

Wednesday, 18 June 2025**Notice of meeting****County Council****Thursday, 26th June, 2025 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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6.1.	Submitted by County Councillor Meirion Howells	
	This Council notes the growing problem of roadside litter across Monmouthshire, much of which is the result of litter being discarded from	

moving vehicles.

Therefore this Council resolves that the Cabinet Member for Climate Change :

- Formally write to the Welsh Government, specifically the Minister for Climate Change, requesting that legislation be introduced to enable the prosecution or fining of the registered keeper when litter is thrown from a vehicle.
- Request that the Welsh Government provide appropriate guidance and resources to local authorities to support effective enforcement of such measures.

6.2. Submitted by County Councillor Frances Taylor

Following the Comprehensive Spending Review announcement which does not appear to include the relief lines upgrade, that this Council utilise its position as a key stakeholder in the Burn's Southeast Wales sustainable travel prospectus to ensure that all partners are clear that Magor station is not only unique, but also cost effective, offers mitigation to the climate emergency and can be delivered now, as it is not dependent on the relief lines upgrade.

That this council urgently writes formally and steps up its lobbying of all relevant decision makers, Department for Transport, Welsh Government, Transport for Wales, and Network Rail to ensure that Magor Station is recognised as a quick win and is delivered immediately and without delay with the CSR funding.

7. Member Questions

7.1. From County Councillor Meirion Howells to County Councillor Ian Chandler, Cabinet Member for Social Care, Safeguarding and Accessible Health Services

Can the Cabinet Member give an update on progress made to implement the recommendations from the review into My Day My Life, and the associated accessibility improvements that were to be made to the Melville Centre for the Arts in Abergavenny and the Overmonnow Learning Centre in Monmouth?

7.2. From County Councillor Paul Pavia to County Councillor Catrin Maby, Cabinet Member for Climate Change and the Environment

Could the administration please provide an update on the implementation of the HGV weight restrictions on the M48 Severn Bridge?

7.3. From County Councillor Paul Pavia to County Councillor Catrin Maby, Cabinet Member for Climate Change and the Environment

Could the administration please provide an update on the discussions held with national governments and Network Rail regarding investments in improvements to Chepstow Railway Station?

7.4. From County Councillor Alistair Neill to County Councillor Catrin Maby, Cabinet Member for Climate Change and the Environment

Would the Cabinet Member please provide an update on plans for the permanent engineering works required to restore the chain bridge at Kemeys Commander to full working order including removal of the temporary 7.5T

weight restriction.

7.5. From County Councillor Rachel Buckler to County Councillor Laura Wright, Cabinet Member for Education

Would the cabinet member make a statement on the breadth of choice in subjects for key stage 5 pupils at Chepstow School?

7.6. From County Councillor Fay Bromfield to County Councillor Catrin Maby, Cabinet Member for Climate Change and the Environment

Can the cabinet member please provide me with an update on the issue of speeding Llangybi?

7.7. From County Councillor Jill Bond to County Councillor Catrin Maby, Cabinet Member for Climate Change and the Environment

Mobility scooters are of great benefit to people with disabilities and mobility restrictions in Monmouthshire. Please can you set out how the Council is helping mobility scooter users to stay safe within our communities?’

7.8. From County Councillor Christopher Edwards to County Councillor Laura Wright, Cabinet Member for Education

Can the Cabinet Member for Education inform council of any proposed future investment the current administration intends to make in both Chepstow School and The Dell Primary School (in their current form), which has remained an unanswered question since full council met in January 2025.

7.9. From County Councillor Christopher Edwards to County Councillor Paul Griffiths, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Development

Can the Cabinet Member provide an update on the Welsh Transport Appraisal Guidance (WelTAG) Study that was commissioned to look at the potential design for improvements at High Beech roundabout in Chepstow.

7.10. From County Councillor Martin Newell to County Councillor Ian Chandler, Cabinet Member for Social Care, Safeguarding and Accessible Health Services

What discussions have you had about plans for a new ambulance station in Monmouth?

7.11. From County Councillor Richard John to County Councillor Catrin Maby, Cabinet Member for Climate Change and the Environment

By the end of 2025, how much will the council have spent on fencing above Clydach?

