

MITCHEL TROY UNITED COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting held at The Village Hall, Mitchel Troy, on Tuesday, 12 November 2024 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs G Connor, J Dyer, A Morgan, R Morgan, J Quenault

County: -County Cllr J McKenna

Clerk: C Arvanitis

Also present:

24	1600	Apologies for absence Cllrs J Francis, T Kirton, P Penny and County Cllr R John.	
24	1601	Declarations of interests None	
24	1602	Police report -18.10.24 – 3 reports of fuel theft from lorries parked on A40 at night. -20.10.24 – tree down and blocking road in Dingestow area. -24.10.24 – reports of off-road bikes around Glen Trothy caravan park but noise found to be tree cutting on A40 -25.10.24 – report of male letting down tyres in Tregare.	
24	1603	County Council report -Litter pick Radley Services 13.11.24. -Safety report on A40 issued, may result in public consultation. -Some teething problems with new waste collection schedule. -Potential flooding problems due to trees in Tregare, Dingestow and Mitchel Troy being looked at. -40mph limit imposed outside Frank Sutton's. -Resurfacing requested between Toll House and Mitchel Troy.	
24	1604	Minutes of the meeting on 8 October 2024 Approved and duly signed.	
24	1605	Matters arising from the minutes of 8 October 2024 (for information only) -Councillor vacancy on website.	
24	1606	Planning applications -DM/2024/01315, Dan Y Deri, Warrage Rd, Raglan, change of use of agricultural land to residential curtilage associated with Dan Y Deri – recommend goes to delegated panels.	CA
24	1607	Planning applications since preparation of agenda -None.	
24	1608	Planning decisions by MCC -DM/2024/01218, High View Farm, Mitchel Troy Common Road, former poultry shed High View Farm (formerly known as Deerhurst Farm and Graham's Farm) has been used as a storage and distribution facility since December 2013 – approved. -DM/2024/01185, Braefield, Garrow Road, Mitchel Troy, replace an existing conservatory with a new structure on the same footprint. The existing sloping roof will be replaced by a pitched roof at 90 degrees to the existing house roofline. The new roofline will be below that of the current roof and the outline proposal is to replace the existing structure to become the new kitchen – approved. -DM/2024/01215, Oaklands, Upper Tal Y Fan Farm, Mitchel Troy Road, Dingestow, proposed horse-riding arena/menage – approved.	
24	1609	MCC planning decisions since preparation of agenda -None	
24	1610	Accounts for payment Current bank balance as of 31 October 2024: £20,645.83. Approval was given for the payment of the following cheques. Chq no Payee Amount Power to Pay Budget pot	CA

