

**MITCHEL TROY UNITED COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the meeting held remotely on Tuesday 12 January 2021 at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Cllrs: G Connor, R Hill, V Long, A Morgan, R Morgan, P Penny (Chair), J Quenault.

**Clerk:** L Parker

**21760 Apologies for Absence – Cllr C Knight**

**21761 Declarations of Interests – None**

**21762 Co-option to Cwmcarvan Vacancy**

The application by Mr Quenault was considered prior to him joining the meeting. It was **Agreed** that he should be appointed to the Cwmcarvan vacancy. When Mr Quenault joined the meeting he was advised of the decision and signed the Declaration of Acceptance onscreen for all to see.

**21763 Police Report – for the month of December**

- COVID BREACHES

05/12 – *Theft of Christmas tree sign, located vandalised*

09/12 – *Vehicles blocking pavements in Queens Hill, Dingestow*

15/02 – *Vehicle on fire on the A40 by Gibraltar Tunnels*

19/12 – *Vehicle stuck in flood water on Jingle Street*

19/12 – *Tree hanging onto 21/12 - Common Road*

21/12 – *Vehicle stuck in river in Mitchell Troy, driver rescued*

23/12 – *Vehicle stuck in water on Jingle Street*

26/12 – *Vehicle acting suspicious in Queens Hill*

27/12 – *Tree down on Bryngwyn Road, Wonastow*

31/12 – *Roof rack stolen from van in Tregare*

**21764 Minutes of the meeting held on 8 December – were approved for signature**

**21765 Matters arising from the minutes of 10 November *for information only***

20755 Land East of West Waste Road, Dingestow, a caravan as a 'chattel', not consulted on – Accepted

20757 Highway Matters – report to MCC acknowledged x 7

**21766 Planning applications : None received**

**21767 Planning Applications received since preparation of agenda;**

-00006, Mitchel Troy, Maesnant, side extension to house, no obj rec approval

**21768 Planning decisions by MCC, the following were **Noted**:**

-01506, Dingestow, Land East of West Waste Road, siting of a caravan as a chattel for

agricultural storage and ancillary amenity area for agricultural workers - Approved

-00008, Tregare, Coed Cefn, change of use of agric. Outbuilding to living accommodation–

Approved

-00009, Tregare, Coed Cefn, LBC for change of use of agric. Outbuilding to living

accommodation– Approved

**21769 MCC planning decisions received since preparation of agenda: None**

## 21770 Precept 2021/2022

Taking into consideration the cost of the Agreed Budget and the predicted income from carrying forward the underspend from the current financial year and noting the council tax base rate of £737 (see Table below) it was **Agreed** that the Precept for 2021/22 should be : £17000. MCC to be notified as soon as possible. Clerk

Council tax base set by MCC £737.00 - Band D property

### PRECEPT SETTING/COST TO COMMUNITY (Examples)

£16000/£737.00 = £21.71 pa (42p per week)

£17000/£737.00 =£23.06 pa (.44p per week)

£18000/£737.00 = £24.42 pa (46p per week)

## 21771 Commenting on LDBC recommendations for County Council Wards

It was noted that LDBC are recommending that the Penallt Ward of the Trellech United Community Council is joined with the new Mitchel Troy United Community Council (including Pen y Clawdd) to ensure the Mitchel Troy County Council ward is the right size (as close to 1599 as possible). This is considered unacceptable because there is no real connection between Penallt and Mitchel Troy, it would be confusing for residents and create difficulties for County Councillor who would need to attend separate community council meetings, one of them with a county colleague for another County Ward. It was **Agreed** to oppose the recommendations and suggest that instead the two County Wards be merged to give a two Member Ward. In addition a letter would be sent to Trellech United outlining the proposal and encouraging Trellech United to support this Council. Clerk

## 21772 Replacement LDP 2018-2033 Growth and Spatial Options Consultation

The consultation was **noted** and the webinar events on 14 January and 20 January. Any comments via the Clerk by 29 January.

## 21773 Accounts for Payment

Current bank balance (less uncashed cheques): £26,185.45

Approval was given for the payment of the following cheques:

Chq no	Payee	Amount	Power to Pay
300130	Merlin Waste – dog bin emptying Invoices 44066	£42.25	Public Health Act 1875 s164 (LGA 1972, Sched 14 para 27)
300131	Playworks – Payroll service Invoices 7009	£20.00	LGA 1972 s112
300132	Ms L Parker – Salary Jan.	£347.40	LGA 1972, Sect 111
300133	HMRC for PAYE Jan (mth 10)	£87.00	LGA 1972 s111
300134	WAO for Ext Audit	£318.35	LGA 1972 s111
	<b>Month Total</b>	<b>£815.00</b>	

## 21774 Recruitment to the Tregare Vacancies

It was **noted** that nothing had been heard from the potential Tregare co-optees. It was **Agreed** that the vacancies would be highlighted on local facebook pages and that councillors would reach out to Tregare residents known to them..

