

Mitchel Troy United

Community Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held at the Village Hall, Dingestow, on Tuesday, 8 September 2026 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs T Dodd, G Connor, J Francis, T Kirton and P Penny

County, County Cllrs R John and J McKenna

Clerk: C Arvanitis

Also present: One resident

			Action
26	0901	Apologies for absence Cllrs J Dyer, A Morgan and R Morgan. A resident outlined his objections to planning application DM/2026/00650 Livox Wood – currently removed from planning website.	
26	0902	Declarations of interests None	
26	0903	Police report -No report received. -Clerk to obtain updated police contact point.	CA
26	0904	County Council report -Pothole repairs for Blue Door Road are being chased. -New repair kits for potholes are being tested. -New windows and doors are being fitted in Dingestow Village Hall. -There are some minor changes to bin collection days for some specific areas (communications are being sent out). -Friends of the 65 Bus have been inspecting route stops and shelters and will be liaising with Monmouthshire County Council over any improvements needed. -The swing in Dingestow play area has been replaced. -A weeding session took place in Mitchel Troy with County Councillors John and McKenna and some resident volunteers. -Personal possessions dumped in a layby have been retrieved and secured, pending reunion with the owner. -Information has been sent to NRW and Environmental Health regarding a sewage leak near the Euro Garage.	
26	0905	Minutes of the meeting held on 14 July 2026 -Approved and duly signed.	
26	0906	Matters arising from the minutes of 14 July 2026 (for information only) -None.	
26	0907	Planning applications -DM/2026/00961, Gwaylodylade Farm, Road from Mitchel Troy Road to Penrhos Road, Cwmcarvan, proposed earth-banked slurry reception pit with associated works – recommend approval . -DM/2026/00680 (reconsultation), Holmdale, Monmouth Road, Raglan, demolition of an existing conservatory to facilitate a two storey extension to the south west elevation of the property along with re-construction of the conservatory following the erection of the extension. The proposal also includes the demolition of two existing garages and construction of a proposed one in their place – recommend approval .	CA

