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Notice of meeting / Hysbysiad o gyfarfod:

Central Mon Area Committee

**Wednesday, 18th January, 2017 at 10.00 am,
The Shire Hall, Monmouth. NP25 3EA**

AGENDA

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Paul Matthews

Chief Executive / Prif Weithredwr

MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
CYNGOR SIR FYNWY

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE COMMITTEE IS AS FOLLOWS:

County Councillors:

S. White
B. Strong
P. Clarke
D. Blakebrough
G. Burrows
R. Edwards
E. Hacket Pain
B. Hayward
P. Jones
V. Smith
A. Wintle

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Aims and Values of Monmouthshire County Council

Sustainable and Resilient Communities

Outcomes we are working towards

Nobody Is Left Behind

- Older people are able to live their good life
- People have access to appropriate and affordable housing
- People have good access and mobility

People Are Confident, Capable and Involved

- People's lives are not affected by alcohol and drug misuse
- Families are supported
- People feel safe

Our County Thrives

- Business and enterprise
- People have access to practical and flexible learning
- People protect and enhance the environment

Our priorities

- Schools
- Protection of vulnerable people
- Supporting Business and Job Creation
- Maintaining locally accessible services

Our Values

- **Openness:** we aspire to be open and honest to develop trusting relationships.
- **Fairness:** we aspire to provide fair choice, opportunities and experiences and become an organisation built on mutual respect.
- **Flexibility:** we aspire to be flexible in our thinking and action to become an effective and efficient organisation.
- **Teamwork:** we aspire to work together to share our successes and failures by building on our strengths and supporting one another to achieve our goals.

Nodau a Gwerthoedd Cyngor Sir Fynwy

Cymunedau Cynaliadwy a Chryf

Canlyniadau y gweithiwn i'w cyflawni

Neb yn cael ei adael ar ôl

- Gall pobl hŷn fyw bywyd da
- Pobl â mynediad i dai addas a fforddiadwy
- Pobl â mynediad a symudedd da

Pobl yn hyderus, galluog ac yn cymryd rhan

- Camddefnyddio alcohol a chyffuriau ddim yn effeithio ar fywydau pobl
- Teuluoedd yn cael eu cefnogi
- Pobl yn teimlo'n ddiogel

Ein sir yn ffynnu

- Busnes a menter
- Pobl â mynediad i ddysgu ymarferol a hyblyg
- Pobl yn diogelu ac yn cyfoethogi'r amgylchedd

Ein blaenoriaethau

- Ysgolion
- Diogelu pobl agored i niwed
- Cefnogi busnes a chreu swyddi
- Cynnal gwasanaethau sy'n hygyrch yn lleol

Ein gwerthoedd

- **Bod yn agored:** anelwn fod yn agored ac onest i ddatblygu perthnasoedd ymddiriedus
- **Tegwch:** anelwn ddarparu dewis teg, cyfleoedd a phrofiadau a dod yn sefydliad a adeiladwyd ar barch un at y llall.
- **Hyblygrwydd:** anelwn fod yn hyblyg yn ein syniadau a'n gweithredoedd i ddod yn sefydliad effeithlon ac effeithiol.
- **Gwaith tîm:** anelwn gydweithio i rannu ein llwyddiannau a'n methiannau drwy adeiladu ar ein cryfderau a chefnogi ein gilydd i gyflawni ein nodau.

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**Minutes of the meeting of Central Mon Area Committee held
at on Wednesday, 28th September, 2016 at 10.00 am**

PRESENT: County Councillor S. White (Chairman)
County Councillor B. Strong (Vice Chairman)

County Councillors: R. Edwards, P. Jones, V. Smith and A. Wintle

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Nicola Perry	Senior Democracy Officer
Roger Hoggins	Head of Operations
Paul Keeble	Traffic and Network Manager
Will McLean	Head of Democracy, Engagement and Improvement
Debbie McCarty	Whole Place Manager

APOLOGIES:

Councillors P. Clarke, D. Blakebrough, G. Burrows, E. Hacket Pain and B. Hayward

1. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest made by Members.

2. Public Open Forum

There were no members of the public present.

3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd June 2016

The minutes of the Central Mon Area Committee meeting held on 22nd June were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

In doing so it was noted that County Councillor V. Smith had attended the meeting.

4. To receive a petition regarding Toll House Traffic Lights

We were advised of the petition presented to Monmouthshire County Council titled Toll House Traffic Lights.

