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Hysbysiad o gyfarfod:

Cyngor Sir

Dydd Iau, 20fed Mehefin, 2019 at 2.00 pm,
Council Chamber - Council Chamber

AGENDA

Prayers will be said prior to the Council meeting at 4.55pm. All members are welcome to join the Chairman for prayers should they wish to do.

Eitem No	Eitem	Tudalennau
1.	**Ymddiheuriadau am absenoldeb**	
2.	**Datganiadau o Fuddiant**	
3.	**Cwestiynau Cyhoeddus**	
4.	**Cyhoeddiad y Cadeirydd a derbyn deisebau**	1 - 2
5.	**Rhestr o Gynigion**	
5.1.	**Oddi wrth y Cynghorydd Sirol P. Fox** Mae'r penderfyniad diweddar gan y Prif Weinidog a Llywodraeth Cymru i ddiystyru argymhellion yr ymchwiliad annibynnol i ffordd liniaru arfaethedig yr M4 yn destun gofid mawr i'r cyngor hwn. Mae hyn wedi rhoi ergyd drom i fusnesau a thrigolion De-ddwyrain Cymru a bydd yn cyfyngu'n aruthrol ar gyfleoedd economaidd y rhanbarth. Er bod llawer o benawdau'r cyfryngau yn union ar ôl y penderfyniad wedi canolbwyntio ar Gasnewydd, mae'r goblygiadau ar gyfer De'r sir mor ddifrifol. Mae'r cyngor hwn yn derbyn bod y penderfyniad bellach wedi'i wneud ac na ellir ei ddadwneud felly mae'n rhaid i ni symud ymlaen. Mae'r cyngor hwn yn galw yn awr ar Lywodraeth Cymru a Thrafnidiaeth Cymru i ddangos ymrwymiad a chefnogaeth i ddatrysiadau eraill er mwyn lliniaru tagfeydd a gorlwytho'r seilwaith yn ne Sir Fynwy. Rydym yn galw ar y ddwy asiantaeth i wneud beth bynnag sy'n angenrheidiol: 1. I wella'r seilwaith trafnidiaeth yng Nghas-gwent a'r cyffiniau yn	

gyflym ac ar frys; I ariannu a chwblhau ail gam astudiaeth WelTag yn y flwyddyn galendr hon sy’n angenrheidiol nawr;

2. I gomisiynu astudiaeth cam 3 Metro De Cymru i gwmpasu'r ardal i'r dwyrain o Gasnewydd sydd wedi'i hesgeuluso hyd yma. Ceisiwn ymrwymiad i lefelau tebyg o wasanaeth i'r rhai a weithredir ar reilffyrdd y Cymoedd ar gyfer y brif reilffordd sy'n rhedeg drwy ein sir gan ddechrau gyda chynnydd sylweddol yn amlder y gwasanaeth i reilffordd Cas-gwent a gwerthusiad o achos busnes ar gyfer cysylltiad uniongyrchol i Fryste;

3. Cefnogi'n benodol y gwaith datblygu sy'n mynd rhagddo ar gyfer gorsaf gerdded ym Magwyr, gan ymuno â'r Cyngor hwn mewn arian cyfatebol ein cyfraniad i astudiaeth GRIP3 yr haf hwn.

4. Blaenoriaethu'r gwaith angenrheidiol i wella Cyffordd Twnnel Hafren i Orsaf Parcffordd lawn gyda gwell amlder gwasanaeth a chyfleusterau.

5. Yn ogystal â 1-4 uchod, bod cynigion ar gyfer yr holl welliannau trafnidiaeth gynaliadwy a gyflwynwyd gan Gomisiynydd Cenedlaethau'r Dyfodol fel rhan o'i thystiolaeth i'r ymchwiliad annibynnol o fewn y Sir yn cael eu gwerthuso ar frys a lle y profir eu bod yn cael eu rhoi ar waith.

6. Sicrhau bod y cyngor hwn yn ymgysylltu'n gynnar ac yn barhaus â'r Comisiwn Annibynnol sydd bellach wedi'i sefydlu gan Brif Weinidog Cymru i ddatblygu 1-5 uchod.

