

Mitchel Troy United

Community Council

Minutes of the monthly meeting held at The Village Hall, Dingestow, on Tuesday, 9 September 2025 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs J Francis, T Kirton, A Morgan, J Quenault, P Penny and T Dodd

County: County Cllr J McKenna

Clerk: C Arvanitis

Also present: V Rowlands (Chair of Dingestow Village Hall)

			Action
25	1760	Apologies for absence Cllrs G Connor, J Dyer, R Morgan and County Cllr R John	
25	1761	Declarations of interests None	
25	1762	Police report -14/07/25 – Report received of a two vehicle RTC outside Talocher School, no injuries sustained.	
25	1763	County Council report -A new map of Mitchel Troy, Mitchel Troy Common and Lydart has been prepared, it will be available in Mitchel Troy village hall in due course. -Verges have been cut back in Dingestow. -Resurfacing has been completed on parts of the main road through Mitchel Troy and parts of Common Road. -The consultation on flooding closes on 26 September. -Clerk to send information on rates relief to village halls.	CA
25	1764	Minutes of the meetings held on 8 July 2025 Approved and duly signed.	
25	1765	Matters arising from the minutes of 8 July 2025 (for information only) -None.	
25	1766	Planning applications -DM/2025/00387, 12 Charles Road, Dingestow, installation of an air source heat pump to be installed to the property. Planning permission is being sought as the heat pump is within 3m of the property boundary – recommend approval . -DM/2025/00092, Floodbrook, Old Hendre Road, Worthybrook, Wonastow, renovation of existing outbuilding to create plant room and home office – recommend approval .	CA
25	1767	Planning applications since preparation of agenda -None	
25	1768	Planning decisions by MCC -DM/2025/00659, Pen Y Lan Cottage, Penylan Road, Farhill, erection of an open sided steel portal frame canopy to provide cover for wood storage and a small tractor/trailer, open sided other than south hedge row side to be clad with vertical wooden planking – approved. DM/2025/00799, Lower Gocket Farm, Craig-y-dorth Road, Mitchel Troy Common, erection of a shed to house a volunteer wild hedgehog rehabilitation centre – approved. -DM/2025/00765, land south of Park Bach Wood, Mitchel Troy Road, Dingestow, construction of agricultural building to create storage for tractor, feed and implements – approved. -DM/2025/00730, 15 Queen's Hill, Dingestow, new access onto classified road – approved.	

