

**MITCHEL TROY UNITED COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of a Meeting at**  
**Dingestow Village Hall, on Tuesday 13 October 2015 at 7.30pm**

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

Clerk: A Davison

15139 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllr Yeomans

15140 **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:** None

15141 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING on 8 September 2015** – were approved and signed as a true record. MCC had clarified that their invoice against cheque 300069 (item 15131) covered months 1-3 of the financial year.

15142 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES of 8 September**

**Item 15125 (15119): Tregare post box.** The local collections manager is looking into this

15143 **POLICE REPORT**

PCSO Kate Evans presented the crime report for the previous two months. Councillors told her that there had recently been a number of near misses at the pedestrian crossing in Mitchel Troy. She will report this to the Safety Camera Partnership.

15144 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Cllr Burrows had met with Andrew Welsh. He had noted the old and rusty railing by the pavement at Ty Brith; councillors will ask Dingestow residents if it should be removed or replaced. Cllr Burrows is dementia champion for the county, and is encouraging businesses to cater better for those with dementia. He also reported that safeguarding training is being rolled out across all MCC employees.

15145 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- 01000, Tregare, Court Robert Farm, installation of slurry store. Recommend approval
- 01108, Tregare, Coed y Poeth Farm, discharge of conds 6,7,8, & 9 of 2013/00666. Noted
- 00064, Mitchel Troy, Highway Barn. An appeal has been lodged against planning refusal
- 01079, Tregare, Lower House, conversion of garage, store and playroom to holiday accommodation. Recommend approval, subject to not being sold as separate property.
- 01142, Mitchel Troy, Caer Lan, Craig y Dorth Rd, 40 ground mounted PV panels. Recommend approval
- 01022, Mitchel Troy, Troy Farm, demolish old cubicle shed for dairy cows and replace with larger. Recommend approval

Clerk

15146 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED SINCE PREPARATION OF AGENDA**

- 01087, Mitchel Troy, Church View Farmhouse, retention and completion of open shed for drying and storing firewood. The clerk was delegated power to respond, after consulting with local councillors

15147 **PLANNING DECISIONS BY MCC**

- 00913, Cwmcavan, Brook Farm, conversion of barn to 3-bed holiday accom. Approved
- 00920, Dingestow, 2 Park View, single storey extn to rear and replace garage. Approved
- 01008, Wonastow, Westfield, alterations and extensions to existing house. Approved

15148 **PLANNING DECISIONS RECEIVED SINCE PREPARATION OF AGENDA:** None

15149 **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

*Current bank balance (less uncashed cheques): £10,626.02*

The following cheques were approved and signed:

Chq no	Payee	Amount
300074	Country Contracts, July & Aug grass cuts Wonastow	£33.60
300075	Lynne Parker, expenses	£29.32
300076	MCC, salary July-Sep	£537.21
300077	Mazars, audit fee	£210.00

Clerk

15150 **COMPLETION OF ANNUAL AUDIT**

The notice of completion of the annual audit, together with a copy of the annual return, are on the council website. The external auditor had made no comments or qualifications to the accounts.

It was also noted that future external audits become the responsibility of the Auditor General for Wales, and that BDP LLP will take over the task from Mazars LLP. There will also be a greater focus on governance, with a 'thematic' area being reviewed each year in detail. The 2015-16 audit will focus on budget setting and the internal audit process.

15151 **CO-OPTION OF A COUNCILLOR FOR DINGESTOW**

Since there has been no request for an election to fill this vacancy it falls to the Community Council to co-opt a councillor. It was noted that Standing Order 24 lays out the procedure to be followed. The clerk will advertise the vacancy on the website and on the council notice boards, with a closing date of 2 November. This will allow the item to be included on the next agenda.

Clerk

15152 **TREGARE NOTICEBOARD**

**It was resolved** to purchase a notice board identical to the one recently installed in Cwmcarnvan, to be delivered to Cllr Groves. The header on the board should state: Mitchel Troy Community Council, Tregare Ward.

15153 **DEFIBRILLATORS**

Mitchel Troy Village Hall Committee is very keen to install a defibrillator, and is waiting for confirmation from the British Heart Foundation about the total price (including a case etc). Dingestow VH is also interested. To be included on the next agenda.

Clerk, VL

15154 **CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence was received and noted:

- MCC, Christina Schmidt, Monmouthshire County Council Existing Active Routes Maps consultation
- MCC, Steve Baldwin, Footpath Closure Howells Corner
- MCC, Shaun Pritchard, temporary public path order closing various paths in Kings Wood
- MCC, Nicola Kirby, Agenda Audit Committee 23 Sept
- MCC, Robert Tranter, Code of Conduct factsheets from the Ombudsman
- MCC, Tracey Hacker, Enforcement Lists 15 Sept
- Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales, draft annual report
- International Eisteddfod, Christine Dukes, Appeal letter for Llangollen 2016
- PlanningAid, Wales, Planning Training, Little Mill, Monday 12 Oct
- One Voice Wales, Advance Finance Training, Cwmbran 15 Oct
- OneVoice Wales, Night out Scheme - Pop Up Theatre
- OneVoice Wales, Council Meeting Training, Undy 24 Sept
- OneVoice Wales, Consultation - draft Public Sector Waste & Resource Efficiency Plan, 13 Oct, Cardiff
- OneVoice Wales, Public Appointments Opportunities
- OneVoice Wales, Ministerial Statement on Landfill Disposals Tax and Land Transaction Tax
- One Voice Wales, training session on local government finance, Undy, Thursday 29 October,
- Ramsay, Nick AM, letter about proposal to abolish Monmouthshire
- WAG, Natural Resource Management Bulletin

- It was noted that the council must pass a formal resolution concerning the proposals of the Remuneration Panel for Wales

15155 **HIGHWAYS MATTERS**

- 29.6, jct to R45, potholes.
- Cwmcavaran, 100m north of jct 45.2 and 45.4, surface breaking up
- Mitchel Troy Common, 47.2, Garrow Rd, from jct with 47.1 to 47.5, potholes
- 47.1 from main Trellech Rd, to jct with 47.3, lots of potholes
- a new entrance has been created onto 47.2 belonging to Wern Farm
- hedge belonging to Hazeldene needs cutting back
- road works at Howells Corner, disquiet that the work is proceeding at a very slow pace, with no pedestrian access, and incorrect "road narrows" signs. Cllr Burrows to raise these issues with Roger Hoggins

Clerk, GB

15156 **URGENT ITEMS AT CHAIR'S DISCRETION**

It was reported that a caravan was being lived in, in the woodland to the west of Rough Pastures, on the Monmouth side of Craig y Dorth. The clerk was asked to inform MCC Planning enforcement.

Clerk

15157 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING** confirmed as **Tuesday, 10 November 2015** at Mitchel Troy Village Hall

Meeting Closed 20.56