

Wednesday, 8 January 2020

Notice of meeting

County Council

**Thursday, 16th January, 2020 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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9.	Notices of Motion:	

9.1. Submitted by County Councillor Batrouni

The Labour group believes inequality and poverty are major problems in Monmouthshire and the council should campaign for an Income Inequality grant. (Supplementary evidence attached)

9.2. Submitted by County Councillor Batrouni

That this Council is disappointed that the Tory administration decided to close Mouton House, especially without any future plan for the site as a whole or for the long-term provision of educational services for children with social, emotional and behavioural difficulties (SEBD).
Moving forward, the Council will:

1. Place restrictions on the site of Mouton House that requires any future use or redevelopment to be allowed only for educational or local community purposes in order to ensure the site is not sold for housing by the current or any future administration;
2. Bring forward plans in this calendar year as to the long-term plans for SEBD children in the county.

9.3. Submitted by County Councillor P. Fox

This Council:

Notes with frustration that Monmouthshire County Council consistently receives the lowest per head funding of any local authority in Wales from the Welsh Government.

Recognises the significant financial pressures on local authority services, particularly in demand for social care and additional learning needs.

Expresses extreme disappointment that in 2020-21 Monmouthshire is set to receive the worst settlement of any council with a rise of just 3% compared to 5.4% in neighbouring authorities.

Calls on the Leader and Cabinet to continue to make robust representations to the Welsh Government for a funding floor to reduce inequality and commission a review of the local government funding formula, which fails to recognise the challenges of delivering services in a rural county like Monmouthshire.

10. Members Questions:**10.1. From County Councillor M. Groucutt to County Councillor R. John, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People and MonLife**

<p>10.2.</p>	<p>In light of the budget consultation item that schools budgets be reduced by 2.5%, what would be the direct financial impact of such a cut on the budgets of our four comprehensive schools? Has any consideration been given to the impact that this would have on standards and outcomes in these schools and the provision that they are able to offer, particularly for our most vulnerable and needy pupils?</p> <p>From County Councillor M. Groucutt to County Councillor R. Greenland, Cabinet Member for Innovation, Enterprise and Leisure</p> <p>Is the cabinet member concerned at the apparent lack of consultation between officers of this council and the BBNP over the proposals submitted by the Monmouthshire Housing Authority to build on land adjacent to the Lansdown ward lying within the National Park? This proposal includes 70% affordable housing and would be adjacent to wards which already have areas of considerable social isolation and poverty. Would such a development, in an area where current roads would make the development inaccessible by public transport and commercial traffic, create an 'out of sight, out of mind' community that would only make worse the social problems faced by large areas in north Abergavenny? Will he confirm that the council will oppose such development should the National Park Authority proceed beyond Stage 2 with the proposal still in its developing LDP?</p>	
<p>11.</p>	<p>To confirm the minutes of the meeting of County Council held on 24th October 2019</p>	<p>59 - 68</p>

Paul Matthews

Chief Executive / Prif Weithredwr

MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
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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
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G. Howard
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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.