Yn ogystal, mae'r Cyngor hwn yn gofyn i'r Arweinydd ysgrifennu at y Prif Weinidog yn mynegi barn y cyngor hwn ac yn gofyn am gyfarfod brys i drafod y materion pwysig hyn.

5.2. Oddi wrth y Cynghorydd Sirol F. Taylor

Bod y Cyngor hwn yn parhau i ddarparu cefnogaeth enghreifftiol i'r achos unigryw dros orsaf Magor Walkway fel enghraifft o deithio llesol ac adeiladu gwytnwch cymunedol yn wyneb newid yn yr hinsawdd.

Gofynnwn i'r cyngor hwn alw ar Lywodraeth Cymru i gadarnhau eu cefnogaeth ddiamwys i orsaf Magwyr drwy arian cyfatebol ymrwymiad Cyngor Sir Fynwy i gwblhau GRIP3. Hefyd, ar ôl cwblhau GRIP3, rydym yn gofyn i Lywodraeth Cymru gefnogi gorsaf Magwyr er mwyn symud ymlaen â'u hachos i Gronfa Gorsafoedd Newydd yr Adran Drafnidiaeth.

Yn olaf, bod y Cyngor hwn yn gofyn, yn dilyn y penderfyniad i ddileu'r M4 newydd, y dylai Llywodraeth Cymru gydnabod gorsaf Magwyr fel rhan allweddol o gyfres o fesurau i gefnogi newid moddol a lleihau allyriadau carbon yn ne-ddwyrain Cymru.

5.3. Oddi wrth y Cynghorydd Sirol A. Easson

Constituents in in my Ward, and no doubt other Wards, who travel along the B4245 to and from Caldicot to Magor have for several years expressed concern about the safety of this road .There haMae etholwyr yn fy ward i, ac mae'n siŵr mewn wardiau eraill, sy'n teithio ar hyd yr

B4245 rhwng Cil-y-coed a Magwyr, ers sawl blwyddyn wedi mynegi pryder am ddiogelwch y ffordd hon. Mae sawl damwain wedi bod dros y cyfnod hwnnw, rhai difrifol iawn. Mae nifer o ymdrechion wedi'u gwneud gan Aelodau lleol i fynd i'r afael â'r mater drwy Bwyllgor Ardal Glannau'r Hafren. Mae gan y ffordd hon dros 13,000 o symudiadau teithio yn cael eu cofnodi bob dydd, ac mae wedi dod hyd yn oed yn fwy peryglus wrth i gerbydau nwyddau trwm ddod yn fwy o lawer.

Nid oes dim cynnydd wedi'i wneud yn ystod y cyfnod hwnnw oherwydd yr ansicrwydd o ran penderfyniad ynghylch mater hirsefydlog cynigion ffordd liniaru'r M4. Gan fod Llywodraeth Cymru bellach wedi penderfynu na fydd y ffordd liniaru yn mynd yn ei blaen, gellir mynd i'r afael â phryderon am yr B4245 yn awr heb i'r M4 ddrysu'r mater.

Cynigiaf felly fod ein hadran briffyrdd yn cyflwyno cynlluniau a rhaglen weithredu i fynd i'r afael â diogelwch cerddwyr, beicwyr a modurwyr, ac unrhyw ddefnyddwyr eraill ar y ffordd, ar hyd y darn prysur hwn o briffordd rhwng Magwyr a Chil-y-coed.
ve been several accidents over that time, some very serious. Many attempts have been made by Local Members to address the issue through the Severnside Area Committee. This road has over 13,000 recorded travel movements every day, and has become even more dangerous as heavy goods vehicles have become much larger.

5.4. **Oddi wrth y Cynghorydd Sirol D. Batrouni**

Bod y Cyngor hwn yn nodi gyda siom y dystiolaeth gynyddol bod y Blaid Geidwadol yn tanseilio'n sylfaenol cyfleoedd bywyd ein disgyblion tlotaf a mwyaf cythryblus yn Sir Fynwy, gan wneud unrhyw syniad bod y Cyngor hwn yn hyrwyddo cyfiawnder cymdeithasol i'r plant hyn yn ffantasi pur.