		300442	Merlin dog bin emptying inv 1884	£93.60	Public Health Act 1875 s164 (LGA 1972, Sched14, para27)	Amenities - dog bin emptying		
		300443	Playworks inv 9577	£20.00	LGA 1972 s111	Salary etc: Payroll management (by Playworks)		
		300444	Clerk salary	£439.40	LGA 1972 s111	Salary etc: Clerks's salary		
		300445	HMRC Nov	£109.80	LGA 1972 s111	Salary etc: Clerks's salary		
		300446	Country Contracts grass cutting inv Y32 and Y63	£57.60	War memorials (LA Powers) Act 1923 s1	Amenities – Wonastow was memorial grass cut		
		300447	Vision ICT website hosting and support 25-26 Inv 19238	£150.00	LGA 1972 s111	Website and IT – Website management		
			Total	£870.40				
24	1611	2025-26 budget -Budget, as attached, approved.						CA
24	1612	The Glebe Field Cllr Quenault to attend site visit on 15 November.						JQ
24	1613	GAVO -Details of funding available via GAVO to be circulated to village halls in area.						CA
24	1614	Clerk's report -Training undertaken by MTUCC Councillors to be sent to MCC standards committee. -Merlin price increase for 2025-6 approved by Council. -NALC pay increase and back pay to April 24 approved by Council.						CA
24	1615	Other reports -None						
24	1616	Correspondence MCC, Media release: Changes to recycling and waste collection days. MCC, Media Release: Emergency planning exercise providing vital training for MCC. MCC, Media Release: Replacement Land Development Plan opens for consultation. MCC, RLDP Toolkit and Presentation. MCC, John, R, Raglan report OVW, IRPW - Consultation on draft Annual Report 2025 OVW, One Voice Wales response to the Senedd Inquiry for Community & Town Councils NMWTRA, A40 Hazardous Tree Clearance works update						
24	1617	Highway matters -Fence needs repairing (danger of cars going into river), The Arm, Wonastow, between Red House and Laburnum Cottage. -Fence needs repairing (large drop to Trothy), between Millbrook Nursery and Toll Bridge House on left. -Top chevron marker missing, bottom of Talocher School drive, Wonastow. -Pothole, top of Red Hill, outside chicken farm. -Pothole, by the Boot on Bryngwin Road. -Pothole and overflowing spring, Little Wonastow just before Little Wonastow Farm. -Verge markers missing, junction of Warrage Road and Old Monmouth Road (Croesgroesonen).						CA
24	1618	Urgent items for next meeting None						
24	1619	Next meeting Tuesday, 14 January 2025, 7.30 – Dingestow Village Hall						

Meeting closed 8.55pm

Budget 2025-26				
EXPENDITURE	Spend 2023-24	Budget 24-25	Spend to 8 Oct	Draft budget 25-26
Salary etc				
Clerk's salary	£7,253.40	£6,300.00	£3,734.00	£5,536.00
Payroll management (by Playworks)	£240.00	£250.00	£140.00	£252.00
HMRC				£1,383.00
Admin and office costs				
Postage	£113.19	£120.00	£54.00	£132.00
Office contribution (heat, light etc)	£372.00	£312.00	£144.00	£343.00
Mileage	£158.85	£150.00	£42.12	£165.00
Stationery	£230.67	£395.00		£434.00
Annual report printing	£108.00	£108.00	£108.00	£118.00
Room Hire	£103.00	£280.00	£86.00	£308.00
Audit fees	£2,053.00	£500.00	£694.00	£763.00
Insurance	£300.00	£330.00		£412.00
Members Allowance	£1,350.00	£1,500.00	£1,248.00	£1,500.00
Misc admin	£206.71	£200.00	£53.16	£200.00
Bank charges	£62.00	£72.00		£72.00
Election costs	£0.00	£0.00		£0.00
Website and IT				
Website management (inc webmail)	£1,143.00	£1,000.00		£1,100.00
Computer /hardware	£0.00	£400.00		£440.00
Software (Scribe Accs & Video Conf)	£414.72	£500.00	£414.00	£455.00
Amenities				
Rent & Grass cutting, Dingestow dog walk	£0.00	£200.00		£200.00
Dog Bin emptying	£1,110.20	£1,130.00	£658.00	£1,186.00
General repairs & maintenance	£132.00	£200.00		£200.00
Wonastow War Memorial grass cut	£259.20	£250.00	£115.20	£262.00
Support for grass cut in churchyards	£3,500.00	£3,000.00	£3,000.00	£3,000.00
Training				
Training	£326.00	£1,250.00		£500.00
Subscriptions, projects & donations				
One Voice Wales	£255.00	£262.00	£269.00	£282.00
Society of Local Council Clerks (Subs.)	£149.00	£155.00	£144.00	£151.00
Citizens advice bureau, Monmouth	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
Misc. donations, small projects incl defib support	£500.00	£1,000.00	£990.00	£1,000.00
MCC summer playscheme	£0.00	£250.00		£250.00
Replacement notice boards	£1,704.82	£500.00	£146.54	£250.00
Area based services	£200.00	£3,000.00		£3,000.00
Total	£23,244.76	£24,614.00	£13,040.02	£24,894.00