

MITCHEL TROY UNITED COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of a Meeting at
Mitchel Troy Village Hall, on Tuesday 10 September 2019 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs: G Connor (Chair), S Evans C Godfrey, B Grove, R Hill, C Knight, A Morgan, P Penny.
County Cllr R John

Clerk: L Parker

19537 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllr Long

19538 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: – None

19539 POLICE REPORT – June, July and August 2019

For the Mitchel Troy Ward area there were 104 reports to GWENT Police, covering Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime, welfare concerns and Road Related Incidents. Including:

- 13/06/19 - Talocher School - theft of a fuel card;
- 11/07/19 – Wonastow Road - a group of youths riding around fields/footpaths close to the Wonastow industrial estate and Kingswood Gate on off road bike – gone on arrival;
- 14/07/19 – Rocklea, Common Road - neighbour dispute, words of advice given to both parties;
- 25/07/19 – Park Road, Tregare - Burglary, entry gained via a side window, an untidy search, nothing stolen.
- Several reports during this period of various scams, or attempted frauds. Varying from phone calls from a supposed Service Provider requesting access to the computer, to tele sales attempting to sell items direct at over inflated prices. Members of the public are advised to treat any such calls with caution, and never to provide personal details, passwords, or PIN details ;
- Reports still being received of vehicles acting suspiciously in rural wards throughout North Monmouthshire. The motives for which can be varied, from poaching, to preparatory acts towards committing thefts at that time or in the near future.

19540 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

- MCC enforcement investigating Little Warrage access
- MCC enforcement investigating height of first floor extn at Caravan Park, MTroy
- Craig y Dorth/Caer Llan access problems
- Continuing probs with waste/recycling changes
- Monmouth Comp. car park and landscaping done
- Litter pick a success
- New grit bni Lydart
- Tree inspection Lydart
- Speed checks on Raglan/Mitchel Troy road
- Motor cycle event Glanau Farm cancelled/unlicensed tip being investigated.

19541 MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 9 July– were approved and signed as a true record

19542 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF 9 July:

- 19528 – Dingestow Vacancy – no expressions of interest
- 19529 – Standing Orders circulated – copies available

19543 PLANNING APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED UNDER SO 15 XVI - recommended approval **noted:**

- 01113, Mill Farm, Dingestow, 110kw woodchip boiler in farm building;
- 00852, Bourne Farm, Dingestow, proposed livestock building
- 01141, Coed Cefn Lodge, Tregare, Telecoms tower for broadband, 10m timber
- 01156, Troy View, Craig y Dorth Rd, gabion basket retaining wall
- 01244, Pen y Lan Farm, Dingestow – replace conservatory with side and rear extn

19544 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 01082, Comonin Bungalow, Mitchel Troy Road, demolish all existg buildings and replace with warehouse – no obj. Rec approval
- 01370, Bailey Glace Farmhouse, double array roof mounted PV panels – no obj rec approval

19545 PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED SINCE PREPARATION OF AGENDA

-01408, Trealy Farm, Mitchel Troy Installation of comms apparatus upgrades – existing mast – no obj rec approval.

19546 PLANNING DECISIONS BY MCC:

- 01113, Mill Farm, Dingestow, 110kw woodchip boiler in farm building - CLEUD;
- 01141, Coed Cefn Lodge, Tregare, Telecoms tower for broadband, 10m timber - Approved
- 01156, Troy View, Craig y Dorth Rd, gabion basket retaining wall - Approved
- 1096, land S/E Dingestow, disch cond 8 of 2018/01404, - Discharged
- 01159, land S/E Dingestow, non mat amends to 2018/01404 - layout - Amended
- 01197, Sunnybank, Pen y Parc, Tregare - demolish and replace existing dwelling – Approved
- 01244, Pen y Lan Farm, Dingestow – replace conservatory with side and rear extn - CPLUD

19547 PLANNING DECISIONS SINCE PREPARATION OF AGENDA: Noted

-0778, Sunrise Bungalow, Pen Yr Heol, single storey rear extension - Approved

19548 AUDIT QUERIES AND A REMEDY

The Clerk reported that the external auditor had queried the increase in staffing costs between 2017/18 and 2018/19. Investigation showed an error in the method of calculating the annual salary following the ending of the payroll contract with MCC. This resulted in an overpayment of £261.35 in 2018/19. The error was **noted** and it was **resolved** that the overpayment would be recovered from salary at a rate of £43.56 a month starting in October 2019. The whole will be repaid by financial year end in March 2020.