6. **Cwestiynau'r Aelodau:**

6.1. **O'r Cynghorydd Sirol M. Groucutt i'r Cynghorydd Sirol R. Greenland**

Rwy'n falch o nodi y bydd arian ychwanegol sylweddol ar gael i gefnogi Partneriaeth Grid Gwyrdd Gwent a hoffwn longyfarch Cyngor Sir Fynwy fel y partner arweiniol. Rwyf hefyd yn nodi bod Llywodraeth Cymru, mewn canllawiau a gyhoeddwyd yn 'Polisi Cynllunio Cymru, Cyfrol 10' (RHAG 2018), yn cadarnhau y gall awdurdodau lleol ddynodi tir fel Lletem Las o fewn Cynlluniau Datblygu Lleol. Y nod yw diogelu safleoedd gwyrdd gwerthfawr rhag datblygiadau amhriodol nad ydynt yn cyd-fynd â'r cynigion a sefydlwyd yn y Cynllun.

Yn erbyn y cefndir hwn, a fyddai'r Aelod Cabinet sy'n gyfrifol am yr amgylchedd yn cadarnhau ei gefnogaeth i greu Lletemau Glas lle y bo'n briodol ledled Sir Fynwy, gan nodi bod nifer wedi'u cynnig ar gyfer y Fenni, a chydnabod bod yr awdurdod â chyfrifoldebau i gadw golygfeydd eiconig, hyrwyddo iechyd a lles ei phobl, a chefnogi mynediad i ardaloedd hamdden hardd a fyddai'n gwella mwynhad o'n cefn gwlad?

6.2. **O'r Cynghorydd Sirol A. Easson i'r Cynghorydd Sirol J. Pratt**

Dros 12 mis yn ôl, gwnaeth y Cabinet benderfyniad i roi'r gorau i

	gynigion ar gyfer ardollau dodrefn stryd. A fyddech yn egluro'r defnydd a wneir o dan Adran 50 hysbysiadau gwaith stryd priffyrdd i osod ardoll ar blanwyr blodau achlysurol yng Nghil-y-coed?	
6.3.	**O'r Cynghorydd Sirol B. Strong i'r Cynghorydd Sirol P. Jordan** Gosodwyd y swyddfa bost newydd yn y Ganolfan ym Mrynbuga yn ddiweddar ac fe'i hagorwyd ar gyfer busnes rai misoedd yn ôl. Darparwyd y gwasanaeth hwn ar ôl cynnal negodiadau hirfaith rhwng Cyngor Sir Fynwy, Cyngor Tref Brynbuga a Chownteri Swyddfa'r Post. A allai'r Cynghorydd Jordan roi'r wybodaeth ddiweddaraf i'r Cyngor am berfformiad y Swyddfa Bost newydd hyd yn hyn a nodi a ddangoswyd unrhyw ddiddordeb gan unrhyw gynghorau tref neu gymuned eraill lle gallai eu swyddfeydd post gwerthfawr fod dan fygythiad cau?	
7.	**I gadarnhau'r cofnodion canlynol:**	
7.1.	**14eg Mai 2019**	3 - 4
7.2.	**16eg Mai 2019**	5 - 12

Paul Matthews
Prif Weithredwr

CYNGOR SIR FYNWY

MAE CYFANSODDIAD Y PWYLLGOR FEL SY'N DILYN:

Cynghorwyr Sir:

P. Clarke
D. Batrouni
J.Becker
D. Blakebrough
L.Brown
A.Davies
D. Dovey
L.Dymock
A. Easson
R. Edwards
D. Evans
M.Feakins
P.A. Fox
R.J.W. Greenland
M.Groucutt
L. Guppy
R. Harris
J. Higginson
G. Howard
S. Howarth
R.John
D. Jones
L.Jones
P. Jones
S. Jones
S.B. Jones
P. Jordan
M.Lane
P. Murphy
P.Pavia
M. Powell
J.Pratt
R.Roden
V. Smith
B. Strong
F. Taylor
T.Thomas
J.Treharne
J.Watkins
A. Watts
A. Webb
K. Williams
S. Woodhouse

Gwybodaeth Gyhoeddus

Mynediad i gopïau papur o agendâu ac adroddiadau
Gellir darparu copi o'r agenda hwn ac adroddiadau perthnasol i aelodau'r cyhoedd sy'n mynychu cyfarfod drwy ofyn am gopi gan Gwasanaethau Democrataidd ar 01633 644219. Dylid nodi fod yn rhaid i ni dderbyn 24 awr o hysbysiad cyn y cyfarfod er mwyn darparu copi caled o'r agenda hwn i chi.

