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Notice of meeting

Central Mon Area Committee

Wednesday, 18th April, 2018 at 9.30 am,
Conference Room - County Hall, Usk

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Paul Matthews

Chief Executive / Prif Weithredwr

MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
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THE CONSTITUTION OF THE COMMITTEE IS AS FOLLOWS:

County Councillors:

M. Feakins
L. Jones
R. John
B. Strong
P. Clarke
D. Blakebrough
R. Edwards
P. Jones
V. Smith
R. Roden
J. Treharne

Town Councillors

S. McConnel
F. Cotton

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Aims and Values of Monmouthshire County Council

Our purpose

Building Sustainable and Resilient Communities

Objectives we are working towards

- Giving people the best possible start in life
- A thriving and connected county
- Maximise the Potential of the natural and built environment
- Lifelong well-being
- A future focused council

Our Values

Openness. We are open and honest. People have the chance to get involved in decisions that affect them, tell us what matters and do things for themselves/their communities. If we cannot do something to help, we'll say so; if it will take a while to get the answer we'll explain why; if we can't answer immediately we'll try to connect you to the people who can help – building trust and engagement is a key foundation.

Fairness. We provide fair chances, to help people and communities thrive. If something does not seem fair, we will listen and help explain why. We will always try to treat everyone fairly and consistently. We cannot always make everyone happy, but will commit to listening and explaining why we did what we did.

Flexibility. We will continue to change and be flexible to enable delivery of the most effective and efficient services. This means a genuine commitment to working with everyone to embrace new ways of working.

Teamwork. We will work with you and our partners to support and inspire everyone to get involved so we can achieve great things together. We don't see ourselves as the 'fixers' or problem-solvers, but we will make the best of the ideas, assets and resources available to make sure we do the things that most positively impact our people and places.

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MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Central Mon Area Committee held
at Kymin View Primary School, Wyesham Road, Monmouth NP25 3JR on Wednesday,
31st January, 2018 at 10.00 am

PRESENT: County Councillor M. Feakins (Chairman)
County Councillor L. Jones (Vice Chairman)

County Councillors: R. John, B. Strong, P. Clarke, R. Edwards,
P. Jones, R. Roden and J. Treharne

Also in attendance Town Councillor F. Cotton

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Nicola Perry Senior Democracy Officer

APOLOGIES:

Councillors D. Blakebrough and V. Smith

1. Declarations of interest

None.

2. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 11th October 2017

The minutes of the meeting of Central Mon Area Committee were approved and signed by the Chairman.

3. Public Open Forum

There were no matters for public open forum.

4. Progress report on alignment with (PSB) cluster groups

Following the previous meeting the Chair had had discussions with the Head of Policy and Governance around the direction of Area Committees, and the alignment with Cluster Groups. It was recognised that there was no necessity for Central Mon Area Committee to develop that way of working and the Committee agreed to look into the idea again in the future.

5. To discuss direction and future objectives of Area Committee

We agreed that the Committee would identify issues that affect wards and residents. Future agendas would include standard items of the public open forum, update from PSBs, Actions.

Items raised:

Car Park Issues:

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- Delay of the construction of the car park adjacent to Monmouth School for Boys. Chair to write to Roger Hoggins for update.
- Car Park problems at County Hall, Usk.
- Car Park opposite Usk Prison

3G Pitch at Coleg Gwent, Usk – Chair to write a letter of support, details to be provided by Cllr L. Jones.

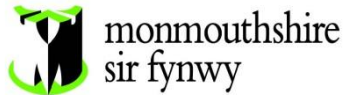
Traffic on the Lidl roundabout in Wyesham needs to be addressed.

Speeding of traffic through Raglan Village, residents have requested a 'children playing' sign – Chair to write to Trunk Road Agency to look at Raglan Road, copy in Nick Ramsay and R.T. Davies.

6. To note the date and time of next meeting

We agreed the date of the next meeting as Wednesday 18th April 2018 at 10am – Venue TBC.

The meeting ended at 11.00 am



SUBJECT: SOCIAL JUSTICE STRATEGY

MEETING: Central Mon Area Committee

DATE: 18th April 2018

DIVISION/WARDS AFFECTED: ALL

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To ensure the Committee are aware of the Social Justice Strategy and have the opportunity to consider it ahead of discussion at Cabinet.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the Committee consider the extent to which the priorities identified in the strategy are focused on the issues that are most prevalent in the Central Mon area.
- 2.2 That the committee provide comments to inform the development of the strategy.

3. KEY ISSUES

- 3.1 During 2016, two significant pieces of legislation came into force, the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act and the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act. Both Acts are underpinned by duties to collaborate with other public bodies, to involve people in the issues that affect them and to concentrate on developing preventative approaches rather than waiting for problems to arise.
- 3.2 In March 2017, the council endorsed two major pieces of work looking at well-being across the county, the Well-being Assessment and the Population Needs Assessment. Both highlighted the strengths and opportunities within our communities and used an extensive evidence base to draw out some of the challenges individuals and communities will face in the future. These were used as the evidence base to develop a Corporate Plan that was approved by Council in February and described five well-being objectives and 22 priority areas of activity including delivering social justice and reducing inequality.

- 3.3 The draft Social Justice Strategy provides more of the detail about how we will do this and demonstrates our commitment as a Council to address inequality in our county in order to make our society function better. Using the Community and Partnership team as an enabling body, it provides an approach that will help turn lives around by removing barriers and facilitating practical support and solutions to enable all our citizens to realise their full potential.
- 3.4 This is the first phase of an evolving policy and demonstrates our intention to work as a Council, and in partnership at national, regional and community level, to implement the policy interventions, approaches, support and methods to improve outcomes for people and communities.
- 3.5 This draft Social Justice Strategy sets out our purpose, our intentions and activities for the next four years and the targets by which we will measure our success to ensure that we achieve our goal – to put social justice at the heart of what we do in Monmouthshire.
- 3.6 The Committee has a remit to influence at the interface between strategic and local decision-making ensuring that resources are directed to local priorities. Early consideration on this strategy offers an opportunity to do that.

4. REASONS:

- 4.1 To ensure that the Area Committee are able to influence the development of the Social Justice Strategy.

5. BACKGROUND PAPERS:

[Corporate Business Plan](#)

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