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8<sup>th</sup> March 2023

**Notice of meeting / Hysbysiad o gyfarfod:**

## **Severnside Area Committee**

**Thursday, 16th March, 2023 at 5.00 pm,  
Caldicot Town Council Offices  
Sandy Lane, Caldicot NP26 4NA**

### **AGENDA**

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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 Councillors:

Jill Bond  
John Crook  
Lisa Dymock  
Tony Easson  
Rachel Garrick  
Angela Sandles  
Maria Stevens  
Jackie Strong  
Peter Strong  
Frances Taylor  
Magor with Undy CC

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## 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.

# Nodau a Gwerthoedd Cyngor Sir Fynwy

## Cymunedau Cynaliadwy a Chryf

### Canlyniadau y gweithiwn i'w cyflawni

#### Neb yn cael ei adael ar ôl

- Gall pobl hŷn fyw bywyd da
- Pobl â mynediad i dai addas a fforddiadwy
- Pobl â mynediad a symudedd da

#### Pobl yn hyderus, galluog ac yn cymryd rhan

- Camddefnyddio alcohol a chyffuriau ddim yn effeithio ar fywydau pobl
- Teuluoedd yn cael eu cefnogi
- Pobl yn teimlo'n ddiogel

#### Ein sir yn ffynnu

- Busnes a menter
- Pobl â mynediad i ddysgu ymarferol a hyblyg
- Pobl yn diogelu ac yn cyfoethogi'r amgylchedd

### Ein blaenoriaethau

- Ysgolion
- Diogelu pobl agored i niwed
- Cefnogi busnes a chreu swyddi
- Cynnal gwasanaethau sy'n hygyrch yn lleol

### Ein gwerthoedd

- **Bod yn agored:** anelwn fod yn agored ac onest i ddatblygu perthnasoedd ymddiriedus
- **Tegwch:** anelwn ddarparu dewis teg, cyfleoedd a phrofiadau a dod yn sefydliad a adeiladwyd ar barch un at y llall.
- **Hyblygrwydd:** anelwn fod yn hyblyg yn ein syniadau a'n gweithredoedd i ddod yn sefydliad effeithlon ac effeithiol.
- **Gwaith tîm:** anelwn gydweithio i rannu ein llwyddiannau a'n methiannau drwy adeiladu ar ein cryfderau a chefnogi ein gilydd i gyflawni ein nodau.

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## Briefing Note on B4245 Active Travel route

**Author: Paul Keeble**

- 1.1 This briefing note is to update the Severnside Area Committee on progress with the proposal for providing an active travel path adjacent to the B4245 between Undy and Rogiet. This follows the publication of the outline business case or Welsh Transport Appraisal Guidance Stage 2 (WelTAG2) which identified a viable and preferred route along the B4245, in favour of alternative routes which were considered as part of this appraisal process, and which run south of the B4245 and along what is locally known as the old Ash Path.
- 1.2 The section of the B4245 between Undy with Caldicot does not have a continuous foot or cycle path. In 2007 an Active Travel path was provided between Caldicot and Rogiet and has been well used for walkers and cyclist who may not have previously made this as an active travel commute. This has led to the call for an extension of the path connecting up Rogiet with Undy.



- 1.3 The provision of an active travel link between Undy and Rogiet will offer the community a safer route for walking and cycling between these communities and helps to reduce costs and pollution associated with other forms of travel as well as meeting the health agenda for encouraging people to take more exercise. The 2021 Census indicates that Magor and Rogiet has a high proportion (63.7%) of working-age residents. This demonstrates a target population who are likely to travel regularly to commute and therefore would directly benefit from improved access to Caldicot and Severn Tunnel Junction Railway Station.

- 1.4 In 2010 an outline design and feasibility assessment was carried out however owing to difficulties with funding this project was not progressed despite several bids being made to Welsh Government for Safe Routes in the Community funding. Fortunately, funding was secured earlier this financial year from the Burns Commission and from WG Active Travel funds to review the previous plans and complete detailed design proposals in accordance with the WelTAG guidance.
- 1.5 This Stage 1 and 2 study confirmed a preferred route running alongside the B4245, supported by stakeholders and the local community following consultation on the various options.
- 1.6 The next stage, having identified this preferred option, is to complete a detailed design of the route and take it up to pre-contract stage. The design will consider elements such as ecology, land take, geotechnical study, drainage (incl. SAB approval), street lighting design and connections to existing active travel routes or destinations at either end of the scheme.
- 1.7 The proposals have been widely consulted as part of the WelTAG process on the outline business case and additional consultation and workshops are planned for the detailed design of the preferred route. The Severnside Area Committee's comments on the alignment and detailed design would be welcomed and contribute to the consultation process as part of this stage of the project. Wider public consultation on the detailed design is proposed in coming weeks.

