

MITCHEL TROY UNITED COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at The Village Hall, Dingestow, on Tuesday, 9 January 2024 at 7.30pm.

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

County: Cllrs R John and J McKenna

Clerk: C Arvanitis

Also present: -

24	1406	Apologies for absence None	
24	1407	Declarations of interests None	
24	1408	Police report -03/11/23. Vehicle seized in Mitchel Troy area (driver had no insurance). -10/11/23. Suspicious males with lots of dogs believed to be poaching. -25/11/23. Vehicle in a field along Mitchel Troy Road. -02/12/23. Single vehicle RTC along Wonastow Road. Minor injury sustained. -16/12/23. Vehicle in ditch along Mitchel Troy Road. -A40 - 13 reports in November and 15 in December, broken-down vehicles and debris in the road on A40.	
24	1409	County Council report -A sink hole has appeared in Mitchel Troy village on the footway of R46, opposite the entrance to the church car park, and is the result of a collapsed culvert. - Council meeting will be held to discuss speed limits on the A40 near Warrage Road. -Consultation to be held over changes to Mitchel Troy school catchment areas. -Recommendations of consultation held regarding Local Transport Plan likely to be available in February.	
24	1410	Minutes of the meeting on 14 November 2023 Approved and duly signed.	
24	1411	Matters arising from the minutes of 14 November 2023 (for information only) -Noticeboard headers – waiting for quotes.	
24	1412	Planning applications -DM/2023/01493, Parc Y Deri, Bryngwyn Road, Tregare, change of use of part of existing poultry building to B1, B2 and B8 use (retrospective) – recommend refusal until highways look at infrastructure to see if the roads can accommodate. -DM/2023/01608, Hazeldene, Common Road, Mitchel Troy, proposed change of use from dwelling house (for holiday accommodation) to dwelling house – recommend approval. -DM/2023/01640, Wern Farm, Craig-y-dorth Road, Mitchel Troy Common, retrospective application for landscape remodelling of domestic garden – recommend approval. -DM/2023/01651, The Yew Tree, Red Wern Road, Lydart, infilling existing open porch – recommend approval. -DM/2023/01657, Ivy Cottage, Mitchel Troy Common Road, development of a single shepherds hut for sustainable tourism accommodation – glamping – recommend approval. -DM/2023/01703, Tregaer Mill, Mill Road, Dingestow, single storey family annexe, replacing some existing outbuildings – recommend refusal as does not appear to adhere to current planning regulations and load on existing septic tank will need to be investigated. -DM/2019/02056, Land north of London House, Trecastle Road Llangovan, erection of low voltage overhead line - we believe this was completed some years ago.	
24	1413	Planning applications since preparation of agenda None	

