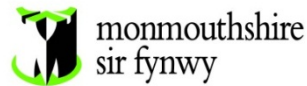


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County Hall
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Wednesday, 12 June 2019

Notice of meeting

County Council

**Thursday, 20th June, 2019 at 2.00 pm,
Council Chamber, County Hall, The Rhadyr, Usk, NP15 1GA**

AGENDA

Prayers will be said prior to the Council meeting at 1.55pm. All members are welcome to join the Chairman for prayers should they wish to do.

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1.	Apologies for absence	
2.	Declarations of interest	
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4.	Chairman's announcement and receipt of petitions	1 - 2
5.	Notices of motion:	
5.1.	From County Councillor P. Fox The recent decision by the First Minister and the Wales Government to disregard the recommendations of the Independent Inquiry into the proposed M4 relief road is deeply regrettable to this Council. This has delivered a devastating blow to businesses and residents within South East Wales and will massively restrict the economic opportunities of the region. Whilst many media headlines in the immediate aftermath of the decision have focussed on Newport, the implications for the south of our county are as acute. This Council accepts that the decision has now been made and cannot be undone so we have to move forward. This Council now calls on the Welsh Government and Transport for Wales to demonstrate commitment and support for other solutions to relieve congestion and infrastructure overload in South Monmouthshire. We call on both agencies to do whatever is necessary to: 1. Improve transport infrastructure in and around Chepstow with pace	

and urgency. Financing and completing the second stage of a WelTag study this calendar year is necessary now;

2. Commission a South Wales Metro Stage 3 study to cover the area east of Newport which to date has been neglected. We seek commitment to similar levels of service to those being implemented on valley lines for the mainline running through our county starting with a significant uplift in service frequency for Chepstow rail and an evaluation of a business case for direct connection to Bristol;
3. Explicitly support the ongoing development work for a walkway station at Magor, joining with this Council in match-funding our contribution to a GRIP3 study this summer.
4. Prioritise work necessary to upgrade Severn Tunnel Junction to a full Parkway station with improved service frequency and facilities.
5. Over and above 1-4 above, that proposals for all sustainable transport improvements put forward by the Future Generations Commissioner as part of her evidence to the Independent Inquiry within the county are urgently evaluated and where proven are implemented.
6. Ensure that this Council has early and ongoing engagement with the Independent Commission that has now been established by the First Minister to advance 1-5 above.

Furthermore that Council asks the Leader to write to the First Minister expressing this Council's view and requesting an urgent meeting to discuss these important issues.

5.2. From County Councillor F. Taylor

That this Council continue to provide exemplar support the unique case for Magor Walkway station as an exemplar in active travel and building community resilience in the face of climate change.

We ask this Council call to on Welsh Government to confirm their unequivocal support for Magor Station by match funding Monmouthshire County Council's commitment to complete GRIP 3. Additionally, on completion of GRIP 3, we request that Welsh Government support Magor Station to progress their case to the DfT's New Station Fund.

Finally, that this Council request that following the decision to scrap building a New M4, Welsh Government acknowledge Magor Station as a key part of a suite of measures to support modal shift and reduce carbon emissions in South East Wales.

5.3. From County Councillor A. Eason

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 have 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.

No progress has been made over that time because of the uncertainty of a decision about the long standing matter of the M4 relief road proposals. Now that the Welsh Government has decided that the relief road will not go ahead concerns about the B4245 can now be addressed without the M4 clouding the issue.

I move therefore that our Highways Department brings forward plans and an implementation programme to address the safety of pedestrians, cyclists and motorists, and any other road users, along this busy stretch of highway between Magor and Caldicot.

5.4. From County Councillor D. Batrouni

That this council notes with disappointment the growing evidence that the Conservative party is fundamentally undermining the life chances of our poorest and most troubled pupils in Monmouthshire, making any notion of this council advancing social justice for these children a pure fantasy

6. Members' Questions:

6.1. From County Councillor M. Groucutt to County Councillor R. Greenland

I am pleased to note that significant extra funding will be available to support the Gwent Green Grid Partnership and wish to congratulate MCC as lead partner. I also note that in guidance published in 'Planning Policy Wales, vol 10' (Dec 2018) the Welsh Government confirms that local authorities can designate land as a Green Wedge in Local Development Plans. The aim is to protect valuable green sites from inappropriate development not in accord with proposals established in the Plan.

Against this background would the cabinet member responsible for the environment confirm his support for the creation of Green Wedges where appropriate across Monmouthshire, noting that several are proposed for Abergavenny, and recognising that the authority has responsibilities to retain iconic views, promote the health and wellbeing of its people, and support access to beautiful recreational areas that would enhance the enjoyment of our countryside?

6.2. From County Councillor A. Easson to County Councillor J. Pratt

Over 12 months ago a decision was made by Cabinet to discontinue proposals for street furniture levies. Would you clarify the use of Section 50 highways street works notices to impose a levy on incidental flower planters in Caldicot?

6.3. From County Councillor B. Strong to County Councillor P. Jordan

The new Post Office was recently installed at The Hub in Usk and opened for business a couple of months ago. This service was delivered after lengthy negotiations between Monmouthshire County Council, Usk Town Council and Post Office Counters had taken place. Could Councillor Jordan update Council on the performance of the new Post Office thus far and indicate whether any interest has been shown by any other Town or Community Councils whose treasured Post Offices may be under threat of closure?

7.	To confirm the following minutes:	
7.1.	14th May 2019	3 - 4
7.2.	16th May 2019	5 - 12

Paul Matthews

Chief Executive / Prif Weithredwr

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THE CONSTITUTION OF THE COMMITTEE IS AS FOLLOWS:

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
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
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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.

Chairman's Report 27th May – 12th June

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

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

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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

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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.

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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

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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.

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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.

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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 additional 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.

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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.

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

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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