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		-DM/2026/00764, Springfield Farm, Llanwyny Road, Llangovan, a. an entrance to the property - To reopen old gateway and create an entrance with splay at the west of Springfield Farm onto Trecastle Road. b. change of use of an agricultural track, which leads to the proposed entrance, to a residential access track – recommend approval. -DM/2026/00868, The Warrage Farm, Warrage Road, Raglan, replace modern render & plaster, fascias, soffits & repair windows. Reduce ground levels for French drain – recommend approval.																	
26	0908	Planning applications since preparation of agenda -DM/2026/01013, Steppes Cottage, Bryngwyn Road, Jingle Street, Wonastow, minor change of land levels (terracing) at rear of cottage to provide for remedial works to stop water ingress into dwelling and prevent land slippage – retrospective – recommend approval.	CA																
26	0909	Planning decisions by MCC -DM/2026/00869, Ty Mawr Farm, Bryngwyn Road, Dingestow, addition of ponds and leaky dams to improve whole farm holistic management and enhance biodiversity and on going water management, unacceptable. -DM/2026/00909, Ty Mawr Farm, Bryngwyn Road, Dingestow, to add ponds and leaky dams to compliment those recently constructed on the adjacent Old Lands holding, which flow entirely into the Troth, as well as establishing initial headwater hydrological control on part of the Pontyrhydian Brook. Ty Mawr is a Demonstration Farm for best practice regenerative farming, including wildfarmed cereals and nutrient and livestock management with a strong focus on soil health. Ty Mawr holds knowledge exchange workshops for farmers, agronomists and other stakeholders and is therefore an excellent choice for demonstrating how Natural Flood Management can sit alongside arable management – approved. -DM/2026/00899, Troy View, Craig-y-dorth Road, Mitchel Troy Common, farm implement shed – acceptable. -DM/2026/00845, Elmdale, Monmouth Road, Raglan, removal of growth, the branches are now within touching distance of the wall and roof of the house. There are also 'suckers' which have grown from the base of the tree which are directly overhanging the fence. An arborist has been contacted and has provided a proposed plan of pruning the tree which will minimise the impact on the tree, whilst removing the branches growing at the house - approved.																	
26	0910	MCC planning decisions since preparation of agenda -None.																	
26	0911	Accounts for payment -Bank reconciliation approved: <table><tr><td>Balance end of July</td><td>£18,795.62</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Opening balance 1.4.25</td><td>£16,652.16</td></tr><tr><td>Receipts to end of month</td><td>£5,666.00</td></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td>£22,318.16</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Payments to end of month</td><td>£3,522.54</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td></tr></table>	Balance end of July	£18,795.62			Opening balance 1.4.25	£16,652.16	Receipts to end of month	£5,666.00	Total	£22,318.16			Payments to end of month	£3,522.54			CA
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Closing balance (opening balance plus receipts minus payments)			£18,795.62	
-August statement not yet available.				
-Approval was given for payment of the following cheques.				
Chq no	Payee	Amount	Power to Pay	Budget pot
300580	Country Contracts Inv D38, D51	£62.40	HA 1980 S96	Amenities – Wonastow war memorial grass
300581	Merlin dog bin emptying Aug inv 2413	£99.46	Public Health Act 1936 s234	Amenities - dog bin emptying
300582	Merlin dog bin emptying Sep inv 2438	£99.46	Public Health Act 1936 s234	Amenities - dog bin emptying
300583	HMRC Aug	£118.60	LGA 1972 s111	Salary etc: HMRC
300584	Clerk salary Aug 26	£474.20	LGA 1972 s111	Salary etc: Clerk's salary
300585	Playworks Aug Inv 10701	£20.00	LGA 1972 s111	Salary etc: Payroll management
300586	Employers National Insurance Aug	£26.37	Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Act 2003	To be vired
300587	Audit Wales 24-25 audit fees Inv ARINV/015522	£200.00	Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014	Admin and Office – audit fees
300588	Tregare village hall hire	£20.00	LGA 1972 s111 s134 (4)	Admin and office – room hire
300589	Clerk expenses – mileage £36, WFH £132, Mic £201.92, A4 paper £9.90, Dividers - £7.99, Stamps £43.20)	£431.01	LGA 1972 s111	Admin and office – mileage, office contribution, mic to be vired, stationery and stamps
300590	Annual report printing by Wye Media, paid by clerk	£38.00	LGA 1972 s111	Admin and office – annual report
300591	SLSS subscription inv	£158.00	LGA 1972 s143	Subscriptions SLCC

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		Total	£1,747.50			
		-September payslip not yet received. -Employers NI - virement from reserves approved. -Microphone - virement from Reserves approved. - Clerk's annual NALC pay review: pay point 12 increased from £14.82 to £15.31 per hour. Approved. -Full audit for 25-26 sent within deadline.				
26	0912	Annual report 2025-26 -Annual report loaded to website and leaflet copies distributed to councillors.				
26	0913	Biodiversity -25/26 biodiversity plan approved by Council.				
26	0914	Council communications -Facebook page to be set up by Cllr Dodd. -Communications update to be included as a standard agenda item.				TD
26	0915	Training -Training needs forms will be distributed to councillors.				CA
26	0916	Clerk's report -Councillor vacancy ad is on website and local Facebook pages. -For Community Infrastructure fund, clerk to propose repainting of graffiti art in Dingestow underpass.				CA
26	0917	Other reports -Cllr Dodds attended Mitchel Troy Village Hall meeting. -Cllr Francis attended Tregare Village Hall meeting. -Cllr Kirton attended One Voice Wales Area meeting.				
26	0918	Correspondence -MCC, Media release: More bus improvements on the way for Monmouthshire passengers OVW, TRAINING DATES - AUGUST - SEPTEMBER 2026 Draft Minutes - One Voice Wales Monmouthshire & Newport Area Committee meeting - 16.7.26 OVW, Issue 4 of 'Y Llais - The Voice' OVW, IMPORTANT Letter to Member Councils - Community Boundary Reviews				
26	0919	Highway matters -Field edge of road through Dingestow village is deteriorating.				CA
26	0920	Urgent items for next meeting None				
26	0921	Next meeting (Ordinary) Tuesday, 13 October 2026, 7.30 – Penyclawdd Village Hall				

Meeting closed 21:10