

MITCHEL TROY UNITED COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of a Meeting at
Mitchel Troy Village Hall, on Tuesday 8 September 2015 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs: H Bosanquet, C Chamberlain, B Grove, V Long, P Penny (Chair), W Powell, P Yeomans, Cty Cllr Burrows
Clerk: L. Parker

15121 **BY INVITATION: County Councillor Phil Murphy and Mr Roger Hoggins.** Cllr Murphy outlined the present difficult financial situation for the County Council. He drew attention to the discussion document circulated by Mr Hoggins in November 2013 which sets out suggestions on how Town and Community Councils might retain valuable services by contributing to their costs. However, at this stage, while noting that jobs had already been lost and services reduced, Cllr Murphy was unable to say which services were at risk of being cut in the next budget round.

15122 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllrs Morgan and Phillips

15123 **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:** None

15124 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING on 14 July 2015** – were approved and signed as a true record

15125 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES of 14 July**

Item 15119: Dingestow BT kiosk - has been painted

Item 15119: Tregare Post Box - the location is at the junct of R42/30.4 outside Corner House but completely concealed by a large fern

Item 15116: Mitchel Troy noticeboard - has been collected and taken away for repair

Item 15104: Cast Iron finger posts - the sign to Cwmcarn Church is cast aluminium not iron

Item 15085: Cwmcarn Notice board - has now been installed

15126 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Cllr Burrows has arranged a meeting with Andrew Welsh to discuss highways issues. In relation to the information provided by Cty Cllr Murphy and Roger Hoggins. Cllr Burrows will feed back relevant information on cuts in services will be fed back

15127 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- 001008, Wonastow, Westfield, Worthy Brook, Alterations and extensions to existing dwelling - approval recommended.
- 001005, MT, Dower House, ground and 1st flr extns , alterations to driveway,parking, gardens and extension of dom. curtilage. No Objection, approval recommended
- 00498, Cwmcarn, Cwmcarn Court replace destroyed garage with new and boiler house. The new build will be approximately the same size and footprint as the one it replaces. Approval recommended.
- 00619, Dingestow, Treowen House LBC for insertion of 6 conservation rooflights These rooflights will not be visible from outside. Approval recommended.
- 00809, Cwmcarn, Bourne Farm, two storey extension, revised scheme This application was received after the July agenda was prepared and so, as previously agreed (Min: 15112) discussed by local councillors. Approval recommended.
- 00913, Brook Farm, conversion of barn to 3-bed holiday accommodation The land surrounding the planning application site is part of Lower Gockett Farm, not owned by applicant. There is no direct access to the public highway from the proposed site. As above discussed by local councillors. Approval recommended providing access permission for the visitors to the renovated barn can be confirmed.

Clerk

15128 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED SINCE PREPARATION OF AGENDA**

- 01000, Tregare, Court Robert Farm, installation of a slurry store - noted.

15129 **PLANNING DECISIONS BY MCC**

- 2014/00883, 00890, MT, Lydart Farm, conversion of traditional stone redundant barn to one dwelling (Buildings B and C). Approved
- 00561, Dingestow, Treowen, solar pv array on existing agricultural building. Approved

15130 **PLANNING DECISIONS RECEIVED SINCE PREPARATION OF AGENDA: None**

15131 **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

Current bank balance (less uncashed cheques): £12,047.98

The following cheques were approved and signed:

Chq no	Payee	Amount
300068	Country Contracts, May & June grass cuts Wonastow	£33.60
300069	MCC, Salary & admin, Months 1,2 & 3	£537.21
300070	Greenbarnes Ltd, Cwmcarvan noticeboard	£678.63
300071	Harold R Johns Ltd, posts and carriage bolts	£23.53
300072	Dingestow Village Hall, Room Hire 2015	£90.00
300073	SLCC, membership fee (50%)	£59.00
	TOTAL	£1421.96

Clerk

15132 **DINGESTOW VACANCY**

It was noted that the Clerk has not been notified of a call for an election so the Council is now free to co-opt to this vacancy. There are one or two people who may be interested in taking up this role and it was agreed that Cllr Bosanquet would speak to each of them before the Council decides how to advertise the vacancy and interested candidates would be invited to attend a meeting to meet councillors.

HB

15133 **TREGARE NOTICEBOARD**

Cllr Groves will make further enquires about a man made noticeboard and report back to the next meeting.