## 21775 Applications for Grant Funding

Applications have been received from:

-SARA

-Wales Air Ambulance

-Sparkles

Consideration was given to each of the applications previously circulated to councillors. It was **Agreed** that SARA and Air Ambulance should receive £250 each. In the event of other, local, small projects requesting grants consideration would be given to virement from underspent budgets.

## 21776 Other reports

### a) County Councillor's Report

- Many thanks to everyone involved in community Coronavirus support groups
- MCC has offered to provide staff to assist the health board with the mass vaccination programme
- One confirmed case of Covid-19 locally in the past seven days, a reduction, numbers county stabilising, Gibraltar house a hotspot.
- mass vaccination centre being set up in Abergavenny; has offered other council facilities
- MCC focussed on supporting residents through the pandemic. Some staff had been furloughed. Many staff redeployed to keep essential services going: refuse collections going. But, many aspects of routine maintenance severely delayed; far more potholes in the area than there would be normally
- Scheduled road resurfacing has been shelved indefinitely
- MCC has continued to prioritise drain clearing particularly in the winter months after the flooding in February and more recently over Christmas
- it is difficult to secure officer time for site visits between the various lockdowns
- The garden waste service is changing from March with large wheelie bins. Each bin costs £28.
- Boundary Commission consulting on draft proposals for the new county boundaries; roughly one county councillor for every 1,599 electors. Mitchel Troy is one of four wards which vary significantly from the prescribed ratio so its boundaries will definitely change.
- Elections for P&CC Welsh Assembly planned for May.

## 21777

### Correspondence received and circulated 9 Dec 2020 – 12 Jan 2021

MCC, Witham, J, - Launch of the Restrictions Business Fund, support for businesses impacted by Covid 19 restrictions

MCC, Moran, M, Reminder about new legislation relating to smoking in Children's Play Areas

MCC, James, K, Precept 2021/22

MCC, Replacement LDP 2018-2033; Growth and Spatial Options -Consultation – closing 1 Feb

MCC, Perry, N, - Decision sheet for cabinet 16 Dec

MCC, Moran, M. Summer Play provisions 2021

**MCC, PlanningPolicy, Reminder webinar events for RLDP Thurs 14/1/21 18:00 or Wed 20/1/21 1400**

MCC, Lloyd, K Enforcement List – CONFIDENTIAL

MCC, Perry, N – Agenda for Council 14/1/21 2pm – NB Review of Electoral Arrangements

MCC, Gunn, T - Planning consultation DM/2021/00006 Maesnant, Mitchel Troy

MCC, Greer, L, - Message from Chairman

OVW/LDBC - Review of County Electoral Arrangements - Draft Proposals – response date by March 2021

MonmouthTC – Mayoral Christmas wishes

ABUHB – GP Surgery Patient survey

OVW/Police, - Scam – Domain pretending to be Microsoft

Lawrie, A, Wales Air Ambulance Emergency Funding Appeal

OVW/NRW, Roberts A, – Additional opportunity to comment on Countryside Code review

**OVW, January Remote Training sessions\***

OVW/WG, Postponement of By-Elections 1 Mar – May 2021 (due to covid 19)

OVW, NHS, Social Care & Frontline Workers Day 5th July 2021 – events etc and fundraising

OVW/Police, Covid 19 Vaccination phishing scam

CHC-AB Absalom,L – request for donation of items on attached list

OVW/WLGA Coronavirus update 8/1/21

**21778 Highway matters**

- **Wonastow** – 30.5 towards Worthybrook – road surface in the dip very poor deep, dangerous potholes
- **Wonastow** – The Arm – road surface badly broken up after floods
- **Wonastow** - flooding at the Boot by junction to new development, roads were impassable due to **blocked drains/culverts**
- **Mitchel Troy** – Back of footway opposite Toll House collapsing, temporary fencing in a poor condition, dangerous drop into river below, **danger for pedestrians** and vehicles. Footway in a poor condition from near garden centre to Monmouth it is heavily used by residents.
  
- **Cwmcavvan** – road surface broken up and dangerous near Gwaylodyade Farm.
- **Cwmcavvan** – bridge downhill from the church was repaired by Council several months ago. Orange cones have been left at a gap in the hedge (removed to get access to the bridge) A **dangerous** drop of 3 – 4 m from road edge into stream, needs post and rail fencing and reflective strips.
- **Dingestow** – Garw Road drains blocked near Garw House causing road flooding

**21779 Urgent items at Chair's discretion - None**

**21780 Next meeting:** 7.30pm Tuesday 9 February - remotely

**Meeting closed: 21.15**