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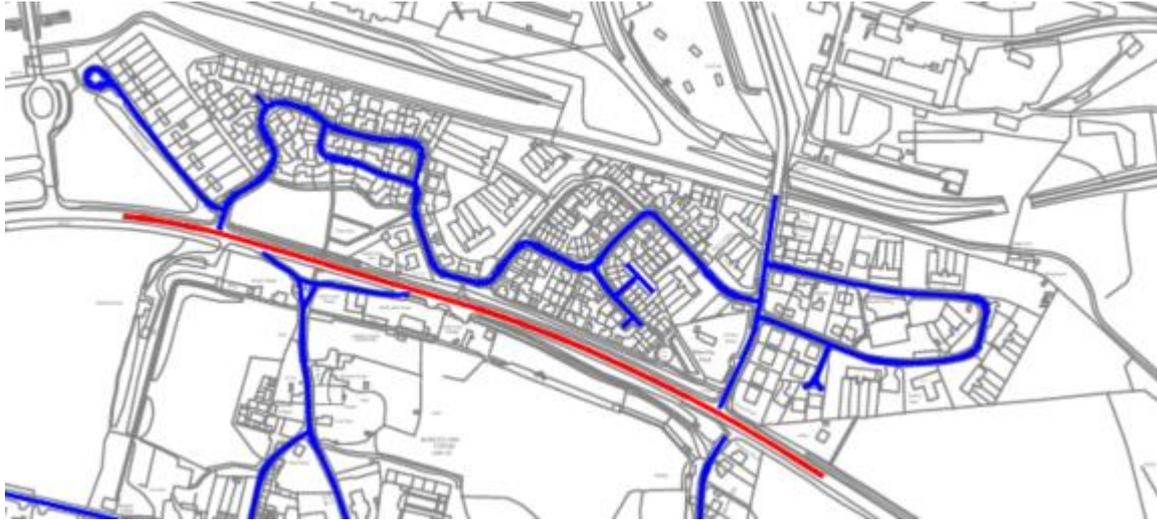
### Briefing Note on September 2023's Wales-wide speed limit change and proposed exception orders

Author: Mark Hand and Graham Kinsella

- 1.1 In July 2022, the Senedd passed legislation that will mean the default speed limit on 'restricted roads' becomes 20mph from 17<sup>th</sup> September 2023. A restricted road is one with a compliant scheme of regular street lighting: you will probably recall when being taught to drive that in built up areas with regular street lighting, the speed limit is 30mph even if there are no signs. On 17<sup>th</sup> September, throughout Wales that changes to 20mph.
- 1.2 Welsh Government has set out a set of criteria that Councils can use to identify restricted roads that should remain at 30mph rather than become 20mph. To implement this, Highways Authorities must assess roads against the criteria and if applicable, must put an Exception Order on place so that on 17<sup>th</sup> September the road remains at 30mph and does not become 20mph. The Welsh Government will be doing the same exercise for trunk roads.
- 1.3 Within the Severnside Area, only one new Exception Order is proposed, which is on the existing 30mph stretch of the A48 through Caerwent. The purpose of this note is to brief the Severnside Area Committee on this proposal and discuss any feedback that you might have.
- 1.4 Exception Orders will be subject to a formal statutory consultation process later in 2023, as per any Traffic Order.
- 1.5 Please note, this does not change the recent decision to revert part of the B4245 and part of Caldicot Road in Caldicot to 30mph, with a part time 20mph section by Durand Primary School at school start and end times. That decision stands and is due to be implemented on the ground by the end of March 2023.

#### **A48 CAERWENT 30 MPH EXCEPTION**

- 1.6 Reasoning for Exception
  - Strategic A class route with an existing 30 mph speed limit.
  - Limited residential properties **fronting** the A48, criteria needed is to be above 20 properties per km.
  - Distance between junctions of 20 mph side roads greater than the 100m criteria.
  - No educational establishment entrances within a 100m walk, so can maintain at 30 mph.



Key

Red line = 30mph exception (currently 30 to remain at 30)

Blue line = Existing 20mph speed limit

## Severnside Area Committee Minutes

Meeting of Severnside Area Committee held at Caldicot Town Council Offices on Wednesday, 15th February, 2023 at 5.00 pm

### **1. Welcome and Introductions**

In attendance:

County Councillors: Jill Bond, John Crook, Tony Easson, Angela Sandles, Maria Stevens, Jackie Strong and Peter Strong

Also in attendance:

Town Councillor Frank Rowberry, Cadicot Town Council; Jers Dyderski, Rogiet Community Council

**Apologies:** Councillors Rachel Garrick and Frances Taylor

### **2. Elect a Chair**

County Councillor Peter Strong was elected as Chair.

### **3. Appoint a Vice Chair**

Councillor Frank Rowberry was appointed as Vice Chair

### **4. To confirm the Terms of Reference**

Terms of Reference were agreed.

It was agreed that Caerwent Councillors and representatives would be invited to future meetings, without voting rights initially.

It was noted that the outcomes of the meetings would be recorded under an action log.

**5. To establish a Forward Work Programme**

<b>SEVERNSIDE AREA COMMITTEE – FORWARD WORK PLAN</b>	
<b>DATE OF MEETING</b>	<b>ITEM</b>
TBC (next meeting)	LEVELLING UP
TBC (next meeting)	INFRASTRUCTURE public/private/active travel
TBC	HEALTHCARE
TBC	COMMUNITY SAFETY (police)
TBC	LOCAL SERVICES
TBC	PROJECTS – CURRENT & UPCOMING
TBC	RLDP

**6. To agree the date / venue of next meeting**

To be confirmed

The meeting ended at **6.00 pm**



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# Agenda Item 8

## SEVERNSIDE AREA COMMITTEE – FORWARD WORK PLAN

DATE OF MEETING	ITEM
16 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Levelling Up Funding (Cllr Paul Griffiths)
	B4245 active travel route between Undy and Rogiet (Mark Hand)
	To discuss the proposed 30mph exceptions to the default urban 20mph speed limit change coming into force in September 2023 (Mark Hand)
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