Edrych ar y cyfarfod ar-lein
Gellir gweld y cyfarfod ar-lein yn fyw neu'n dilyn y cyfarfod drwy fynd i www.monmouthshire.gov.uk neu drwy ymweld â'n tudalen Youtube drwy chwilio am MonmouthshireCC. Drwy fynd i mewn i'r ystafell gyfarfod, fel aelod o'r cyhoedd neu i gymryd rhan yn y cyfarfod, rydych yn caniatáu i gael eich ffilmio ac i ddefnydd posibl y delweddau a'r recordiadau sain hynny gan y Cyngor.

Y Gymraeg
Mae'r Cyngor yn croesawu cyfraniadau gan aelodau'r cyhoedd drwy gyfrwng y Gymraeg neu'r Saesneg. Gofynnwn gyda dyledus barch i chi roi 5 diwrnod o hysbysiad cyn y cyfarfod os dymunwch siarad yn Gymraeg fel y gallwn ddarparu ar gyfer eich anghenion.

Nodau a Gwerthoedd Cyngor Sir Fynwy

Ein diben

Adeiladu Cymunedau Cynaliadwy a Chydnerth

Amcanion y gweithiwn tuag atynt

- Rhoi'r dechrau gorau posibl mewn bywyd i bobl
- Sir lewyrchus a chysylltiedig
- Cynyddu i'r eithaf botensial yr amgylchedd naturiol ac adeiledig
- Llesiant gydol oes
- Cyngor gyda ffocws ar y dyfodol

Ein Gwerthoedd

Bod yn agored. Rydym yn agored ac yn onest. Mae pobl yn cael cyfle i gymryd rhan mewn penderfyniadau sy'n effeithio arnynt, dweud beth sy'n bwysig iddynt a gwneud pethau drostynt eu hunain/eu cymunedau. Os na allwn wneud rhywbeth i helpu, byddwn yn dweud hynny; os bydd yn cymryd peth amser i gael yr ateb, byddwn yn esbonio pam; os na allwn ateb yn syth, byddwn yn ceisio eich cysylltu gyda'r bobl a all helpu - mae adeiladu ymddiriedaeth ac ymgysylltu yn sylfaen allweddol.

Tegwch. Darparwn gyfleoedd teg, i helpu pobl a chymunedau i ffynnu. Os nad yw rhywbeth yn ymddangos yn deg, byddwn yn gwrando ac yn esbonio pam. Byddwn bob amser yn ceisio trin pawb yn deg ac yn gyson. Ni allwn wneud pawb yn hapus bob amser, ond byddwn yn ymrwymo i wrando ac esbonio pam y gwnaethom weithredu fel y gwnaethom.

Hyblygrwydd. Byddwn yn parhau i newid a bod yn hyblyg i alluogi cyflwyno'r gwasanaethau mwyaf effeithlon ac effeithiol. Mae hyn yn golygu ymrwymiad gwirioneddol i weithio gyda phawb i groesawu ffyrdd newydd o weithio.

Gwaith Tîm. Byddwn yn gweithio gyda chi a'n partneriaid i gefnogi ac ysbrydoli pawb i gymryd rhan fel y gallwn gyflawni pethau gwych gyda'n gilydd. Nid ydym yn gweld ein hunain fel 'trefnwyr' neu ddatryswyr problemau, ond gwnawn y gorau o syniadau, asedau ac adnoddau sydd ar gael i wneud yn siŵr ein bod yn gwneud y pethau sy'n cael yr effaith mwyaf cadarnhaol ar ein pobl a lleoedd.