The Head of Operations advised that any petition received by the authority must be reported to members at a committee, and Central Mon Area Committee was considered appropriate due to its local interest. The petition had been signed by 82 people, and two signatories had suggested creating a mini roundabout.

Members were advised that the matter should be considered and prioritised along with other budget demands and funding available.

It was reasonable to assume that a budget of £80,000 would be necessary to carry out the installation, signage etc.

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Members agreed that it was not always the condition of the road at fault but often inconsiderate drivers.

We heard that there were no grants available and this would be fully funded by the Authority.

We were advised that the Cabinet Member was aware of the petition but that any formal report to a cabinet member or to cabinet would depend upon the action decided by the committee.

Members raised concerns regarding the lack of communication, and the frustrations of finding out information second hand, often through Town Councils.

The report recommended that Members receive the petition and allow the request to be assessed and prioritised in line with other demands upon the Highways Capital Budget.

We resolved to accept the recommendation in the report.

5. To receive a report regarding concerns surrounding vehicle speeds, Kymin Road, Wyesham

We received a report to advise Members of concerns, raised by residents of Kymin Road, Wyesham, about inappropriate vehicular speeds and their request for MCC to install speed reduction measures.

The Chair highlighted the letter attached to the report from Nick Ramsay AM, and invited the Traffic and Network Manager to address the committee.

We heard that following receipt of the petition a review had been undertaken and an extensive seven day automated vehicular speeds and volume survey had been completed. The assessment had shown average speeds of 26mph on straight sections of the highway and were therefore taken as representative.

The National Trust had also highlighted concerns regarding the A4136 junction.

Members were advised there were a good number of signs on the road, and there had been no accidents to date.

The report recommended that Members note the petition and letter received and that, based upon the results of the traffic surveys and officers' assessment, no further action be considered at both Kymin Road and the junction of Kymin Road at the A4136.

We resolved to accept the recommendations.

6. Community Governance Report

The Head of Governance, Engagement and Improvement provided a report to update Members on the way the Council is changing its relationship with Town and Community Councils.

The following points were highlighted:

- Members took the decision to establish a cross party, Member led working group to consider recommendations and decide upon a structure for community governance.
- Five areas would be established, being Abergavenny, Monmouth, Usk, Caldicot and Chepstow.

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- The paper would be discussed at each Area Committee and be presented to Council on 20th October.
- Chris Jones had been commissioned to undertake a piece of work with Whole Place and all Members which would look at the name of group, terms of reference, how often groups should meet, and participation. Therefore the report would be complete for Council.
- Democratic Services/Member's Secretary would be the point of contact at the Council for Town Councils.
- A member of SLT had been allocated as a liaison officer to each of the five areas.
- The terms of reference were expected to be very similar to that of Area Committees currently.

7. Update on Grant Applications

The Chair raised concerns that the recent grant application process had not been a smooth process, and expressed disappointment that applicants had not been informed of the outcomes in a timely manner.

Members of the committee concurred with the chair, expressing that the delay could be detrimental to local groups

The Head of Governance, Engagement and Improvement reassured Members that the review being undertaken would look at how grants were best administered.

A member questioned the cost of administration of grant applications.

We acknowledged the challenge of understanding the difference between revenue and capital and were assured that the process would improve going forward.

8. Update on Monmouth pinch point trial

The Chair shared the following email response from the Traffic and Network Manager regarding the Monmouth pinch points:

Officers are currently preparing plans to discuss with the local members before proceeding to consult wider on the proposals. The resurfacing works on Hereford Road and Priory Street will proceed shortly and in advance of the wider works proposed for the upper section of Monnow Street and Agincourt Square.

The Officer advised the committee that the projects team were looking to fully engage with the community and suggested a meeting with local members to agree how best to take forward, with wider consultation.

The Head of Operations advised that public opinion was very much equally divided, but ultimately it would be a decision for Members.

We also noted that there was limited funding available for the resurfacing of Agincourt Square.

We noted parking issues at Hereford Road and a suggestion was made to invite the local inspector to the next meeting.

Members raised the following issues with officers:

- Llanbadoc – camber changes and increased number of accidents.

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- Rockfield Road – visibility problems at new entrance.
- Hedge cutting – letter drop to land owners suggested.

9. To note the date and time of next meeting as Wednesday 21st December 2016 at 2.00pm

We noted the date and time of the next meeting as 2.00pm on Wednesday 21st December 2016, to be held at County Hall, Usk.

The meeting ended at 11.45 am