BG

15134 **GRITTING COMMON ROAD, MITCHEL TROY**

Common Road continues to be a heavily used route for the school bus taking children to Trellech School. So too are routes 47.1, 47.2 and 47.3 and for this reason they should be retained in the gritting programme and gritted when appropriate. It was agreed that this recommendation would be passed to MCC.

Clerk

15135 **CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence was received and noted:

- MCC, Chairman's Charity Harvest Supper (Air Ambulance) 11 Oct Glan yr Afon House Hotel **RSVP**
- MCC, Tracy Hacker, Enforcement reports (None for MTUCC)
- MCC, Nicola Perry, Agenda, Central Mon Area Committee 16 Sept
- MCC, Sarah King, Agendas for Committee Meetings: Democratic Service 7 Sept; Lower Wye Area 9 Sept; Strong Communities Select 10 September
- MCC, Cllr Murphy, Discussion document from Nov. 2013
- MCC, council meeting, planning committee 8 Sept
- MCC, planning committee, agenda, 8 Sept
- MCC, Agenda for meeting of adults select committee 1 Sept
- MCC, Brian Cleary, temporary footpath closure, Howells Corner
- MCC, Mark Hand, Consultation on Conservation Area Appraisals
- MCC, Steve Baldwin, Howells Corner retaining wall
- MCC, Enforcement Lists
- MCC, Mark Hand, Introduction and updates
- MCC, Agenda for Special Meeting of Adults Select Committee 31 July
- MCC, Matthew Lewis, Review of Play Opportunities in Monmouthshire
- M CC, Jane Coppock, Consultation on draft SPG - Primary Shopping Frontages 7 Aug - 2 Oct

OVW, Proposed changes to Planning Policy Wales Chapter 10 and Technical Advice Note 4: Retail Centre Development

OPCC, **Cancellation** of PCC event 15 Sept
 WAG, Draft Statutory Guidance For The Well-Being Of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015
 Came and Co, Newsletter
 Clerks and Councils Direct, September Magazine
 Mazars, External Auditor's Certificate and Report
 Wales Community Health Council, ABCHC Annual Report
 One Voice Wales, Training Courses and dates
 OPCC, Maria Chapman, Why aren't you attending PCC meeting?
 MT Village Hall, Elaine Savage, re caring for updated kitchen etc
 Planning Aid Wales, Training Workshop, Little Mill Vill. Hall Pontypool, 12 Oct
 OPCC, Maria Chapman, invitation to meet the PCC, Council Offices, Tredomen, Sept 15
 Shelter, Balance sheet and invite to Annual Welsh Art Auctions, Penarth, Cardiff 25 Sept
 One Voice Wales, Welsh Audit Office
 Gwent Police, PCSO Kate Evans, 'Your Voice' survey response: concerns are speeding old Monmouth to Raglan road (past Somerset Arms) and Mitchel Troy Village (Outside St Michaels church)
 One Voice Wales, Motions for AGM 3 October
 One Voice Wales, NALC briefing on The Local Government (Democracy) Wales Act 2013
 One Voice Wales, VAT - Construction, Land and Property Training 13 Oct
 One Voice Wales, Independent Remuneration Panel Survey
 One Voice Wales, Protecting Community Assets Consultation
 One Voice Wales, Letter from the Minister for Public Services
 One Voice Wales, BBC Charter Review consultation
 One Voice Wales, Consultation on Tax Collection and Management (Wales) Bill
 One Voice Wales, the future of parks and their impact on well-being
 One Voice Wales, Natural Resource Wales, competitive grants 2016
 One Voice Wales, Care Home Review Statement

- 15136 **HIGHWAY MATTERS:**
- Give Way sign being ignored R29.6
 - 29.7 needs a sign 'unsuitable for large vehicles'
 - Speed signs obscured by hedges
 - Mitchel Troy pedestrian crossing, one beacon stuck on and not flashing and the other obscured by trees

Clerk

- 15137 **URGENT ITEMS AT CHAIR'S DISCRETION:**
- A value is needed for the bench at Craig y Dorth so it can be added to the schedule of assets
 - Defibrillators for Dingestow and Mitchel Troy - next agenda

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Clerk

15138 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING** confirmed as **Tuesday, 13 October 2015** at Dingestow Village Hall

Meeting Closed 21.20