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Chairman's Report
27th May – 12th June

DATE	ENGAGEMENT/VENUE
Monday 27th May	Abergavenny Steam Rally Bailey Park, Abergavenny
Tuesday 28th May 11 a.m.	booti-ful boots event Tintern Old Station
Wednesday 29th May	Royal Garden Party Buckingham Palace, London
Friday 31st May	Retirement Presentation, Dewi Jones Chairman's Office, Usk
Monday 3rd June 11 a.m.	Funeral of Past Chairman, Donald Spencer St Cadoc's Church, Raglan
Monday 3rd June 7 p.m.	Abergavenny Arts Festival The Kings Arms, Abergavenny
Tuesday 4th June 10 a.m.	Monmouthshire Sport Development – Playmaker Conference Monmouth Sports Association
Thursday 6th June 11 a.m.	Citizenship Ceremony Registrar's Office, Usk
Friday 7th June 9.30 a.m.	Volunteering Conference County Hall, Usk
Sunday 9th June 2 p.m.	Newport City Council – Civic Service St Woolos Cathedral, Newport
Wednesday 12th June 11 a.m.	My day My life – Cup Cake Coffee Morning Tudor Street, Abergavenny

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MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of County Council held at Council Chamber - Council Chamber on Tuesday, 14th May, 2019 at 5.00 pm

PRESENT: County Councillor P. Clarke (Chairman)
County Councillor S. Woodhouse (Vice Chairman)

County Councillors: D. Batrouni, D. Blakebrough, L.Brown, A.Davies, L.Dymock, R. Edwards, D. Evans, M.Feakins, P.A. Fox, M.Groucutt, L. Guppy, J. Higginson, G. Howard, S. Howarth, R.John, D. Jones, L.Jones, P. Jones, S. Jones, S.B. Jones, P. Jordan, M.Lane, P. Murphy, P.Pavia, M. Powell, J.Pratt, R.Roden, B. Strong, F. Taylor, T.Thomas, J.Treharne, J.Watkins and A. Webb

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Matthew Phillips	Head of Law/ Monitoring Officer
Paul Matthews	Chief Executive
Peter Davies	Chief Officer, Resources
Will McLean	Chief Officer for Children and Young People
Nicola Perry	Senior Democracy Officer
Frances O'Brien	Chief Officer, Enterprise

APOLOGIES:

County Councillors J.Becker, D. Dovey, A. Easson, R.J.W. Greenland, R. Harris, V. Smith and K. Williams

2. Declarations of interest

None.

3. To elect a Chairman of the County Council for the Civic Year 2019/20

Council observed a minute silence in respect of the passing of former councillor Olive Evans.

The Chairman, County Councillor P. Clarke, addressed Council and thanked all who had supported him during his year of office, highlighting the memorable events attended throughout the year.

The Chairman expressed thanks to the staff across the Authority, appreciating the invaluable help of Mrs. Linda Greer and Mrs. Julia Boyd. Thanks were given to Steve Barker, the Chairman's chauffer.

The Chairman presented a cheque to Gwent Music, the Chairman's charity, for £7071.21, collected by their representative Emma Archer.

The Leader addressed Council and thanked County Councillor Clarke for his year in office, along with his consort, Mrs. J. Clarke.

The leaders of the political groups, County Councillor D. Batrouni, D. Blakebrough and J. Watkins echoed the sentiments of Councillor Fox.

It was moved by County Councillor P. Fox, and duly seconded by Councillor S. Jones, that County Councillor S. Woodhouse be elected as Chairman of Monmouthshire County Council for

the Civic Year 2019/20. Upon being put to the vote it was unanimously agreed to elect Councillor Woodhouse as Chairman.

County Councillor S. Woodhouse made and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, was invested with the Chain of Office by the outgoing Chairman, and took the Chair.

The newly elected Chairman thanked Members for their support and announced that Mr. C. Woodhouse would be her consort; introduced Mark Soady as Chaplain; Gwent Music and Alzheimer's Society Cymru are the chosen Chairman's charities.

The Chairman then presented the outgoing Chairman with the Past Chairman's Badge of Office.

4. To appoint a Vice-Chairman of the County Council for the Civic Year 2019/20

It was moved by County Councillor P. Fox, and seconded by County Councillor S. Jones that County Councillor B. Jones be appointed as Vice Chairman of the County Council for the Civic Year 2019/20.

Upon being put to the vote it was resolved that County Councillor B. Jones be appointed as Vice Chairman.

