

MITCHEL TROY UNITED COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at The Village Hall, Mitchell Troy, on Tuesday, 12 March 2024 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs G Connor, J Francis, J Quenault, A Morgan, R Morgan. P Penny

County: -County Cllr John

Clerk: C Arvanitis

Also present: -

24	1451	Apologies for absence Cllrs J Dyer, T Kirton, and C Knight County Cllrs Mckenna	
24	1452	Declarations of interests None	
24	1453	Police report -Suspicious male seen taking photos of a house along Mitchel Troy road – 9.2.24.	
24	1454	County Council report -Council budget for 24/25 passed, including a council tax rise of 7.8%. -There will be overnight closures northbound on the A40 between Raglan and Monmouth for resurfacing between mid-March and May. -Mitchel Troy sink hole to receive temporary repairs. -Grit bin accidentally placed in the lawn of a Dingestow resident, will be removed. -65 bus contract won by Newport bus company and there will be some cuts to services.	
24	1455	Minutes of the meeting on 13 February 2024 Minor changes to be made.	CA
24	1456	Matters arising from the minutes of 13 February 2024 (for information only) -Audit of dog bins – 3 in Dingestow, number in Mitchel Troy awaited -Noticeboard headers have arrived. -Feedback from Cllr Kirton on any funding for Dingestow underpass, awaited. -Cllr Connor explained possible sites for Wonastow defib. -Clerk noted there are defib funding possibilities from the British Heart Foundation – to be checked again later in the year.	AM CA
24	1457	Planning applications -DM/2024/00231, Lower Llanthroty Barn, Waste Road, Dingestow, single storey side extension with internal alterations – recommend approval. -DM/2024/00235, Barn C at Lydart Farm Monmouth Road Lydart, implementation of condition 1 being - 'this development shall be begun within 5 years from the date of this permission' – deferred until next meeting. -DM/2024/00234, Barn B at Lydart Farm Monmouth Road Lydart, implementation of condition 1 being - 'this development shall be begun within 5 years from the date of this permission' – deferred until next meeting.	
24	1458	Planning applications since preparation of agenda -DM/2024/00308, Village Farm, Mitchel Troy Road, Mitchel Troy, oak tree and field maple in hedgerow, trim/lever dead branches – recommend approval.	
24	1459	Planning decisions by MCC -DM/2024/00065 and 66, Seddon House, Dingestow Court, Bryngwyn Road, Dingestow, LBC - FAST TRACK alterations for change of use from offices (B1) to dwelling house (C3a). stairs, windows, and walls – approved. -DM/2024/00087, Lydart Barn, Monmouth Road, Lydart, discharge of condition 3 (samples or proposed external finishes) and 4 (lighting) for planning dDecision DM/2023/00501 – approved. -DM/2024/00124, Springfield Farm, Llanwyny Road, Llangovan, discharge of conditions 3 (soft and hard landscape works) and 5 (schedule of landscape maintenance) of planning consent DM/2023/00532 - approved	

		-DM/2023/00881, land to the rear of Hillcrest, Monmouth Road, Raglan, discharge of condition no.1 (details of materials used to backfill drain) of planning consent DM/2022/00662 – approved.				
24	1460	MCC planning decisions since preparation of agenda None.				
24	1461	Accounts for payment Current bank balance as of 31 February 2024: £21,366.42 Approval was given for the payment of the following cheques, including £6 per week clerk's working from home expenses as per SLCC advice on HMRC norms.				
		Chq no	Payee	Amount	Power to Pay	Budget pot
		300383	Merlin dog bin emptying inv 1644	£91.00	Public Health Act 1875 s164 (LGA 1972, Sched14, para27)	Amenities - dog bin emptying
		300384	Playworks inv 9168	£20.00	LGA 1972 s111	Salary etc: Payroll management (by Playworks)
		300385	Clerk salary March plus expenses	£840.57	LGA 1972 s111	Salary etc: Clerk's salary
		300386	Julian Dyer	£132.00	Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s.19	Amenities - general repairs and maintenance
		300387	Vision ICT Extra Hands One Year Inv 18007	£280.50	LGA 1972 s 112	Website and IT / Website management (inc webmail)
		300388	Vision ICT Hosted email May24-Apr 25 Inv 17991	£216.00	LGA 1972 s 112	Website and IT / Website management (inc webmail)
		300389	Audit Wales 20/21 Inv ARINV/010449	£639.00	Local Government Act 1972, s.214	Admin and office costs / audit fees
		300390	Audit Wales 21/22 Inv ARINV010507	£350.00	Local Government Act 1972, s.214	Admin and office costs / audit fees
		300391	Greenbarnes noticeboard header panels, inv 18020	£292.51	LGA 1972 S215	Subscriptions, projects and donations/Replacement noticeboards
			Total	£2,861.58		
24	1462	IRP recommendations No change on last year to councillor payments.				
24	1463	2022-23 audit results -Full audit results presented. -Clerk to write to Audit Wales to seek clarification on qualification and recommendation.				CA
24	1464	Small grants 2024-25 -Local charities were considered and it was resolved to make decisions next month. -Clerk to add information on how to apply for a grant on the Council's website and in the annual report next year.				CA
24	1465	Clerk's report -MCC made a calculation error when implementing MTU precept meaning it will be over by £1.00. They do not expect this money back. -Clerk will shortly commence ILCA online qualification. -Request for support from Hedgehog Highway project declined as not relevant for our area. -July meeting date changed to 16 July.				CA

		-Clerk to get quotes for grass cutting to ensure Country Contracts is competitive.	
24	1466	<p>Other reports</p> <p>-Cllr Penny responded to the Older People’s Commissioner for Wales report - ‘Access denied – older people’s experiences of digital exclusion in Wales’.</p> <p>-Some Councillors are receiving spam email to their MTUCC email accounts, clerk to investigate with Vision ICT.</p>	CA
24	1467	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>-MCC, Barnard W, Bus Update</p> <p>-MCC, Humber T, RE: TTRO Consultation - 28th February - 5th March 2024</p> <p>-MCC, Rawlings R, WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES</p> <p>-MCC, Owen H, Minutes Give Dog Fouling the Red Card Meeting 22/2/24</p> <p>-MCC, Jones R, Media Release: Take a sneak peek at the plans for Ysgol Gymraeg Trefynwy</p> <p>-MCC, Jones R, Media Release: Monmouthshire County Council's set Budget for 2024-25</p> <p>-MCC, Elliot M, MCC Local Food Strategy informal consultation</p> <p>-MCC, Barnes D, A40 landslip – joint update statement from Monmouthshire County Council and National Highways</p> <p>-OVW, JOINT EVENT ONE VOICE WALES AND PLANNING AID WALES – THURSDAY 7 MARCH 2024 FROM 10.00AM UNTIL 2.30PM (REMOTE)</p> <p>-OVW, REQUEST FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE KING’S NEW YEAR HONOURS 2025</p> <p>-Wye Valley AONB, Wye Valley National Landscape Winter Seminar - 'National Landscape and its Function in the Planning System' on Tuesday 19th March at Old Court Hotel, Symonds Yat, Ross-on-Wye</p> <p>-IRP, Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Annual Report - February 2024</p>	
24	1468	<p>Highway matters</p> <p>None</p>	
24	1469	<p>Urgent items for next meeting</p> <p>-None</p>	
24	1470	<p>Next meeting</p> <p>Tuesday 9 April 2024, Dingestow village hall.</p>	

Meeting closed 21.05