

Wednesday, 16 June 2021

**Notice of meeting****County Council****Thursday, 24th June, 2021 at 2.00 pm,  
County Hall, Usk. Remote Attendance****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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6.1.	Submitted by County Councillor Richard John, Leader of the Council	

This Council:  
Recognises that a more representative council is better equipped to reflect the views and experiences of the residents of our county.  
Regrets that in Wales only 28% of councillors are women and no local authority has ever achieved a 50:50 gender balance.  
Welcomes the improvement in female representation amongst Monmouthshire councillors to 35% in 2017.  
Resolves that all four political groups will take steps to help Monmouthshire County Council become the first local authority in Wales to achieve gender parity in 2022.

**6.2. Submitted by County Councillor Paul Jordan**

Monmouthshire County Council calls upon the Football Association of Wales to publish the review of their decision to relegate Abergavenny women's football club to tier 2. Abergavenny women's football club have been in the top league for nine years and are the fourth most successful in the competition's history. The club strongly champions the development of local women's football. FAW have substituted Abergavenny for Aberystwyth in tier one who did not win one match last season.  
Gwent now has no representation despite being one of the most populous areas in Wales.  
This action of FAW flies in the face of fair play.  
Abergavenny WFC consistently upholds the true value of sport and we call upon the Football association of Wales to do likewise.

**6.3. Submitted by County Councillor Tony Easson**

This motion seeks Councils support in persuading National Resources Wales to withdraw their intention to restrict traditional Lave Net fishing methods to a "catch and release" policy across the Severn Estuary.

I would seek an endorsement, and that my attached comments are sent to Natural Resources Wales, the Cabinet Member of Senedd for Rural Affairs, and copied to all MS's representing Newport East, Monmouth and S East Wales, plus the sole MS representing the Liberal Democrats.

**6.4. Submitted by County Councillor Kevin Williams**

This council commends the contribution to community life by our young care leavers during their time in care. It acknowledges the positive impact we, as a council, can make to enhancing their lives upon leaving the care system and furthermore will continue to offer support and guidance to them after they leave the care system, including the financial support they will need.

**6.5. Submitted by County Councillor Armand Watts**

Although the Settlement Scheme deadline is 30th June 2021 this council continues to reach out to EU citizens across Monmouthshire to ensure their rights as citizens are upheld and respected.

This Council notes that EU children whose parents did not themselves apply may not realise that their children need to apply, or mistakenly believe that their UK born children are automatically UK citizens apply for settled status. Accordingly, this council will ensure that it informs its schools of this potential gap and focuses communication on those families and communities most likely to be affected

**6.6. Submitted by County Councillor Tudor Thomas**

This council agrees that lessons need to be learnt from the recent campaign of Abergavenny county councillors to resurface the Hereford Road in Abergavenny.

This council calls on the cabinet member responsible for highways to review:

- Policies and procedures of MCC Highways for the repair and maintenance of highways across the authority to ensure that they are safe and fit for purpose.
- The length of time in getting highways repaired to ensure safety.
- Communication with residents when they complain about unsafe highways.

**6.7. Submitted by County Councillor Dimitri Batrouni**

For the Council to create a Bulwark and Thornwell taskforce consisting of members of the community, local businesses, the town council, and representatives from Monmouthshire Housing Association to explore options to regenerate this specific area of Chepstow.

**7. Members Questions:**

**7.1. From County Councillor Paul Jordan to County Councillor Paul Pavia, Cabinet Member for Education**

The Monmouthshire County Council Climate Emergency and Decarbonisation Strategy includes an action that all new Council buildings will operate with net zero carbon emission, and the existing King Henty VIII School site is one of the largest buildings in the Authorities estate.

What design approach and technologies are being included to ensure that the new school in Abergavenny will actually operate with net zero carbon emissions, and what commitments being made to ensure these low carbon features are protected from any budget saving measures taken before construction?

**7.2. From County Councillor Martyn Groucutt to County Councillor Paul Pavia, Cabinet Member for Education**

The consultation document around the establishment of an all-through 4-19 school in Abergavenny says that one benefit of this arrangement is 'more effective transition between key phases of learning'. In that case why is the Nursery provision currently seen as such an important feature of the provision in Deri View Primary not a part of the proposals for the new school, to be replaced by provision made by the private sector over which the leadership and management of the school would have no direct control? What will happen to the current school staff who provide Nursery education if this preferred option is adopted?

**8. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 13th May 2021**

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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
County Councillor Linda Guppy	Rogiet;	Liberal Democrats
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.