County Councillor Jones made and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, was invested with his Chain of Office by the Chairman, and took his position as Vice Chairman.

The Vice Chairman thanked Members for their support, and introduced his consort, Mrs R. Jones.

The meeting concluded with the presentation of the Chain of Office to the incoming Chairman's Consort, Mr. C. Woodhouse, a pendant to the outgoing Chairman's Consort, and the |Chain of Office to the incoming Vice Chairman's Consort.

5. The following items will be deferred to the meeting of the County Council to be held on 16th May 2019:

We resolved that the remaining items of business be deferred to the meeting of the County Council to be held on 16th May 2019.

The meeting ended at 5.45 pm

MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of County Council held at Council Chamber - Council Chamber on Thursday, 16th May, 2019 at 2.00 pm

PRESENT: County Councillor S. Woodhouse (Chairman)
County Councillor S.B. Jones (Vice Chairman)

County Councillors: P. Clarke, D. Batrouni, J.Becker, D. Blakebrough, L.Brown, A.Davies, D. Dovey, L.Dymock, A. Easson, R. Edwards, D. Evans, M.Feakins, P.A. Fox, R.J.W. Greenland, M.Groucutt, L. Guppy, J. Higginson, G. Howard, S. Howarth, R.John, D. Jones, P. Jones, S. Jones, P. Jordan, P. Murphy, P.Pavia, M. Powell, J.Pratt, R.Roden, V. Smith, B. Strong, F. Taylor, T.Thomas, J.Treharne, J.Watkins, A. Watts, A. Webb and K. Williams

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Matthew Phillips	Head of Law/ Monitoring Officer
Paul Matthews	Chief Executive
Peter Davies	Chief Officer, Resources
Will McLean	Chief Officer for Children and Young People
Nicola Perry	Senior Democracy Officer
Frances O'Brien	Chief Officer, Enterprise
Julie Boothroyd	Chief Officer Social Care, Safeguarding and Health

APOLOGIES:

County Councillors R. Harris, L.Jones and M.Lane

2. **Declarations of interest**

None.

3. **Public Questions**

None.

4. **Receipt of petitions**

5. **To elect the Leader of the Council and to receive notification of Leader delegations (appointments to Cabinet)**

County Councillor P. Murphy moved that County Councillor P. Fox be elected as Leader of the Council. This was duly seconded by County Councillor P. Jordan.

County Councillor M. Groucutt moved that County Councillor D. Batrouni be elected as Leader of the Council. This was duly seconded by County Councillor T. Thomas.

Upon being put to the vote it was resolved that County Councillor P. Fox be elected as Leader of the Council.

Councillor Fox expressed thanks to Council for his re-election, and took the opportunity to thank former Cabinet Member, County Councillor B. Jones, and wished him well in his role as Vice Chairman.

Changes to Cabinet portfolios are to be distributed following the meeting, but Council were advised that County Councillor J. Pratt would be the new Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Neighbourhood Services.

6. Representations of Political Groups - Review

The Leader presented the report as Council is required to review at, or as soon as practicable after, the Council's annual meeting, the representation of different political groups on the bodies to which the Council makes appointments.

Upon being put to the vote Council resolved to accept the recommendation:

To accept the report (and appendices) as a review under Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and to appoint the ordinary committees with the numbers and adjustments as indicated below:

Committee	Cons	Lab	Lib Dem	Ind
Select (x 5) (9)	26	10	3	6
Licensing & Regulatory (12)	7	3	1	1
Planning (16)	9	4	1	2
Democratic Services (12)	7	3	1	1
Audit (11 excluding 1 lay)	7	2	1	1
Aggregate Entitlement (85)	56	22	7	11

7. Appointments to Committees

The Leader presented a report in order to appoint committees, together with their membership and terms of reference in accordance with the Council's Constitution.

Council resolved to accept the committees as recommended in the report, noting the change to name of Bryn Y Cwm Area Committee to North Monmouthshire Area Committee.

We noted that the membership of Democratic Services Committee is 12 Members.

To elect a Chair of Democratic Services Committee County Councillor J. Becker nominated County Councillor J. Watkins, seconded by County Councillor F. Taylor.

