

Community of Mitchel Troy

Current Community Format

1. The current community arrangements in Mitchel Troy consist of five wards, Cwmcavran, Dingestow, Mitchel Troy, Tregare and Wonastow. The community has a total electorate of 993 and is represented by 10 community councillors. The electorate per ward and number of councillors is as follows:

Community Ward	Electorate	Number of Councillors
Cwmcavran	162	2
Dingestow	234	2
Mitchel Troy	341	3
Tregare	179	2
Wonastow	77	1

Natural Boundaries / Key Features

2. The working group considered natural boundaries within the community of Mitchel Troy to be the A40, the River Trothy and the B4293.

Electorate Forecast

3. There are no developments planned within the community of Mitchel Troy that would significantly alter the current electorate.

Representations Received

4. Mitchel Troy community council submitted a representation stating that the council had no desire to increase, decrease or alter the boundaries within the community. They also state that whilst the councillor/elector ratio is relatively low, it was felt that the concept of over representation was irrelevant since community councillors are volunteers and therefore costless. Additionally the councillors represent a large area that is sparsely populated.

Recommendations

External Boundary

5. The working group considered the existing arrangements for the community of Mitchel Troy alongside the representations submitted for the community and on the whole propose that the current arrangements are suitable and fit for purpose. However, in reviewing the community of Raglan the working group identified that the Pen-Y-Clawdd ward of the Raglan community would be better suited to the community of Mitchel Troy than its current community. All channels of communication through the Pen-Y-Clawdd ward run north to south with no clear

link between the Pen-Y-Clawdd ward and the rest of the Raglan wards. Additionally, access to the north of the Pen-Y-Clawdd ward runs into the Cwmcarvan ward of Mitchel Troy and provides easily accessible channels of communication between this area and the rest of the Mitchel Troy community. To that end it is proposed that the Pen-Y-Clawdd and Llangovan ward of Raglan is included in the Mitchel Troy community.

- 5.1. In addition to the above, there are a number of small amendments that the working group proposed to improve the community arrangements. Firstly, the working group felt that the boundary between Raglan and Tregare could be simplified by using the junction for the A449 and Mitchel Troy as the edge of the boundary between the two communities. This would result in the properties of Cuckoo's Row and The Warrage being included in the Tregare ward of Mitchel Troy rather than the community of Raglan. The boundary will therefore continue south along the A449 from the edge of the boundary for the Cwmcarvan ward to the junction for Raglan where it will head northwards to join the existing community boundary.
- 5.2. It is also proposed to amend the northern boundary between the Monmouth and Mitchel Troy communities near Troy House. Whilst the group accept that the current boundary between the two communities which follows the River Trothy is a natural, easily identifiable boundary, it does not provide convenient local government for Troy House given its close association with the Monmouth Community by falling within the Mitchel Troy Community. It is therefore proposed that the boundary is amended to leave the River Trothy near the edge of Troy Park Wood and re-join the river near the garden centre to include Troy House in the community of Monmouth.
- 5.3. The final amendment to the community boundary is at the north of the Tregare ward at Cefn Garw Farm. The working group consider that this property is more closely associated with the Llanvihangel-Ystern-Llewern than the Tregare ward of Mitchel Troy given that all access to the property is north of the farm with no access south to Tregare. Therefore the group propose to amend the boundary so it continues along the Nant Wachan stream south of Cefn Garw Farm and join with the existing boundary north of Tregare Mill.

Internal Boundaries

- 5.4. The working group propose no change to the internal boundaries of the community of Mitchel Troy other than those affected by amendments to the external boundaries as stated above.

Proposed Community and Community Ward Names

6. The working group propose no change to the community and community ward names in the Mitchel Troy community but welcome representations as to more suitable names for the community.

Proposed Electoral Arrangements

7. The working group consider the Mitchel Troy community to fall within the rural category for elector/councillor ratio resulting in an ideal ratio of 150 electors per councillor. The above changes to the community boundaries will result in the following electoral arrangements for the community.

Community Ward	Electorate	Number of Councillors
Cwmcarvan	162	1
Dingestow	234	1
Mitchel Troy	336	2
Tregare	223	2
Wonastow	77	1
Pen-Y-Clawdd & Llangovan	99	1

Working Group Individual Member Comments

8. All members of the working group approved the proposals for the community of Mitchel Troy.

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