It was further **noted** that the calculation error also affected the current financial year and as a consequence the RFO had instructed payroll to recover the whole overpayment (£127.00) from the Sept salary.

19549 AN INTRODUCTION TO PLANNING TRAINING

This training by Planning Aid Wales is being held at Shire Hall, Monmouth on Monday 11 November 2019 at a cost of £35 a head. It was **agreed** that in accordance with the recommendations of the Review Panel, Cllrs Penny, Knight and Godfrey would attend and further places would be requested for Cllrs Connor and Hill.

19550 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Current bank balance (less uncashed cheques): £24998.51

Approval was given for the payment of the following cheques:

Chq no	Payee	Amount	Power to Pay
300039	Merlin Waste – dog bin emptying 2 invoices £37.50 ea	£75.00	Public Health Act 1875 s164 (LGA 1972, Sched 14 para 27)
300040	Playworks – Payroll service and HMRC	£159.80	LGA 1972 s112
300041	Ms L Parker – Salary Aug and Sept + exps	£588.19	LGA 1972, Sect 111
300042	Country Contracts – Wonastow war mem. Grass cuts x 2 July & Aug £19.20 ea	£38.40	War mem (LA Powers) Act S1, LGA 1948 S133(2) HA 1980 s96
300043	Dingestow caravan Pk – dog walk/grass cut	£160.00	Public Health Act 1875 s164 LGA 1972 sch 14 para 27
300044	Monmouthshire County Citizens Advice	£1000.00	LGA 1972, s 142
300045	Planning Aid Wales – Intro to Planning x3	£105.00	LGA 1972 s111
	Month Total	£2126.39	

19551 DEFIBRILLATOR FOR TREGARE

Financial support is sought for the purchase and installation of a defibrillator at the Village Hall, it was **agreed** that a sum of £500 would be made available from the ring-fenced reserve formerly for defibrillators.

19552 HOMEMAKER'S RECYCLING

It was **Noted** that the group had already raised significant sums towards the cost of necessary work to expand activities and so it was **Agreed** that a donation of £500 would be made from ring-fenced reserves created to cover former MCC services (in this case Waste and Recycling).

19553 DINGESTOW NOTICEBOARD – deferred to next meeting to allow discussions with community and estimates to be obtained.

19554 CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence received and circulated 10 July – 10 Sept 2019

MCC, Pearson,J Update on Boundary review – reports with WG awaiting action

MCC, Ford,D - Temp Road Closure - R45 Bryngwyn Road, 24th August 2019 to 26th August 2019

MCC, Ford, D, - **Emergency** Road Closure - R45 Bryngwyn Road, Mitchel Troy,24/7 – 26/7/2019)

MCC, Boyd,J Invite to Chairman's Charity Event Sugarloaf Vineyard, Tour followed by Wine & Cheese Thurs 12 Sept, 6.30 pm–8.30 pm.

MCC, Collins,M – Consolidation Order – speeds/parking etc - various road around the area

MCC,Hacker,T, July Enforcement list

MCC, Etherington, H – response to concerns about 2018/00907 Hollybush Cottage

MCC, Lloyd,K, Consultation about removal of public payphones

MCC, Ford,D, Temp Road Closure - The B4293, Mitchel Troy,(Lydart)11/9 – 25/9 2019 resurfacing

MCC, Hacker, T, Enforcement Lists - August

PlanningAidWales – Intro to Planning Course – Monmouth, 11 Nov.

OVW, Minutes etc of Monmouth/Area Committee **NB councillor's guide to use of social media**

OVW, 'Long Forest' App – survey of hedgerows

OVW, News Bulletin August

AONB, Invite to JAC tour Fri 20 Sept

PlanningAidWales, 17 questions on the National Development Framework answered

Homemakers, Request for funding (Paper)

OVW Environment Wales Act 2016 - Community & Town Councils **Duty** under Section 6

GwentYFC – LOT for grant

OVW, Bowden,S, - MCC GovTech Phase 2

19555 HIGHWAY MATTERS

-Resurfacing outstanding at Gwylodyade

- Ragwort in the verges Mitchel Troy to Raglan Road (R46)

- overgrown and uneven footway Mitchel Troy to Monmouth (R46)

19556 URGENT ITEMS AT CHAIR'S DISCRETION – Congratulations to Cllr Knight on the birth of her daughter at the beginning of August!

19557 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, **15 October** 2019 Dingestow Village Hall

Meeting Closed at: 20.50