7.12. From County Councillor Martin Newell to County Councillor Catrin Maby, Cabinet Member for Climate Change and the Environment

How can we best help our residents that have overgrown trees from adjoining MHA properties overhanging and damaging their privately owned properties whilst staying within the rules set in MCCs tree policy?

7.13.	<p>From County Councillor Louise Brown to County Councillor Laura Wright, Cabinet Member for Education</p> <p>Will the Home to School Transport Policy Consultation for 2026/7 be delayed, as not covered on the People Scrutiny Committee agenda of the 17th of June 2025?</p>	
7.14.	<p>From County Councillor Louise Brown to County Councillor Laura Wright, Cabinet Member for Education</p> <p>Will the administration comment on how effectively it feels it has supported the leadership and functioning of the Standing Advisory Council for RE/RVE(SACRE/SAC)?</p>	
7.15.	<p>From County Councillor Tony Kear to County Councillor Catrin Maby, Cabinet Member for Climate Change and the Environment</p> <p>Usk bridge has had a grade 2 listing since 1954 having commenced construction in 1746 and now repeatedly hit by HGVs. Can the Cabinet Member please advise over the past 10 years how many times has the bridge been damaged, the cost of repairs, how many reparation claims were made by MCC against haulage firms and how much has been reclaimed?</p>	
7.16.	<p>From County Councillor Tony Kear to County Councillor Catrin Maby, Cabinet Member for Climate Change and the Environment</p> <p>In light of the recent announcement that Monmouthshire County Council will receive a share of £5million of Welsh Government funding to refurbish, improve and create play spaces across the county, what consideration has the Cabinet Member given to improving the play facilities at Usk Island which have been damaged by heavy flooding from the adjacent river Usk?</p>	
8.	<p>Next Meeting - Thursday 17th July 2025</p>	

Paul Matthews

Chief Executive / Prif Weithredwr

MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL CYNGOR SIR FYNWY

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE COMMITTEE IS AS FOLLOWS:

County Councillor Rachel Buckler	Devauden;	Welsh Conservative Party
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
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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
County Councillor Paul Griffiths	Chepstow Castle & Larkfield;	Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru
County Councillor Jackie Strong	Caldicot Cross;	Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru
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County Councillor Christopher Edwards	St. Kingsmark;	Welsh Conservative Party
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County Councillor Simon Howarth	Llanelly Hill;	Independent Group
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County Councillor David Jones	Crucorney;	Independent Group
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County Councillor Phil Murphy	Caerwent;	Welsh Conservative Party
County Councillor Martin Newell	Town;	Welsh Conservative Party
County Councillor Paul Pavia	Mount Pleasant;	Welsh Conservative Party
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County Councillor Frances Taylor	Magor West;	Independent Group

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Public Speaking at Full Council

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No more than one question is permitted per questioner at a meeting of full council and questions will be asked in the order that they are submitted.

In order to submit a question at a full council meeting, notice must be given in writing or by email to the head of democratic services no later than midnight three working days before the day of the meeting with each question providing the name and address of the questioner.

Questions may be rejected if the question;

- Is not about a matter for which the council has responsibility or which affects the county
- Is defamatory, frivolous or offensive
- Is substantially the same question which has been put at a meeting of full council in the past 6 months
- Requires the disclosure of confidential or exempt information

Where a person is not able to ask the question to full council in person, the chair may decide to read the question out on their behalf, instruct a written response be provided or choose to not deal with the question in their absence. Those who do ask a question in person will be entitled to one supplementary question which must arise out of the original question or the reply. The chair may reject a supplementary question on these grounds.

Any questions that cannot be dealt with at the meeting due to exceeding the time limit for public questions will be dealt with by a written response.

Aims and Values of Monmouthshire County Council

Our purpose

- to become a zero-carbon county, supporting well-being, health and dignity for everyone at every stage of life.

Objectives we are working towards

- Fair place to live where the effects of inequality and poverty have been reduced;
- Green place to live and work with reduced carbon emissions and making a positive contribution to addressing the climate and nature emergency;
- Thriving and ambitious place, where there are vibrant town centres and where businesses can grow and develop
- Safe place to live where people have a home where they feel secure in;
- Connected place where people feel part of a community and are valued;
- Learning place where everybody has the opportunity to reach their potential

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.

