

MITCHEL TROY UNITED COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held remotely on Tuesday 9 March 2021 at 7.30pm

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

Clerk: L Parker

21802 **Apologies for Absence – none**

21803 **Declarations of Interests – None**

21804 **Police Report – for the month of February – Sara Mason**

09/02 – Theft of a caravan on Common Road

10/02 – Report of abandoned vehicle on Jingle Street, it was all in order

11/02 – Road closure for Welsh Water on Warrage Road

13/02 – Report of a party in Mitchell Troy

15/02 - Theft of gravel in Lydart

16/02 – Bath in the live lane on the A40

20/02 – Suspicious van driving without lights through Mitchell Troy (night)

20/02 – Jingle Street flooded

22/02 – Road closure for Welsh Water on Perth Hir Road, Cwmcarvan

24/02 – Vehicle stolen from Common Road

A reminder of current scams and courier frauds especially those instructing the victim to hand money to a ‘police officer

Two short surveys re policing and ANPRs.

21805 **County Councillor’s Report**

Cllr John Reported that:

-Coronavirus rates falling

- 20mph zones being set up with WG funding, hopefully MT included next financial year

-Schools re-open Monday 15

- Bye Election in Chepstow following death of County Councillor

-NRW taking legal action re pollution from unlicensed tipping at Glanau Farm

-Fly posting on road signs and advertising on roadside, action being taken

21806 **Minutes of the meeting held on 9 February – were approved for signature**

21807 **Matters arising from the minutes of 9 February *for information only***

See below

21808 **Planning applications :**

-00247, Tregare, Cefn Coed Lodge, timber frame workspace/storage building – no obj. rec approval

21809 **Planning Applications received since preparation of agenda: None**

-00192 Mitchel Troy, Little Box Cottage, Lydart, conversion of stable building to holiday let accom – no obj, rec approval

21810 **Planning decisions by MCC, the following were Noted:**

- 202/0174, Tregare, Little Ty Bea Farm, change of use office and hatchery to holiday accom. – withdrawn

21811 **MCC planning decisions received since preparation of agenda: None**

21812 **Co-option to Tregare Vacancy**

A previously circulated letter of application from Mr J Francis was considered. It was **Agreed** to co-opt him to one of the Tregare vacancies.

21813 **Report of IRPW 2021**

The report was considered. It was **Noted** that personal care allowances (Determination 41) were no longer subject to a financial cap and that where claimed they would be paid in line with either :

- Formal (Registered with Care Inspectorate Wales) care costs to be paid up to a maximum rate as evidenced;
- Informal (unregistered) care costs to be paid up to a maximum rate equivalent to the 'Real UK Living Wage' at the time the costs are incurred.

| Determination | Effect | Decision |
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| 41 - Cost of Care and Personal allowance | Must – pay a contribution towards cost of care for themselves or another for whom they have a caring responsibility. | Noted |
| 42 – Allowance to Councillors | All councils must pay £150 to each councillor as a contribution towards costs – unless the councillor notifies the Clerk in writing of refusal. | Noted |
| 43- Responsibility Allowance | Not applicable - only refers to Group A Councils | Noted but N/A to this Group C council |
| 44 – Groups B & C Responsibility allowance | May make payments of £500 in recognition of specific responsibilities – up to 5 members in addition to £150 allowance. | No - Will not be applied |
| 45 – Travel Costs | May pay travel costs for attending approved duties. | No - Only for approved out of area travel |
| 46- Re-imbursment of subsistence expenses | May re-imburse overnight subsistence for an approved overnight stay. | Yes- but only for a stay approved by council in advance |
| 47- Financial loss payment | May pay for financial loss incurred while attending official duties. | Agreed subject to prior approval |
| 48 – Payment to mayor of council chair | May – make payment up to £1500 pa | No |
| 49 –Payment to Deputy mayor or Chair | May pay the deputy mayor/chair of the council up to £500 | No |
| 50 – members receiving Band 1 or 2 payments from cannot receive payments from Community Council | Members receiving Band 1 or 2 salary from a Principal Council can only receive: travel, subsistence expenses and reimbursement of costs of care; if they are eligible to claim and wish to do so | Noted |