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		<p>-DM/2025/00642, Barn C at Lydart Farm, Monmouth Road, Lydart, discharge of Condition 3 (construction environmental management plan) of planning decision DM/2022/01009 – approved.</p> <p>DM/2025/00842, 1 Alders Drive, Dingestow, construction of a home office within the garden of 1 Alders Drive, Dingestow (retrospective) – approved.</p> <p>DM/2025/00653, Old Trecastle Farm, Trecastle Road, Llangovan, change to existing planning permission DC/2009/00090, to provide ancillary guest accommodation and glass house (see concurrent LBC DM/2025/00586) –approved.</p> <p>-DM/2025/00586, Old Trecastle Farm, Trecastle Road, Llangovan, LBC - change to existing planning permission DM/2009/00090, to provide ancillary guest accommodation and glass house – approved.</p> <p>-DM/2025/01104, Mill Farm, Bryngwyn Road, Dingestow, located at entrance to property for machine access to maintain and restore waterway to stop flooding on property – approved.</p> <p>-As requested by residents, the Council will contact MCC Planning about Roots Farm, Llangoven, relating to planning case DM/2025/00565. This was approved for solely agricultural barn and glass house erection, but the Council has not been able to locate the buildings in the position noted on the plans. However, occupied mobile homes have been noted in another area of this site without planning permission.</p>																																																			
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25	1770	Accounts for payment -Current bank balance as of 31 August 2025: £24,419.81 -Council approved the Local Government Services Pay Agreement 2025-26 allowing for an increase in the clerk’s salary of £0.46 per hour (LC1 point 12 as per contract) from October and backdated to April. -Approval was given for payment of the following cheques. <table><tr><th>Chq no</th><th>Payee</th><th>Amount</th><th>Power to Pay</th><th>Budget pot</th></tr><tr><td>300488</td><td>Tregare Village Hall- hall hire July 2025</td><td>£20.00</td><td>LGA 1972 s111 s134 (4)</td><td>Admin and office – room hire</td></tr><tr><td>300489</td><td>Merlin dog bin emptying Aug inv 2112</td><td>£95.56</td><td>Public Health Act 1936 s234</td><td>Amenities - dog bin emptying</td></tr><tr><td>300490</td><td>Merlin dog bin emptying Sep inv 2137</td><td>£95.56</td><td>Public Health Act 1936 s234</td><td>Amenities - dog bin emptying</td></tr><tr><td>300491</td><td>SLCC membership 25-26</td><td>£144.00</td><td>LGA 1972 s111</td><td>Subs, projects, donations - SLCC</td></tr><tr><td>300492</td><td>Country Contracts Jul-Aug Inv A51 / A71</td><td>£60.00</td><td>LGA 1972 s111</td><td>Amenities – Wonastow war memorial grass</td></tr><tr><td>300493</td><td>Playworks inv Aug 10096</td><td>£20.00</td><td>LGA 1972 s111</td><td>Salary etc: Payroll management (by Playworks)</td></tr><tr><td>300494</td><td>Playworks inv Sep 10137</td><td>£20.00</td><td>LGA 1972 s111</td><td>Salary etc: Payroll management (by Playworks)</td></tr><tr><td>300495</td><td>HMRC August</td><td>£115.00</td><td>LGA 1972 s111</td><td>Salary etc: tax</td></tr><tr><td>300496</td><td>HMRC September</td><td>£114.80</td><td>LGA 1972 s111</td><td>Salary etc: tax</td></tr></table>	Chq no	Payee	Amount	Power to Pay	Budget pot	300488	Tregare Village Hall- hall hire July 2025	£20.00	LGA 1972 s111 s134 (4)	Admin and office – room hire	300489	Merlin dog bin emptying Aug inv 2112	£95.56	Public Health Act 1936 s234	Amenities - dog bin emptying	300490	Merlin dog bin emptying Sep inv 2137	£95.56	Public Health Act 1936 s234	Amenities - dog bin emptying	300491	SLCC membership 25-26	£144.00	LGA 1972 s111	Subs, projects, donations - SLCC	300492	Country Contracts Jul-Aug Inv A51 / A71	£60.00	LGA 1972 s111	Amenities – Wonastow war memorial grass	300493	Playworks inv Aug 10096	£20.00	LGA 1972 s111	Salary etc: Payroll management (by Playworks)	300494	Playworks inv Sep 10137	£20.00	LGA 1972 s111	Salary etc: Payroll management (by Playworks)	300495	HMRC August	£115.00	LGA 1972 s111	Salary etc: tax	300496	HMRC September	£114.80	LGA 1972 s111	Salary etc: tax	CA
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		300497	Clerk salary Aug 25	£459.40	LGA 1972 s111	Salary etc: Clerk's salary		
		300498	Clerk salary Sep 25	£459.60	LGA 1972 s111	Salary etc: Clerk's salary		
			Total	£1,603.92				
25	1771	Budget review -The 25-26 budget was reviewed against spend to date. It was agreed to retain the reserves under 'area-based services' as contingency in case of the County Council requesting community council funding for any services / facilities in the area.						
25	1772	Grants -Following receipt of applications, The Council agreed to award grants of £500 to each of the churches in the area for churchyard maintenance and to award Tregare Hall £400 for new tables. -Clerk to request confirmation from churches that the grants will be used for the Mitchel Troy United area only.						CA
25	1773	Member's allowances -Council agreed to member's allowances of £208 each for 25/26 incorporating the working from home allowance (£156) and the office consumables allowance (£52). -Allowances will be prorated for any new councillors. -As Cllr Connor has not attended meetings this year, the allowance will not be paid. -Allowances will be paid in October.						CA
25	1774	Clerk's report -Emails received regarding planning, have been identified as spam and are now in the hands of the police. -The 2024-25 VAT claim has been submitted. -The clerk will be commencing the CiLCA (Certificate in Local Council Administration) qualification soon, with funding from the Welsh Government via SLCC. -Cllr A Morgan agreed to make contact with Cllr Connor regarding likelihood of remaining a councillor. -The biodiversity report is due in December. -Clerk's current laptop is not compatible with Windows 11. As support for Windows 10 runs out in October, clerk to propose details of new lap top purchase to Council next month.						CA AM
25	1775	Other reports -Cllr Quenault reported that the Friends of Glebe Field are in discussion regarding a collaboration with Swallow Park.						
25	1776	Correspondence -MCC, TTRO Consultation - 25th June - 1st July 2025 -MCC, TTRO Consultation - 13th - 19th August 2025 -MCC, TTRO Consultation - 6th - 12th August 2025 -MCC, TTRO Consultation - 20th August - 26th August 2025 -MCC, Tour of Britain Stage 5 route -MCC, TTRO Consultation - Tour of Britian Men's Cycle Race - Stage 5 -MCC, TTRO Consultation - 10th - 16th September 2025 - Part 2 -Aneurin Bevan - REMINDER: Have your say on our future plans for Nevill Hall and our other hospitals -Aneurin Bevan - 999 Call Changes Designed to Save More Lives -OVW, Members' Allowances: Annual Timetable of Actions -OVW, Welsh Government Consultation on Revisions to the Separate Collection of - Waste Materials for Recycling: A Code of Practice for Wales						

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		-Fire Service, South Wales Fire and Rescue Service Urges Over-65s to Book a Free Home Fire Safety Check	
25	1777	Highway matters -Jingle Street bridge not yet repaired. -Gaps in the fence between Millbrook and Toll House are getting larger. -Trothy bridge not yet repaired.	CA
25	1778	Urgent items for next meeting None	
25	1779	Next meeting Tuesday, 14 October 2025, 7.30 – Penyclawdd Village Hall	

Meeting closed 9.10pm