had also included the application on the agenda on the seven notice boards and on the website). Members also noted that the public may make their individual views known directly to Powys CC but CCC is invited to submit a collective view.

#### 4.5 Planning Enforcement Appeals – notifications/reports (if any) of Planning Inspectorate Enforcement Appeals.

The Clerk reported on notification of planning enforcement appeals/decision as follows:

Ref.	Site	Description
None		

#### 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 as follows –

Ref	Site	Description
None		

**5.0 One Voice Wales / Society of Local Council Clerks, Guidance Notes** – to receive reports of AGM / conference / area meetings / guidance notes / correspondence.

5.1 One Voice Wales – Motions for Debate at the AGM, Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October  
Council received the five motions for debate at the AGM. Noted.

5.2 One Voice Wales – National Training Programme

Council received information that OVW has been successful in a bid to the Welsh Assembly Government for a bursary to assist councils with annual budget of £25,00 or less. The bursary is of value up to 50% of the cost of 4 sessions (£50). Members noted that CCC is above the threshold for application.

5.3 Society of Local Council Clerks – AGM and 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference

The Clerk reported on notice and booking forms for the AGM and 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October, at Daventry. Members noted that the day delegate fees of £30 is accommodated within budget.

RESOLVED *‘to approve and fund for Clerk’s attendance as a day delegate’.*

Action – Clerk to process

**6.0 Allotments** – to report from the allotments task group.

The Clerk reported that purchase order for preparation of planning application has been submitted and the Clerk has prepared the justification statements to accompany the application.

**7.0 Village Green at Hyssington** – to report from the village green task group.

Declarations of Members’ interests

- Cllr M J Jones: declared a Personal not Prejudicial Interest as a Member of Powys CC Rights of Way Committee.

The Clerk reported that the task group needs to meet to review the new style application pack, and that the Clerk has secured photographs of the land in its current condition.

**8.0 Democratic Governance and Organisation** – to receive a progress report from Members with Special Responsibility for Democratic Governance and Organisation concerning establishing a committee system.

The Clerk reported for the Members with Special Responsibility for Democratic Governance and Organisation on the group meeting Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September. The group considered legal aspects, advantages, disadvantages, experiences of other councils, implications of establishing a committee system and will formally present recommendations to the October meeting as planned.

Action – for October agenda

**9.0 Green Grants Scheme Terms of Reference** – to review the Terms of Reference of the scheme as adopted by CCC 18<sup>th</sup> December 2001 and, if desired, to resolve amendments thereon (previously circulated).

The Chairman reminded Members of their wish to review the Terms of Reference of the Green Grants Scheme as set in December 2001. Members discussed the existing Terms in some detail and agreed draft amendments. The Clerk will present the new draft terms to October meeting.

Action – Clerk to process  
& for October agenda

**10.0 BT ‘Adopt a Kiosk’ at Hurdley** – to discuss and, if desired, to resolve on adoption of the BT Kiosk at Hurdley following interest expressed on the matter by the public (Cllr D H Payne).

Cllr Payne reported on an approach from a member of the public enquiring whether CCC would be prepared to adopt the BT Kiosk at Hurdley which is to be disconnected and removed. The Clerk reminded Members of their consideration of the matters in October 2008 when CCC resolved not to proceed with ‘Adopt a Kiosk’ or ‘Sponsor a Kiosk’ schemes. The Clerk also reported correspondence from BT listing 5 other kiosks in the CCC area which are eligible for ‘Adoption’.

Members discussed the matter in some depth.

RESOLVED *‘CCC does not wish to proceed with ‘Adopt a Kiosk’ at any of the kiosks indicated’.*

**11.0 Consultation by Shropshire Hills AONB Partnership:** to receive information and, if desired, to resolve a response to the consultation (previously circulated).

Council received information and consultation entitled ‘Stiperstones Corndon Landscape Partnership Scheme’ from Shropshire Hills AONB Partnership which is leading a proposal to apply for heritage lottery funding for a landscape project. Replies welcomed by 1<sup>st</sup> October.

RESOLVED *‘that the Clerk reply on behalf of CCC to register an interest and to invite the scheme co-ordinator to address a future meeting’.*

Action – Clerk to process

## 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	£
M&G	Charibond dividend May-July 2009	1.90
Powys County Council	2 <sup>nd</sup> instalment precept & recreation grant	6,471.00
Powys County Council	Waste recycling proceeds Apr-Jun 209	555.39

