

Wednesday, 3 March 2021

Notice of meeting

County Council

**Thursday, 11th March, 2021 at 2.00 pm,
Remote Meeting**

AGENDA

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6.	Notices of Motion:	

6.1. Submitted by County Councillor D. Batrouni

This Council applauds the Welsh Labour Government for its support, particularly financially, to the Council, its residents and our local businesses during the Covid-19 pandemic. In total, the Welsh Government has provided the Council and Monmouthshire businesses over £45m. It is also very pleasing that the Welsh Government have increased the Council's budget settlement by 3.9%, which is above the Welsh average. The council originally budgeted for a 0% increase, so this means the Council will roughly receive an extra £3.7m.

6.2. Submitted by County Councillor J. Warkins

Council notes that:

- a) At just £67.25 a week, Carer's Allowance is the lowest benefit of its kind.
- b) In response to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Government increased the Universal Credit standard allowance and the Working Tax Credit basic element by £20 a week above the planned uprating in April 2020, but it has not increased Carer's Allowance.
- c) Many unpaid carers are facing extreme financial hardship. A recent survey by Carers UK found that more than a third of those on Carer's Allowance are struggling to make ends meet. Many have been struggling for months, often relying on foodbanks to feed themselves and the people they care for. The Carers UK survey found that *"43% of carers felt that a rise in Carer's Allowance would help them, given the financial pressures they are facing."*

Council resolves that:

- a) We must stand up for carers, do more to support them, and build a more caring society as we emerge from the Covid-19 pandemic.

Council directs the Leader of the Council to:

- a) Write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, urging them to raise Carer's Allowance by £20 a week immediately, in line with the increase in Universal Credit.
- b) Council resolves to put out a general communication to unpaid carers, third sector organisations and community councils to encourage carers to claim Carers Allowance.

6.3. Submitted by County Councillor F. Taylor

That in fulfilling its role to support sustainable communities, this council safeguards all public amenity space in the interests of future generations and in support of mitigating and addressing the declared climate emergency.

6.4. Submitted by County Councillor R. John, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People and MonLife

This council:

- a) Notes the significant improvement in the Covid-19 incidence rates both in Monmouthshire and across Wales since Alert Level Four restrictions began on 20th December.
- b) Welcomes the success and speed of the vaccination programme across the UK
- c) Calls on the Welsh Government to publish a detailed roadmap to ending

	Covid-19 restrictions in Wales	
7.	Members Questions:	
7.1.	From County Councillor T. Thomas to County Councillor R. John, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People and MonLife	
	Could the Cabinet Member inform council how confident he is that all pupils in Monmouthshire schools have laptops or iPads to ensure good access to 'blended learning' including free school meal pupils and pupils coming from homes that have lower incomes?	
8.	Reports for Council:	
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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 Councillor Peter Clarke	Llangybi Fawr;	Welsh Conservative Party
County Councillor Dimitri Batrouni	St. Christophers;	Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru
County Councillor Jeremy Becker	St. Mary's;	Liberal Democrats
County Councillor Debby Blakebrough	Trellech United;	Independent Group
County Councillor Louise Brown	Shirenewton;	Welsh Conservative Party
County Councillor Alan Davies	Green Lane;	Independent
County Councillor Lisa Dymock	The Elms;	Welsh Conservative Party
County Councillor Tony Easson	Dewstow;	Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru
County Councillor Ruth Edwards	Llantilio Crossenny;	Welsh Conservative Party
County Councillor David Evans	West End;	Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru
County Councillor Mat Feakins	Drybridge;	Welsh Conservative Party
County Councillor Peter Fox	Portskewett;	Welsh Conservative Party
County Councillor Robert Greenland	Devauden;	Welsh Conservative Party
County Councillor Martyn Groucutt	Lansdown;	Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru
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County Councillor Roger Harris	Croesonen;	Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru
County Councillor Jim Higginson	Severn;	Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru
County Councillor Giles Howard	Llanfoist Fawr;	Welsh Conservative Party
County Councillor Simon Howarth	Llanelly Hill;	Independent Group
County Councillor Richard John	Mitchel Troy;	Welsh Conservative Party
County Councillor Dave Jones	Crucorney;	Independent Group
County Councillor Laura Jones	Wyesham;	Welsh Conservative Party
County Councillor Penny Jones	Raglan;	Welsh Conservative Party
County Councillor Sara Jones	Llanover;	Welsh Conservative Party
County Councillor Bryan Jones	Goytre Fawr;	Welsh Conservative Party
County Councillor Paul Jordan	Cantref;	Welsh Conservative Party
County Councillor Malcolm Lane	Mardy;	Welsh Conservative Party
County Councillor Phil Murphy	Caerwent;	Welsh Conservative Party
County Councillor Paul Pavia	Larkfield;	Welsh Conservative Party
County Councillor Maureen Powell	Castle;	Welsh Conservative Party
County Councillor Jane Pratt	Llanelly Hill;	Welsh Conservative Party
County Councillor Richard Roden	Dixton with Osbaston;	Welsh Conservative Party
County Councillor Val Smith	Llanbadoc;	Independent Group
County Councillor Brian Strong	Usk;	Welsh Conservative Party
County Councillor Frances Taylor	Mill;	Independent Group
County Councillor Tudor Thomas	Priory;	Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru
County Councillor Jamie Treharne	Overmonnow;	Welsh Conservative Party
County Councillor Jo Watkins	Caldicot Castle;	Liberal Democrats
County Councillor Armand Watts	Thornwell;	Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru
County Councillor Ann Webb	St Arvans;	Welsh Conservative Party
County Councillor Kevin Williams	Llanwenarth Ultra;	Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru
County Councillor Sheila Woodhouse	Grofield;	Welsh Conservative Party

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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.

