

MITCHEL TROY UNITED COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting held at The Village Hall, Dingestow, on Tuesday, 14 January 2025 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs P Penny, G Connor, J Dyer, J Francis, T Kirton, A Morgan, and J Quenault

County: -County Cllrs J McKenna and R John

Clerk: C Arvanitis

Also present: -

			Action
25	1620	Apologies for absence Cllr R Morgan	
25	1621	Declarations of interests None	
25	1622	Police report -17/11/24 – Criminal damage to a fence and security cameras on a farm in Lydart. -24/11/24 – Report of a tree down and blocking road. MCC removed it. -04/12/24 – Shed break in, Dingestow, power tools stolen. -05/12/24 – Garage break in, Pen-yr-Heol, electric bike stolen. -09/12/24 – Theft of a quad bike from Cwmcarvan. -12/12/24 – Shed break in, Wonastow, tools stolen. -17/12/24 – Theft of a quad bike and several power tools from Cwmcarvan. Clerk to add news item to website re incidences of theft and importance of locking outhouses and checking lights.	CA
25	1623	County Council report -Awaiting date for Raglan A449 safety stakeholder meeting, MTU representatives to attend if possible. -Survey being conducted in Tregare to gauge local opinion on road safety. -Highways are dealing with drainage issues in Penyclawdd. -Mitchel Troy to Monmouth Road will be closed at some point soon for tree cutting. -Businesses affected by recent storms may be able to get financial help from MCC. -MCC dealing with recent cases of fly tipping in Tregare. -MCC Christmas tree collections taking place for those using garden waste service.	All
25	1624	Minutes of the meeting on 12 November 2024 Approved and duly signed.	
25	1625	Matters arising from the minutes of 12 November 2024 (for information only) -Councillor vacancy on website. Clerk to arrange for ad to go in Mitchel Troy News.	CA
25	1626	Planning applications -DM/2024/01547, Avoca, Warrage Road, Raglan, to extend existing bungalow with two single storey extensions to each side – recommend approval. -DM/2024/01433, Talygarn House, Talygarn Farm, Trecastle Road, Llangovan, retention of re-profiled garden and associated landscaping works, reinstating agricultural access track, siting of dog kennels, enlarged parking and turning area – recommend approval. -DM/2024/01475, Plot 2 (The Stables) New Trecastle Farm, Trecastle Road, Llangovan, to discharge a section 106 planning obligation. To formally submit an application to seek the removal of the requirement to deliver the affordable housing contribution imposed upon receipt of original planning permission (planning DM/2018/01089). -DM/2024/01326, Grace Dieu Court, Waste Road, Dingestow, change of use of the first floor of office building (B1) to residential accommodation (C3) – defer to next meeting. -DM/2024/01516, Hillcrest, Monmouth Road, Raglan, non material amendments in relation to planning consent DM/2023/00916; revised flat roof section to the rear,	CA

		additional window to first floor bedroom, full height cladding on rear section of the building, small slit window to the ground floor rear shower room, rainwater pipes relocated, velux roof lights to front elevation reduced in size – recommend approval. -DM/2024/01570, Hollybush Cottage, Village Road, Mitchel Troy Common, NMA relating to planning DM/2024/00671. - 1.) Adding a small window in the 'green wall', 2.) Making a window vertical instead of horizontal due to the location of the stairs. The size of the window is slightly bigger – recommend approval.																															
25	1627	Planning applications since preparation of agenda -DM/2024/01487, Caer Llan, Craig-y-dorth Road, Mitchel Troy Common, demolition of an existing dwelling and the provision of a new contemporary replacement dwelling – defer to next meeting.	CA																														
25	1628	Planning decisions by MCC -DM/2,024/01527, Barn C at Lydart Farm, Monmouth Road, Lydart, amendment on access track from 2 No 1.2m wide tracks to a single 2.8m wide gravel track. Approved. -DM/2024/01526, Barn B at Lydart Farm, Monmouth Road, Lydart, amendment on access track from 2 No 1.2m wide tracks to a single 2.8m wide gravel track. Approved.																															
25	1629	MCC planning decisions since preparation of agenda -None																															
25	1630	Accounts for payment -Current bank balance as of 31 December 2024: £21,234.31. -2024-25 budgeting reviewed. Underspend on area based services explained as contingency (from when MCC told community councils they would need to spend more as MCC budgets being cut). -Approval was given for the payment of the following cheques.	CA																														
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		300453	Adit Wales 23-24 Audit Fees	£200.00	LGA 1972 s214	Admin and office / audit fees	
		300454	Country Contracts invoice 203	£28.80	War memorials (LA Powers) Act 1923 s1, LGA 1948 s133	Amenities - Wonastow war memorial grass cut	
			Total	£2,067.97			
25	1631	Grant requests -Approval given to cover defib maintenance (£173.94) for Tregare village hall. -Request received from Dingestow village hall. Clerk to find out more details. -Clerk to provide details of booking fees paid for halls across MTU area for next meeting.					CA
25	1632	Clerk's report -Clerk to investigate options for upgrading to Windows 11.					CA
25	1633	Other reports -Cllr Quenault attended meetings regarding the Glebe Field in Mitchel Troy. -Cllrs Kirton and Connor attended the January One Voice Wales Newport and Monmouth Area Meeting where there was a presentation from the Police.					
25	1634	Correspondence MCC, Drain Issues MCC, Storm Darragh MCC, Media Release: Monmouthshire County Council receive 2025/26 provisional core funding settlement from the Welsh Government MCC, Media release: Mobile connectivity survey launches in Monmouthshire MCC, Storm Bert and Storm Darragh financial support MCC, Consultation on Reforms to the Compulsory Purchase Process and Compensation Rules MCC, Footpath Bridge Closures Extension 2 MCC, MEDIA RELEASE: Monmouthshire County Council becomes world's first Deforestation Free Champion Council MCC, MEDIA RELEASE: Financial support for Monmouthshire residents affected by Storm Bert and Darragh Cllr McKenna, Fw: Common Road, Mitchel Troy OVW, Agenda and link for 9 January 2025 Online - One Voice Wales Monmouthshire/Newport Area Committee Meeting OVW, REVIEW OF SENEDD CONSTITUENCIES Gwent Police, RE: Police and Crime Commissioner survey Mitchel Troy Village Hall, Minutes of the MTVH Committee meeting held on 19th November 2024					
25	1635	Highway matters -Verge markers have been knocked down in the triangle area outside Penyclawdd Church.					CA
25	1636	Urgent items for next meeting None					
25	1637	Next meeting Tuesday, 11 February 2025, 7.30 – Penyclawdd Village Hall					

Meeting closed 9.10pm