

Mitchel Troy United

Community Council

Minutes of the monthly meeting held at The Village Hall, Dingestow, on Tuesday, 13 January 2026 at 7.30pm.

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

County, County Cllr R John

Clerk: C Arvanitis

Also present:

			Action
25	1819	Apologies for absence Cllr G Connor and County Cllr J McKenna	
25	1820	Declarations of interests None	
25	1821	Police report -01/11/25 – Report received of a single vehicle RTC in Lydart. No injuries sustained. -04/11/25 – Report received of theft of a trailer from Dingestow. -09/12/25 – Report received of highway disruption on Jingle Street where road flooded. -18/12/25 – Report received of an RTC on Monmouth Road. No injuries sustained. -Several calls received in relation to flooding. Gwent Police has launched a new online service for residents. Neighbourhood Matters is a free-to-join community messaging and engagement service enabling residents to receive updates from their neighbourhood policing team on arrests and charges, appeals for information, events and more. Neighbourhood teams across Monmouthshire have been visiting communities to talk to residents about the service and how to sign up. The service is available at https://www.gwentneighbourhoodmatters.co.uk/ Clerk to check with police regarding unreported crimes.	CA
25	1822	County Council report -Speed monitoring has been implemented at Rocklea, Mitchel Troy Common. Community Speedwatch kit is available for anyone interested. -Potholes in Dingestow have been reported. -The broken sign by Bourne Farm, Dingestow, has been reported. -Location of the <i>unsuitable for HGVs</i> sign at Craig y Dorth is being reviewed to allow access for delivery vans. -Litter picks took place in January. -MCC's proposed budget for 2026-27 has just been published.	
25	1823	Minutes of the meetings held on 11 November 2025 Approved and duly signed.	
25	1824	Matters arising from the minutes of 11 November 2025 (for information only) None	
25	1825	Planning applications	CA

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		<p>-DM/2024/01512, Llangwendr Farm, Lower Raglan Road, Llangovan, proposed farm store, built on footprint and remains of previous stone barn – recommend approval.</p> <p>-DM/2025/01537, Meadow Barn, Waste Road, Dingestow, erection of oak framed extension with first floor space and oak framed garage – not enough information, no mention of biodiversity, impact on trees or mitigation, could not see application form.</p> <p>-DM/2025/01446, High Meadow, Village Road, Mitchel Troy Common, erection of a front porch (including demolition of existing hallway), roof dormers, balcony, external staircase and decking area, re-roofing and cladding of dwelling – recommend approval.</p> <p>-DM/2025/01589, Craig y dorth Farm, Craig-y-dorth Road, Mitchel Troy Common, replacement of existing single storey lean to extension with single storey oak framed extension. Construct new glazed gable feature and replace existing windows – recommend approval.</p> <p>-DM/2025/01475, Barn B at Lydart Farm, Monmouth Road, Lydart, Mitchel Troy, re DC/2014/00883 (20/07/2015), condition number(s): condition 2 - approved plans, conditions(s) removal: to allow for improvements to the original scheme as expressed in the Planning Statement, substitute the approved drawings for the drawings submitted with this application – recommend approval.</p> <p>-DM/2025/01611, The Patch, Elms Road, Raglan, discharge of condition 4 (construction method statement) of planning consent DM/2025/00383 – no objections.</p>	
25	1826	<p>Planning applications since preparation of agenda</p> <p>-None</p>	
25	1827	<p>Planning decisions by MCC</p> <p>-DM/2025/01449, Land west of Lower Tal Y Fan Farm, Craig Road, Penyclawdd, agricultural building – acceptable.</p> <p>-DM/2023/00554, Yew Tree Cottage, Lower Raglan Road, Penyclawdd, converting a garage and workshop into a one-bedroom ancillary accommodation for friends/family and Airbnb – withdrawn.</p> <p>-DM/2025/01405, Grace Dieu Court, Waste Road, Dingestow, existing roof tiles have been in place since early 1970s. They are failing and there can no longer be patch repairs as any work on the roof causes further displacement. Applicant wishes to provide replacement that has longer life and is more environmentally friendly. Clay roof tiles have an expected life of around 100 years, are a natural material and are available in colours and textures which are a close match to the current tiles – approved.</p> <p>-DM/2025/00092, Floodbrook, Old Hendre Road, Worthybrook, Wonastow, renovation of existing outbuilding to create plant room and home office – approved.</p> <p>-DM/2025/01395, Roots Farm, Pentre Road, Llangovan, farm track to connect each of the 3 gates in the field along with a hard standing area between the green houses and the barn – refused.</p>	

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		<p>-DM/2025/01358, Nantyrhylas, Trebern Road, Pen Yr Heol, demolition of existing conservatory and construction of sitting room and canopy porch – approved.</p> <p>-DM/2025/01333, Springfield Farm, Llanwyny Road, Llangovan, low impact link, part conversion of stables into ancillary sleeping accommodation and part conversion into holiday accommodation – approved.</p> <p>-DM/2025/00058, Lower Tal Y Fan Farm, Mitchel Troy Road, Dingestow, proposed horse riding arena/menage for private use – approved.</p> <p>-DM/2025/01236, The School House, School Road, Pen Yr Heol, single storey rear extension to kitchen – approved.</p>																																																																
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			Total	£1,689.71				
		-Precept applied for on 7.1.26						
25	1830	Budget review -The budget was reviewed and found to be on target. -Clerk to chase invoices for village hall room bookings.						CA
25	1831	Biodiversity -Biodiversity report was sent to Welsh Government (as per Section 6 of Environment Act) and One Voice Wales.						
25	1832	Clerk's report -A basic multi-directional mic (such as the Ujdwurgh Conference Speaker) for online meetings would cost up to £40. Clerk to check with Monmouth Town Council for other recommendations. -Clerk has commenced CiLCA qualification. -Clerk to research more on guideline WCAG 2,2 AA website standard. Council resolved not to pay for standards check. -Clerk to pass on requests for repair of gate into Dingestow play area and lighting for Dingestow underpass to Community Infrastructure team. -Clerk to contact MCC re offer of litter pick kits.						CA
25	1833	Other reports -Cllr Quenault attended a Friends of Glebe Field meeting. The Council were thanked for their grant. Ongoing negotiations are underway regarding the Church of Wales lease. Funding sought for car park resurfacing.						
25	1834	Correspondence -MCC, FW: Cheaper Monmouth area bus fares -MCC, Media Release: Storm Claudia -MCC, Media Release: MCC welcomes financial support for businesses from the Welsh Government following Storm Claudia -MCC, Flood alerts issues across Monmouthshire -MCC, Adverse Weather Update - 8/12/25 -MCC, Media Release: A new chapter for a historic Monmouth landmark -MCC, Minutes for County Council, Thursday, 4th December, 2025, 2.00 pm -MCC, Media Release: The Resilient Rivers Monnow Project -MCC, Fw: £27,500 funding grants available via Chewing Gum Task Force year five and local litter pick stations						
25	1835	Highway matters -School Lane, Tregare, potholes all along road, especially by Morningside.						CA
25	1836	Urgent items for next meeting None						
25	1837	Next meeting Tuesday, 10 February 2026, 7.30 – Penyclawdd Village Hall						

Meeting closed 9.30pm