

MITCHEL TROY UNITED COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting held at The Village Hall, Penyclawdd, on Tuesday, 8 October 2024 at 7.30pm.

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

County: -County Cllrs J McKenna and R John

Clerk: C Arvanitis

Also present: -J Webb, GAVO

24	1578	Apologies for absence Cllr J Dyer and R Morgan.	
24	1579	Declarations of interests None	
24	1580	Police report -2.9.24 – sheep attacked by dog, Jingle Street, Wonastow. -20.9.24 – vehicle theft in Tregare. -29.9.24 – verbal argument between horse rider and driver in Tregare. -30.9.24 – Fallen tree in Dingestow.	
24	1581	County Council report -A40 safety report awaited. -Repairs to collapsed pavement in Mitchel Troy now complete. -Litter pick took place in Dingestow last month. -RABI (support for farming people) in Monmouth livestock market. -New ambulance station in Monmouth will replace current Portakabin. -Dingestow to Raglan school bus times reported over acceptable length. -New statutory distances for school buses will be implemented from next school year.	
24	1582	Minutes of the meetings on 10 September 2024 Approved and duly signed.	
24	1583	Matters arising from the minutes of 10 September 2024 (for information only) -Councillor addresses have been taken off the website. -Police will look at the powerful and distracting lights on Warrage Road. -Cycle race sign left at A40/A449 junction reported to South Wales Trunk Road agency.	
24	1584	Planning applications -None	
24	1585	Planning applications since preparation of agenda -DM/2024/01215, Oaklands, Upper Tal Y Fan Farm, Mitchel Troy Road, Dingestow, proposed horse riding arena/menage – recommend approval subject to environmentally suitable ground material being used.	CA
24	1586	Planning decisions by MCC -DM/2024/00997, Monnow Barn, Common Road, Mitchel Troy, proposed new garage and storage building incidental to the use of the host dwelling and in support of the small holding – approved. -DM/2024/01030, Hollybush Cottage, Village Road, Mitchel Troy Common, discharge of conditions 5, 6 and 7 relating to application DM/2024/00671, 204 - Timber Fin Detail (to satisfy Condition 5), 203 - Details of external materials (to satisfy Condition 6), Biotecture-BioPanel-Brochure-Sep23-Low-Res (to satisfy Condition 7) – approved. -DM/2024/00231, Lower Llanthroty Barn, Waste Road, Dingestow, single storey side extension with internal alterations – approved.	
24	1587	MCC planning decisions since preparation of agenda -DM/2024/00573, Lower House, Mitchel Troy Road, Mitchel Troy, discharge of conditions 7 relating to planning decision (DM/2020/00582), a timber frame Shire Pod building made from FSC grade structural insulated panels and solid timber frame from sustainable forest resources – approved.	
24	1588	Accounts for payment	CA

Current bank balance as of 30 September 2024: £23,022.36.
 Expenditure against budget up to September was presented.
 Approval was given for the payment of the following cheques. Chair checked and approved clerk's bank statement for cheque 300420 which was not accepted by bank due to problem with signatures.

Chq no	Payee	Amount	Power to Pay	Budget pot
300422	Merlin dog bin emptying inv 1859	£93.60	Public Health Act 1875 s164 (LGA 1972, Sched14, para27)	Amenities - dog bin emptying
300423	Playworks inv 9522	£20.00	LGA 1972 s111	Salary etc: Payroll management (by Playworks)
300424	Clerk salary	£439.40	LGA 1972 s111	Salary etc: Clerks's salary
300425	HMRC	£109.80	LGA 1972 s111	Salary etc: Clerks's salary
300426	Replacement for 300420 September clerk salary and expenses - August (549.20) and September (£549.20) plus expenses (mileage £21.78, WFH £72, other £185.15) DUE TO PREVIOUS CHEQUE NOT BEING ACCEPTED BY BANK - COULD NOT MAKE OUT SIGNATURES	£1,377.33	LGA 1972 s111	Salary etc: Clerks's salary, Admin and Office costs - mileage, office contribution, misc admin and postage
300427	St Catwgs church, Cwmcavran	£500.00	LGA 1972 s215	Amenities: Support for grass cut in churchyards
300428	St Martin's church, Penyclawdd	£500.00	LGA 1972 s215	Amenities: Support for grass cut in churchyards
300429	St Wonnow's church, Wonastow	£500.00	LGA 1972 s215	Amenities: Support for grass cut in churchyards
300430	St Michael's church, Mitchel Troy	£500.00	LGA 1972 s215	Amenities: Support for grass cut in churchyards
300431	St Dingat's church, Dingestow	£500.00	LGA 1972 s215	Amenities: Support for grass cut in churchyards
300432	Tregare church	£500.00	LGA 1972 s215	Amenities: Support for grass cut in churchyards