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Accounts for Payment

Current bank balance (less uncashed cheques): £24,324.10

Approval was given for the payment of the following cheques:

| Chq no | Payee | Amount | Power to Pay |
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| 300135 | Merlin Waste – dog bin emptying Invoices 4443 | £42.25 | Public Health Act 1875 s164 (LGA 1972, Sched 14 para 27) |
| 300136 | Playworks – Payroll service Feb | £20.00 | LGA 1972 s112 |
| 300137 | Ms L Parker – Salary Feb + 3QExps | £450.42 | LGA 1972, Sect 111 |
| 300138 | HMRC for PAYE Feb (mth 11) | £86.80 | LGA 1972 s111 |
| 300139 | Planning Aid Wales – course J Quenault | £30.00 | LGA 1972 s111 |
| 300140 | Cwmcarvan PCC – churchyard | £500.00 | LGA 1972 s215(1)&(2) |
| 300141 | SARA – small grant | £250.00 | LGA 1972 s137 |
| 300142 | Wales Air Ambulance – small grant | £250.00 | LGA 1972 s137 |
| | Month total | £1629.47 | |

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Other reports - none

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Correspondence received and circulated 10 Feb – 9 March 2021

MCC, Jones, D, - Press Release Council to provide boost to Wildlife – Reduced Mowing
MCC, Planning – DM/2021/00101 – MTroy
MCC, Planning Sustainable Settlement Appraisal – Audit Sheets
MCC, Jones,D, - Press Release – Return to school for Foundation stage
MCC, Lloyd,K, Enforcement List - January
MCC, Jones, D, Litter pick along A40
MCC, Freeman, G – Temp closure Common oad MTroy 15/3 – 31/3
MCC, Planning DM/2021/00247 – Tregare
MCC, Hand, M - WG funding for residents and businesses affected by flooding since September 2020
MCC, Freeman, G, - Temp. road closure Redhouse to Trellech Road, Cwmcarvan 29/03 - 02/04
MCC, Draper, J, Planning consultation M Troy – Little Box Cottage
MCC, Lloyd, K, Enforcement Lists February

Clerk, Remote Meetings – March by Zoom
OVW, News bulletin February
PlanningAidWales, Responding to Planning Applications – webinar 1 March
AB,UHB, - Covid 19 All Wales Wellbeing – second survey
OVW, - Future Wales, National Plan 2040 Newsletter
IRPW, Review of Framework – volunteer council needed by 1 March
Police, Mason, S – Your Voice – survey to follow
OVW/WAG, Elections Newsletter – January
Francis, J – Application letter – Tregare
WLGA, Coronavirus update
OVW, Litter and fly-tipping prevention plan for Wales
Came and Co Newsletter
OVW?Census – Census Awareness in Town/Community Councils
AB,UHB – Neville Hall – Velindre Radiotherapy Satellite Centre – survey
WyeValleyAONB – 50th Anniversary talk 24 Feb 7pm
OVW/WG – Webinar on 2nd homes policy 4 March
AB,UHB- NHS Care during Coronavirus Emergency – Survey
IRPW, - Annual Report 2021
OVW, Summary of key provisions Local Govt and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 for T and C Cls
Calor, Calor Rural Community Fund – opens 10 March
Police, Mason, S, Police Report - February

21817 **Highway matters**

- Cwmcarvan badly potholed road near Gwaylodyade
- Dingestow, large pothole by caravan site
- Mitchel Troy 3 x ' Unsuitable for HGVs' signs missing Caer Lan to Craig y Dorth
- Mitchel Troy – footway from Monmouth the M Troy needs re-surfacing and the fence needs repairing opposite the Toll House
- Wonastow – The Arm, road badly patched, already washed out in places
- Wonastow – coming across from Jingle Street an unsafe gap between fence and the bridge parapet

21818 **Urgent items at Chair's discretion - None**

21819 **Next meeting:** 7.30pm Tuesday 13 April - remotely

Meeting closed: 20.45