12.2 Items for payment – to report and resolve to approve items for payment as follows:

RESOLVED *‘CCC authorises payments as follows’:*

Chq	Payee	Description	£ex vat	£vat	£inc vat
<i>To authorise items for payment this meeting:</i>					
525	Ch’stoke Recr’n Assoc.	Room Hire Apr-Jun 2009	20.40	0.00	20.40
Total to authorise for payment this meeting			20.40	0.00	20.40
<i>To report items previously authorised to be paid by direct debit or standing order:</i>					
SO	E J Humphreys	Clerk’s salary Sept’09	383.88	0.00	383.88
Total previously authorised to be paid by d.deb. or st.ord.			383.88	0.00	383.88
Grand total for payment this meeting			404.28	0.00	404.28

Action – Clerk to process

12.3 Consolidated balances at 30<sup>th</sup> Sept 2009 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	33,916.15	500.00
Less ring-fenced funds	5,945.93	0.00
Net balances available	27,970.22	500.00

### 13.0 Highways and Rights of Way Reports:

13.1 Highways and Rights of Way report from Powys CC/Shropshire Council to CCC – to report.

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

- a) A489 – request for more speed limit repeater signs in Churchstoke village. Powys CC states that the request has been passed to the traffic section and that signs are usually at fixed standard spacing
- b) U2713 Fishpool Lane junction with A488 – pothole on the junction. Shropshire Council states that works will be completed by end of August
- c) B4385 at Feeding Grounds Cottage – the garden hedge is still encroaching onto the carriageway and needs cutting back and that there have been direct complaints from the public following a near miss traffic incident. Powys CC states that a hedge cutting notice has been sent to the property owners and that cutting has already commenced on the opposite hedges. Council noted that cutting back has been completed.

Council also received information from Powys CC that in order to improve services and communications with Town & Community Councils, services are being reorganised on a trial basis and communication should be addressed to Local Area Manager Mr Adrian Jervis.

13.2 Highways and Rights of Way report from CCC to Powys CC/Shropshire Council – to report.

- a) C2009 at the Llanerch Corner – pothole

Action – Clerk to process

**14.0 County Council Matters**– to receive and discuss other general Powys CC/Shropshire Council matters.

- a) Powys CC: Cllr M J Jones reported,
  - An anticipated 5 year budget deficit of £33m, meaning likely redundancies
  - An in principle decision to merge with PtLHB, although this is likely to be a difficult process
  - Drainage works are planned on Green Lane.
- b) Shropshire Council
  - No report.

**15.0 Correspondence** – to receive other items of general correspondence.

15.1 Powys CC – Waste Services Officer

Re: Revised Collections at Re-cycling Sites

Council received information on changes to arrangements at collection sites:

- Plastic bottles and bags will be combined with cans on new metallic shed style banks

- New signs will be placed at sites to clarify what is intended at the sites, in order to try to reduce fly tipping and abuse by traders.

Noted.

#### 15.2 Powys CC – Regeneration Manager

Re: Community Benefits from Wind Energy Developments in Powys

Council received the final draft, refined and amended, reflecting consultations on the protocol for Community Benefits from Wind Energy Developments in Powys, to be adopted by the CCC in October. Comments additional to earlier consultation will be welcomed by 25<sup>th</sup> September. The Clerk reported that CCC originally responded in November 2008. Noted.

#### 15.3 Powys Regeneration Partnership

Re: Powys Rural Development Plan Business Plan 2 Consultation

Council received information on PRP European Funding Programme and that consultants have been appointed to review and update the Local Development Strategy, together with a questionnaire for community input. Replies welcomed by 2<sup>nd</sup> October. Members noted that the original, and then amended, deadline has made it impractical for CCC to submit a considered response.

Action – Clerk to process

#### 15.4 Various other correspondences listed:

- a) Adjudication Panel for Wales – Annual Report 2008-09, including information that only two referrals were made to the Panel by the Public services Ombudsman for Wales. Noted.
- b) Welsh Assembly Government – Local Government Partnership Scheme Annual Report 2008-09. Noted.
- c) Local Government Boundary Commission for December 2009. Noted.
- d) PAVO – general information on the work of PAVO. Noted.
- e) North Powys Community Councils Forum – minutes of meeting Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September. Noted.
- f) Hope House – fundraising raffle. Noted.

#### 16.0 Chairman's Announcements & Date of Next Meeting

- a) Cllr B A Rowley – requested more trade refuse bags for the cemetery  
Action – Clerk to process
- b) Chairman – reminded Members that budget panel will meet to begin preparations for the draft 2010-11 budget to be presented at October meeting.
- c) Chairman – reminded Members that consultation by Powys (teaching) Local Health Board on Modernisation of Older People's Mental Health Services was circulated in August for feedback at the October meeting
- d) Chairman – reminded Members that the date for application for the first One Voice Wales training session is 30<sup>th</sup> October (names to Clerk by 25<sup>th</sup> October).

Next business meeting: Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2009, 7:30 p.m. at Churchstoke

Meeting ended – 9:35 p.m.