		300433	Cllr Penny allowance	£156.00	LGA 1972 S 175 (Allowances for members of Community Councils) (Wales) Regs 2003	Admin and Office costs: members allowances		
		300434	Cllr Connor allowance	£156.00	LGA 1972 S 175 (Allowances for members of Community Councils) (Wales) Regs 2003	Admin and Office costs: members allowances		
		300435	Cllr Dyer allowance	£156.00	LGA 1972 S 175 (Allowances for members of Community Councils) (Wales) Regs 2003	Admin and Office costs: members allowances		
		300436	Cllr Francis allowance	£156.00	LGA 1972 S 175 (Allowances for members of Community Councils) (Wales) Regs 2003	Admin and Office costs: members allowances		
		300437	Cllr Kirton allowance	£156.00	LGA 1972 S 175 (Allowances for members of Community Councils) (Wales) Regs 2003	Admin and Office costs: members allowances		
		300438	Cllr A Morgan allowance	£156.00	LGA 1972 S 175 (Allowances for members of Community Councils) (Wales) Regs 2003	Admin and Office costs: members allowances		
		300439	Cllr R Morgan allowance	£156.00	LGA 1972 S 175 (Allowances for members of Community Councils) (Wales) Regs 2003	Admin and Office costs: members allowances		
		300440	Cllr Quenault allowance	£156.00	LGA 1972 S 175 (Allowances for members of Community Councils) (Wales) Regs 2003	Admin and Office costs: members allowances		
		300441	Scribe invoice no INV7127	£414.72	LGA 1972 s111	Website and IT: software		
			Total	£6,702.85				
24	1589	2025-26 budget -Clerk to circulate, councillors will consider at next meeting.						CA
24	1590	Councillor vacancy -Clerk to contact John Pearson for election advertisement.						CA
24	1591	The Glebe Field Clerk to contact Glebe Field group requesting their proposals, indicating the project may qualify for our support, providing contact details for Cllr Quenault (re bio-diversity) and including a grant application form.						CA
24	1592	Bio-diversity update -Cllr Quenault will contact ACE.						JQ
24	1593	Training -Reminder that current training plan takes us to 2027. -Clerk will commence CILCA soon. -Councillors to inform clerk of any training needs. -Clerk to share information on free training courses						CA
24	1594	Clerk's report -Council received an unqualified audit result for 2023-24. There were two minor points for clerk to implement next year. -2023-24 IRPW notice completed and returned.						CA
24	1595	Other reports -None						
24	1596	Correspondence -MCC, Parkinson S, Give Dog Fouling the Red Card meeting notes. -MCC, Carter L, Recycling & Waste changes October – December.						

		-OVW, Agenda and link for 24th October 2024 Online - One Voice Wales Monmouthshire/Newport Area Committee Meeting. -OVW, FW: Invitation to Participate in the Rural Housing Action Guide for Wales Project Online Survey. -Mitchel Troy Village Hall – September Minutes. -IRP, Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales – Draft Annual Report 2025-2026.	
24	1597	Highway matters -Cllr Kirton to investigate who organises cycling events on A40 so that we can remind them to take signs away after each event. -Pothole past Wonastow church on left going towards Monmouth. -Tyres left at bottom of Treowen woods, just past Broadlands, Wonastow.	TK CA
24	1598	Urgent items for next meeting None	
24	1599	Next meeting Tuesday, 12 November 2024, 7.30 – Mitchel Troy Village Hall	

Meeting closed 9pm