

MITCHEL TROY UNITED COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of a Meeting at
Dingestow Village Hall, on Tuesday 9 June 2015 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs:H Bosanquet, C Chamberlain, B Grove, V Long, A Morgan, P Penny (Chair), G Phillips, W Powell,
 Clerk: A Davison

15090 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllrs H Bowen, P Yeomans, and Cty Cllr G Burrows

15091 **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:** None

15092 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING on 12 May 2015** – were approved and signed as a true record

15093 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES of 12 May**

Item 15039: Dog waste bin

The clerk will again ask the contractor to move the bin opposite Dingestow Village Hall.

Clerk

Item 15065: Footpath bridges

MCC has extended the temporary closures of two footpaths in the council area, from June to December 2015, due to dangerous footbridges: footpath 3 near Wonastow Court Farm and footpath 136 near "The Bourne", Mitchel Troy.

Item 15074: Annual Return for 2014/15

The 'notice of appointment of date for the exercise of electors' rights' is to be placed on the notice boards in Mitchel Troy and Dingestow

Item 15075: Insurance cover for volunteers

The policy documents confirmed that volunteers undertaking work for the council were insured up to the age of 90. Those between the ages of 80 and 90 were insured only against death.

15094 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- 2015/00561, Dingestow, Treowen House, solar photovoltaic array on existing agricultural building.
Recommended for approval

Clerk

15095 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED SINCE PREPARATION OF AGENDA:** None

15096 **PLANNING DECISIONS BY MCC**

- 2014/01430, Dingestow, Croft y Lloi Farm, erection of 3 poultry buildings following removal of existing units.
Approved
- 2015/00291, Lydart, Lower Craig Farm, double garage flanked by camper van garage with mezzanine storage.
Approved
- 00538, Dingestow, The Old Smithy, discharge of condition 8 (biodiversity) on 2014/01221
- 00627, Mitchel Troy, Braeside, non-material amendment to 2014/00742, door to tractor shed repositioned on south west elevation. Acceptable

15097 **PLANNING DECISIONS RECEIVED SINCE PREPARATION OF AGENDA:** None

15098 **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

Current bank balance (less uncashed cheques): £9,201.26

The following cheque was approved and signed:

Chq no	Payee	Amount
30066	Mitchel Troy village hall, hire for 12 May, 8 Sep, 9 Feb	60

Clerk

- 15099 **NOTICE BOARDS**
- Mitchel Troy and Tregare: Stephen Jones will be asked to give a quote for repairs.
- GP, BG
- 15100 **STANDING ORDER 12(E)**
- It was resolved** that the words shown in italics should be added to Standing Order 12(e), so that it reads as follows: "Upon a resolution which confirms the accuracy of the minutes of a meeting, *the presiding chairman will sign each page of those minutes*. The draft minutes or recordings of the meeting for which approved minutes exist shall be destroyed."
- 15101 **REGISTER OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS**
- One Voice Wales had issued several sets of instructions about the requirements concerning a register of members' interests, following the recent change in Welsh legislation. The final consensus however was that the only substantive change is the need to publish a record of declared interests on the council's website. In detail:
- a) Councillors are required to declare a personal and, if appropriate, prejudicial interest in relation to pertinent matters when they are present at meetings.
 - b) When Councillors disclose a personal interest for the first time, they must give written confirmation of the interest to the Proper Officer, before or immediately after the close of the meeting. Although not a requirement of the code, it is good practice for the Proper Officer to record these declarations in the minutes of the meeting.
 - c) The Proper Officer should record interests disclosed at meetings for the first time in the register of interests required under section 81 of the Local Government Act 2000. The register must be available for public inspection at all reasonable hours and, following commencement of the 2013 Act, must be made available on the council's website.
 - d) The register should be updated as soon as reasonably practicable after each and every meeting when new interests are disclosed.
- Clerk
- 15102 **CORRESPONDENCE**
- The following correspondence was received and noted:
- MCC, Central Monmouthshire Area Committee, agenda 10 June
 - MCC, John Pearson, update on review of communities and electoral arrangements
 - MCC, Julie Pinell, update to emergency contacts directory
 - MCC, Shaun Pritchard, footpath closure orders June-December 2015, fp 3 and fp 136
 - MCC, Strong Communities Select Committee, agenda, 11 June
 - MCC, Event Safety Advisory Group, information
 - AONB, Andrew Blake, agenda for meeting 19 May, Review of Designated Landscapes, Stage 2
 - Came & Co, insurance documents
 - Greenbarnes Ltd, confirmation of order for notice board
 - Gwent Police, online survey into impact of crime and policing in rural areas
 - Gwent Young Farmers' Club, invitation to annual rally, 13 June, Llangattock Lingoed
 - Home Start Monmouth, invitation to AGM, 9 July
 - National Eisteddford Organiser, invitation to Proclamation Ceremony, 27 June, Caldicot, 1.30pm
 - One Voice Wales, instructions on register of members' interests
 - One Voice Wales, June training sessions
- 15103 **HIGHWAY MATTERS:**
- 27.7 lots of potholes, near to Tregare Church just past Park Lane
 - 30 mph flashing sign approaching MT from Monmouth is intermittent, due to overgrown hedge
- Clerk
- 15104 **URGENT ITEMS AT CHAIR'S DISCRETION:**
- Cast iron fingerposts: councillors will take photos in their areas and assess how many need repair.
 - Oak bench now in place at Craig y Dorth. Clerk to send letter confirming that MTCC will be responsible for insurance and maintenance.
- Clerk
- 15105 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING** confirmed as **Tuesday, 14 July 2015** at Tregare Village Hall