

Wednesday, 13 July 2022

Notice of meeting

County Council

**Thursday, 21st July, 2022 at 2.00 pm,
Council Chamber, County Hall, The Rhadyr, Usk, NP15 1GA**

AGENDA

Prayers will be said prior to the Council meeting at 1.45pm. All members are welcome to join the Chair for prayers should they wish to do.

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| 1. | Apologies for Absence | |
| 2. | Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd June 2022 | 1 - 8 |
| 3. | Declarations of interest | |
| 4. | Public Questions | |
| 5. | Chair's Announcement | 9 - 10 |
| 6. | Cabinet Member Announcements | |
| 6.1. | County Councillor Catherine Fookes, Cabinet Member for Equalities and Engagement - Tackling inequality and poverty | |
| 6.2. | County Councillor Catrin Maby, Cabinet Member for Climate Change and the Environment - Addressing the climate and nature emergency | |
| 7. | Timing of Council Meetings | 11 - 14 |
| 8. | Motions for Council | |
| 8.1. | Submitted by County Councillor Jill Bond Cost of Living Crisis Motion | |

Our residents are facing a cost-of-living emergency. According to the Office for National Statistics, 88% of adults in the Great Britain reported an increase in their cost of living in May 2022, due to a range of factors including rising inflation, increases in energy prices and government tax rises. The average Welsh household will be at least £600 worse off this year according to Cardiff University's Wales Governance centre report.

The cost of living has been increasing across the UK since early 2021. In April 2022, inflation reached its highest recorded level, and the ONS estimates that it is now higher than at any time since around 1982, affecting the affordability of goods and services for households.

Council notes:

That the Cost-of-Living emergency is a key issue for us as Monmouthshire County Council, against a backdrop of financial factors at national and international level, such as the war in Ukraine

The need for us as a local authority to ensure our residents are supported during these increasingly difficult times, particularly as we head into the autumn and winter

The disproportionate impact of the crisis on low-income households, which will spend a larger proportion of their income than average on energy and food and will therefore be more affected by price increases, resulting in reduced disposable income.

The work we are currently undertaking as a council across all departments to support our most vulnerable residents, including:

- The £150 payments to those residents living in Council tax bands A to D
- The Discretionary payments of £150 to the most vulnerable in our communities
- Supporting charities such as Citizens Advice and MIND who help some of the most vulnerable in our society
- Signposting residents to where they can get help via our information campaigns

Council Resolves that:

We commit ourselves as a Council to working with our families and our communities, with the Welsh Government and the UK Government to provide practical support to those that need it most

We ensure that we continue to take a coordinated approach towards addressing the cost-of-living emergency

8.2. Submitted by County Councillor Richard John

This council:

Opposes any proposals from the Welsh Ambulance Services Trust to downgrade the ambulance stations in Monmouth and Chepstow by removing the Rapid Response Vehicles.

Calls on WAST executives to attend the appropriate select committee for pre-decision scrutiny of their national roster review proposals prior to Welsh Government approval and implementation.

9. Member Questions

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| 9.1. | From County Councillor Fay Bromfield to County Councillor Catrin Maby, Cabinet Member for Climate Change and the Environment Will the Cabinet Member provide an update on steps to tackle speeding in Llantrisant? | |
| 9.2. | From County Councillor Richard John to County Councillor Rachel Garrick, Cabinet Member for Resources What assessment has the administration made regarding the impact of the Welsh Government's planned council tax revaluation on Monmouthshire residents? | |
| 10. | Date of next meeting - 22nd September 2022 | |

Paul Matthews

Chief Executive / Prif Weithredwr

**MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
CYNGOR SIR FYNWY**

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE COMMITTEE IS AS FOLLOWS:

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| County Councillor Laura Wright | Grofield; | Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru |
| County Councillor Tony Kear | Llanbadoc & Usk; | Welsh Conservative Party |
| County Councillor Catrin Maby | Drybridge; | Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru |
| County Councillor Jan Butler | Goetre Fawr; | Welsh Conservative Party |
| County Councillor Ian Chandler | Llantilio Crossenny; | Green Party |
| County Councillor Sara Burch | Cantref; | Labour and Co-Operative Party |
| County Councillor Alistair Neill | Gobion Fawr; | Welsh Conservative Party |
| County Councillor Su McConnel | Croesonen; | Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru |
| County Councillor Mary Ann Brocklesby | Llanelly Hill; | Labour and Co-Operative Party |
| County Councillor Fay Bromfield | Llangybi Fawr; | Welsh Conservative Party |
| County Councillor Jane Lucas | Osbaston; | Welsh Conservative Party |
| County Councillor Emma Bryn | Wyesham; | Independent Group |
| County Councillor Peter Strong | Rogiet; | Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru |
| County Councillor Meirion Howells | Llanbadoc & Usk; | Independent Group |
| County Councillor Paul Griffiths | Chepstow Castle & Larkfield; | Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru |
| County Councillor Jackie Strong | Caldicot Cross; | Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru |
| County Councillor Rachel Catherine Garrick | Caldicot Castle; | Labour and Co-Operative Party |
| County Councillor Maria Stevens | Severn; | Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru |
| County Councillor Steven Garratt | Overmonnow; | Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru |
| County Councillor Angela Sandles | Magor East with Undy; | Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru |
| County Councillor Ben Callard | Llanfoist & Govilon; | Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru |
| County Councillor John Crook | Magor East with Undy; | Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru |
| County Councillor Tomos Dafydd Davies | Llanfoist & Govilon; | Welsh Conservative Party |
| County Councillor Dale Rooke | Chepstow Castle & Larkfield; | Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru |
| County Councillor Catherine Fookes | Town; | Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru |
| County Councillor Sue Riley | Bulwark and Thornwell; | Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru |
| County Councillor Jayne McKenna | Mitchel Troy and Trellech United; | Welsh Conservative Party |
| County Councillor Jill Bond | West End; | Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru |
| County Councillor Louise Brown | Shirenewton; | Welsh Conservative Party |
| County Councillor Lisa Dymock | Portskewett; | Welsh Conservative Party |
| County Councillor Tony Easson | Dewstow; | Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru |
| County Councillor Christopher Edwards | St. Kingsmark; | Welsh Conservative Party |
| County Councillor Robert Greenland | Devauden; | Welsh Conservative Party |
| County Councillor Martyn Groucutt | Lansdown; | Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru |
| County Councillor Simon Howarth | Llanelly Hill; | Independent Group |
| County Councillor Richard John | Mitchel Troy and Trellech United; | Welsh Conservative Party |
| County Councillor David Jones | Crucorney; | Independent Group |
| County Councillor Penny Jones | Raglan; | Welsh Conservative Party |
| County Councillor Malcolm Lane | Mardy; | Welsh Conservative Party |
| County Councillor Phil Murphy | Caerwent; | Welsh Conservative Party |
| County Councillor Paul Pavia | Mount Pleasant; | Welsh Conservative Party |
| County Councillor Maureen Powell | Pen Y Fal; | Welsh Conservative Party |
| County Councillor Frances Taylor | Magor West; | Independent Group |
| County Councillor Tudor Thomas | Park; | Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru |

County Councillor Armand Watts
County Councillor Ann Webb

Bulwark and Thornwell;
St Arvans;

Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru
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.

Kindness: We will show kindness to all those we work with putting the importance of relationships and the connections we have with one another at the heart of all interactions.