County Councillor D. Batrouni nominated County Councillor M. Groucutt, seconded by County Councillor T. Thomas.

Council held a secret ballot and votes saw County Councillor J. Watkins elected as Chair of Democratic Services Committee.

Councillor G. Howard expressed frustration and disappointment that North Monmouthshire Area Committee have changed the start time of meetings to 10am, without taking into consideration the views of working members of the committee.

8. Appointments to Outside Bodies

Council received the report to appoint representatives to serve on outside bodies.

Amendments were made as follows:

County Councillor A. Davies removed from Drainage Board.
County Councillor Pratt be added as responsible Cabinet Member to Regional Transport Authority.
County Councillor D. Blakebrough replace County Councillor J. Pratt on ABUHC.

9. Motions to Council:

9.1. From County Councillor J. Watkins

County Councillor F. Taylor seconded the motion.

Members expressed support for the motion.

- Suggestion was made that we need to move to much greener vehicles and plant used throughout the County.
- When refuse vehicles are renewed we must move to electric or hybrid vehicles to reduce emissions.
- Move to encourage employees to greener vehicles in terms of travelling for work.
- Work with all our buildings, and MHA, to increase the efficiency of heating systems.

County Councillor Smith asked that Council recognise the drive and initiative of residents who had brought forward the Climate Seminar.

County Councillor Taylor expressed frustration around measures such as the removal of the M4 tolls, fuelling our housing crisis. She added that to speak of reducing carbon emissions and mitigating climate change, and to support the building of a new M4, was a contradiction in terms.

The Leader thanked Councillor Watkins for the motions, and proposed the following amendment to the motion:

That this council will strive to reduce its own carbon emissions to net zero in line with the Welsh Government target of 2030.
That this council will develop a strategy and associated action plans to aim to deliver these targets as soon as practicable.
That this council will continue to review the Corporate Plan, Well-being plan, Local development plans and other relevant plans and policies to support the above.
Publicise this declaration of a climate emergency to residents and businesses in the county and encourage and support them to take their own actions to reduce their carbon emissions in line with a 2030 target.
Work with partners across the county and other councils and organisations to help develop and implement best practice methods in limiting global warming.

County Councillor P. Murphy seconded the amendment.

Debate ensued.

The Leader of the Opposition opposed the amended motion stating that it diminished the emergency nature of the motion. The Labour Group expressed support to the campaigners in attendance.

Members were keen to keep the final part of the original motion: *Work with partners across the county and other councils and organisations to help develop and implement best practice methods in limiting global warming to less than 1.5 degrees c.*

Upon being put to a recorded vote the amendment was carried.

However, the Leader was content to review the amendment, and to include the last proposal as: *Work with partners across the county and other councils and organisations to help develop and implement best practice methods in limiting global warming to less than 1.5 degrees C.*

Upon being put to a second recorded vote, the amended motion was carried.

10. Members Questions:

10.1. From County Councillor L. Dymock to the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People

County Councillor R. John responded that Caldicot School is a 1500 place school and from 1st September 2019 it is anticipated there will be 184 surplus places. When we have proposed developments in an area where there is significant pressure on school places we are able to request Section 106 funding from developers to create additional provision. This year 253 pupils will join year 7 at Caldicot School meaning the year group will be full, however 43 applications were from out of catchment including many from out of County. In line with the new admissions criteria, based on live birth data and proposed developments we are confident that Caldicot School will continue to accommodate all application from within its catchment area.

10.2. From County Councillor V. Smith to the Leader of the Council

The Leader responded that Section E of the Constitution provides a clear explanation of what is expected and officers should endeavour to respond to requests for information properly, and should, in any event, inform the Member if there is likely to be a delay in dealing with an inquiry. He added that pressures are recognised and was sure every officer in this Council does their best to respond in a timely manner.

11. Report of the Chief Executive

11.1. Call-In and Urgency Report

Council received the report following the decision by Cabinet to deal with an urgent matter on 6th Mar 2019, thus waiving the option of call in, and triggering the constitutional requirement to submit a report to Council thereafter.

Concerns were raised that the matter should have undergone public scrutiny, prior to the purchase.