24	1414	<p>Planning decisions by MCC</p> <p>-DM/2023/01201, Talygarn Bungalow, Talygarn Farm, Trecastle Road, Llangovan, use as a dwelling house in breach of the agricultural occupancy condition – approved.</p> <p>-DM/2023/01271, Grace Dieu Court, Waste Road, Dingestow, modification to planning condition 2 (reduction in footprint and change in external appearance) for decision DM/2021/00784 – approved.</p> <p>-DM/2023/01349, The Stable Court, Dingestow Court, Bryngwyn Road, Dingestow, change from holiday let to long term residential let – approved.</p> <p>-DM/2023/01382, 18 Parc Pentre, Mitchel Troy, retrospective consent for new dormer window – approved.</p> <p>-DM/2023/01468, Upper House, Mitchel Troy Common Road, dormer windows, new Juliet balcony at first floor & timber decking at ground floor to north elevation – approved.</p> <p>-DM/2023/01489, Lower House, Mitchel Troy Road, Mitchel Troy, discharge of condition 10 of planning DM/2020/00582 (planting plan) – approved.</p> <p>-DM/2023/01621, site of Comonin Bungalow, Mitchel Troy Road, discharge of conditions 3 (proposed external finishes) and 4 (construction method statement) for planning decision DM/2022/01250 – approved.</p> <p>-DM/2023/01647, Dingestow post office and stores, 13 Queen's Hill, non-material amendment to planning decision DM/2019/01580 (doorway between 13 Queens Hill, Dingestow and proposed flat, to incorporate flat into current residential dwelling with no changes to size or structure, complying with building regulations and fire and safety regulations, removal of inside stairwell to flat, again no change to building outline or structure) – approved.</p> <p>-DM/2023/01698, Lydart Barn, Monmouth Road, Lydart, non-material amendment to planning decision DM/2023/00501 (size of barn reduced in size) – approved.</p> <p>-DM/2023/01705, Oaklands, Upper Tal Y Fan Farm, Mitchel Troy Road, Dingestow, occupation of the dwelling at Oaklands by persons who are not solely or mainly employed, or last employed, in the locality in agriculture as defined in Section 336 (1) of the town and Country Planning Act 1990 or in forestry (including any dependents of such persons residing with him) or widow or widower of such person – approved.</p>																					
24	1415	<p>MCC planning decisions since preparation of agenda</p> <p>None.</p>																					
24	1416	<p>Accounts for payment</p> <p>Current bank balance as of 31 December 2023: £23,882.42</p> <p>Approval was given for the payment of the following cheques:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="416 1352 1382 2040"> <thead> <tr> <th>Chq no</th> <th>Payee</th> <th>Amount</th> <th>Power to Pay</th> <th>Budget pot</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>300375</td> <td>Merlin dog bin emptying inv 1623 and 1601</td> <td>£182.00</td> <td>Public Health Act 1875 s164 (LGA 1972, Sched14, para27)</td> <td>Amenities - dog bin emptying</td> </tr> <tr> <td>300376</td> <td>Country contracts inv V46</td> <td>£28.80</td> <td>War Mems (LA Powers) Act 1923 s1, LGA 1948 s 133</td> <td>Amenities - Wonastow war memorial grass cut</td> </tr> <tr> <td>300377</td> <td>Country contracts inv U84 and V14</td> <td>£57.60</td> <td>War Mems (LA Powers) Act 1923 s1, LGA 1948 s 133</td> <td>Amenities - Wonastow war memorial grass cut</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Replacement cheque for 300362 which appears to have been lost in the post</p>	Chq no	Payee	Amount	Power to Pay	Budget pot	300375	Merlin dog bin emptying inv 1623 and 1601	£182.00	Public Health Act 1875 s164 (LGA 1972, Sched14, para27)	Amenities - dog bin emptying	300376	Country contracts inv V46	£28.80	War Mems (LA Powers) Act 1923 s1, LGA 1948 s 133	Amenities - Wonastow war memorial grass cut	300377	Country contracts inv U84 and V14	£57.60	War Mems (LA Powers) Act 1923 s1, LGA 1948 s 133	Amenities - Wonastow war memorial grass cut	
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		300378	Playworks inv 9008 and 9063	£40.00	LGA 1972 s111	Salary etc: Payroll management (by Playworks)		
		300379	Clerk salary December and January	£1,018.40	LGA 1972 s111	Salary etc: Clerks's salary		
			Total	£1,326.80				
24	1417	To agree precept request for 2024/25 It was agreed that the Council will request a precept of £17,000.						CA
24	1418	To discuss member of the public's view on repositioning noticeboards in Penyclawdd -The Council agreed that the original proposed position for the noticeboard should remain, being the most viable location.						
24	1419	To consider a town hall meeting for resident engagement -It was determined that resident engagement will be addressed via a pre-meeting drop in in the spring. This will be publicised via noticeboards, social media, the Council's website.						
24	1420	To consider a fund-raiser for a defibrillator in Wonastow -It was agreed that Cllr Connor will assess level of resident interest and, if proceedable, the Council will purchase associated consumables.						GC
24	1421	To discuss stile in Mitchel Troy -It was agreed the sawn down stile will be reported to S Pritchard along with a general question on reopening of closed footpaths across the Council's area.						CA
24	1422	Grant requests -It was determined not to contribute to Hope Rescue or Urdd to retain funds for local charities.						
24	1423	Clerk's report -Electoral register has been received from MCC and individual councillors can access details for their ward on request.						
24	1424	Other reports None.						CA
24	1425	Correspondence -MCC, Jones A, Local Transport Plan Consultation -MCC, Keeble R, Local Transport Plan Consultation -MCC, Jones R, New Members wanted for Monmouthshire Local Access Forum -MCC, Humber T, TTRO Consultation - Temporary Road Closures - Various Roads in Mitchel Troy Ward -MCC, Humber T, TTRO Consultation - Temporary Road Closures – Revision -MCC, Jones R, Media Release: Welsh Government set out provisional core funding for MCC. -OVW, Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Draft Annual Report - February 2024 -OVW, Future spending purposes for dormant assets funding in Wales						
24	1426	Highway matters -Welsh Water road closures mean some houses may be cut off in Cwmcarnen – Cllr John to speak to Welsh Water. -Damaged fence on Trothy bridge outside TROY depot. -Damaged safety fence on the B4293 Portal road opposite the Link road junction.						RJ
24	1427	Urgent items for next meeting -State of Dingestow underpass and the 'heavy cable' suspended, without support from end to end.						
24	1428	Next meeting Tuesday 13 February 2024, Penyclawdd village hall.						

Meeting closed 21.40