

Wednesday, 27 October 2021

**Notice of meeting****County Council****Thursday, 4th November, 2021 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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## **6. Notices of Motion**

### **6.1. Submitted by County Councillor Kevin Williams**

This council welcomes the proposed changes to the Parliamentary Boundary changes proposed by the Boundary Commission for the Monmouth constituency. It resolves to write in support of the common-sense change affecting Monmouthshire to create a new seat that follows the boundaries of this council.

### **6.2. Submitted by County Councillor D Batrouni**

That the Council write a letter to the UK government expressing disappointment at their decision not to continue to pay the £20 Universal Credit uplift, which should include an explanation of how this decision will have negative consequences for low-income households in Monmouthshire.

### **6.3. Submitted by County Councillor A. Watts**

Monmouthshire County Council formally acknowledges care sector workers have gone above and beyond expectations and demands of supporting our most vulnerable citizens throughout the pandemic. The Authority gives recognition to their commitment and dedication by implementing an increase in the minimum hourly rate to £15.00 to all employees in the authority's care sector.

## **7. Members Questions**

### **7.1. Urgent question: From County Councillor A Easson to County Councillor R. John, Leader of the Council**

Monmouthshire's bid for a share of the Levelling up Fund, administered by the Westminster Government, was not successful. In view of this decision, can the Leader make a statement regarding the effect on the economy of Caldicot and Severnside and what plans he will have in respect of the future of Caldicot Town and the Caldicot Leisure Centre.

### **7.2. From County Councillor A Easson to County Councillor Jane Pratt, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure**

What is the annual budget for maintenance and renewal of pedestrian crossings; how many crossings have been upgraded; how many have been removed or replaced; and how many new crossings have been installed in the County between 2019 and today?

### **7.3. From County Councillor A Easson to County Councillor Jane Pratt, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure**

What are the criteria for installing pedestrian crossings; how are those assessments made prior to considering new crossings and refurbishments or renewal of others; are changes in the traffic and pedestrian environment considered on a regular basis?

### **7.4. From County Councillor M. Powell to County Councillor Lisa Dymock,**

	<p><b>Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing and Social Justice</b></p> <p>Following the easing of the lockdown rules, how successful were the Summer Play Schemes, and how well were they attended?</p>	
<b>7.5.</b>	<p><b>From County Councillor P. Jordan to County Councillor S. Jones, Cabinet Member for Economy</b></p> <p>Can the cabinet member provide an update on what support will be provided for our town centres to encourage footfall in the run up to the Christmas period?</p>	
<b>8.</b>	<b>To confirm minutes of previous meetings</b>	
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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 Christopher Edwards	St. Kingsmark;	Welsh Conservative Party
County Councillor Ruth Edwards	Llantilio Crossenny;	Welsh Conservative Party
County Councillor David Evans	West End;	Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru
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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
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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.