The Chief Executive explained that the Investment Committee acted in accordance with a strategy agreed by Council, and the Investment Committee is made up of cross-party membership, and in due course the Audit Committee has the power to review all investment decisions.

Council noted the report.

12. Chief Officer for Children and Young People Annual Report

The Chief Officer for Children and Young People presented his Annual Report and in doing so took the opportunity to reflect on the past year for education and the services we offer to our children and young people. He thanked colleagues, and all teachers, head teachers, teaching assistants and everyone else who work with our children in our schools.

Following presentation, discussion ensued.

Reference was made to the ongoing focus on vulnerable learners, and how this continues to be an issue. The Chief Officer was asked what plans are in place to help these children improve with fewer resources available. In response the Officer acknowledged the concerns and explained that we are working very closely with our secondary schools, and beginning to use a far more rigorous approach to interrogating the schools' plan. Involving using the Sutton Trust Toolkit, ensuring that the money being spent on those interventions is the most effective.

In response to a concern it was explained that Social Justice is reflected throughout the report, and the importance of education with regards to social justice and social mobility in the future.

County Councillor P. Pavia left at 16:45pm

The Cap 9 is based on the Fisher Family Trust Aspire Model. FFT is a hugely well-developed resource for teachers. It compares children to children who are very similar. The example used was most challenging comparison we could have.

There was disappointment in the increase in fixed term exclusions, and schools are challenged regarding the levels of FTE. The Chief Officer reflected that it is wrong to conflate those with addition learning needs, and being supported by teaching assistants, with those with disruptive behaviour. He added that we need to understand the patterns of those being excluded on a fixed term basis, the number of children and how long those instances are. More work is being undertaken and a report will be taken to Select Committee in the coming months.

From September 2019 we are investing in an additional teacher and teaching assistant in every Secondary School and additional HLTA to ensure we have a countywide response to challenging behaviour.

It was agreed that the performance level at Key Stage 4 is not where we would like but it is hoped that we will see an increase at the end of this academic year.

Concerns were raised from a financial perspective with regards to predicted deficits across half of the County's schools. The Chief Officer recognised the challenge and explained that we have to make sure our schools understand the flexibility of the resources that we provide and that they understand how to make best use of that.

In response to a concern regarding racism in schools, officers work closely with schools to ensure they receive the training needed to make sure schools are fair, equitable and open, and that children behave responsibly and appropriately.

County Councillor D. Jones left at 16:55pm

County Councillor D. Blakebrough left at 17:00pm

Caldicot was recognised as a key pinch area in terms of capacity, and work is being undertaken to develop a clear strategy around how Section 106 money is spent.

There is an equity strategy in place, a key component of which More Able and Talented children, to ensure these children are encouraged to continue to move forward.

County Councillor D. Evans left at 17:15pm.

The Cabinet Member for Children and Young People thanked the Chief Officer for the evidence based report, and recognised the number of challenges, but also highlighted the importance of recognising the excellence.

The Chair thanked the Chief Officer for his report.

13. Report of the Chief Officer for Enterprise:

13.1. Proposed Off-Road Cycling Centre, Llanfoist

Council received a report in order to agree the inclusion of capital funding of £100,000 in the 2019/20 Capital Budget.

A Member expressed this should be a County-wide scheme, and we should be looking for grants for other areas in the County encompassing the same aspirations.

Comments were received around the impact on the landscape. The Ward Member commented that Llanfoist has received a disproportionate level of development and, in terms of planning, a key consideration must be that the scheme will not disadvantage existing residents by way of traffic generation and parking, noise to neighbours and light overspill.

Upon being put to the vote Council resolved to agree the recommendation:

That a budget of £100,000 is created in 2019/20 to fund the development of a project for an off-road cycling centre in Llanfoist and that this is funded by a £100,000 grant allocated by Sport Wales to be spent in the current financial year.

MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of County Council held at Council Chamber - Council Chamber on Thursday, 16th May, 2019 at 2.00 pm

14. <u>To confirm the minutes of the meeting of County Council held on 11th April 2019</u>

The minutes of the meeting of County Council held on 11th April were confirmed and signed by the Chair. In doing so it was noted that Councillor J. Higginson had been in attendance.

The meeting ended at 5.35 pm

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