

Wednesday, 17 June 2026

## Notice of meeting

# County Council

**Thursday, 25th June, 2026 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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4.1.	<b>Submitted by Owen Lewis to County Councillor Ian Chandler, Cabinet Member for Social Care, Safeguarding and Accessible Health Services</b>  Can you confirm that all concerns related to operations at Tudor Street have fully been considered and that the council remains committed to safeguarding and meeting the needs of users for the long term.	
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**12. Motions to Council**

**12.1. Submitted by County Councillor Catrin Maby**

This Council requests that Cabinet adopts the Charter for the Rights of Rivers

**Rights of our Rivers**

**The Right to Flow and Perform Natural Functions** To maintain its natural course and seasonal rhythms without obstructions or extractions that detrimentally affect ecological function of any part of the river system.

**The Right to Biodiversity** To good biological health through the existence of balanced, diverse, and viable populations of native species and habitats specific to the Wye and its tributaries.

**The Right to Be Free From Pollution** To exist in a state of ecological health and not be subject to detrimental levels of known and emerging pollutants that adversely affect the life of the river.

**The Right to Be Supported by a Healthy Catchment** To flow through environments which support the river as a balanced, sustainable, and resilient aquatic ecosystem.

**The Right to Regenerate** To recover to full ecological function through natural processes and for this to be supported by intervention, where necessary, to halt the decline in biodiversity and abundance and to increase both over time.

**The Right to Representation** To be represented and have these intrinsic rights recognised in the determination of matters that directly affect the river's health now and in the future.

**12.2. Submitted by County Councillor Frances Taylor**

That this Council note the initial works undertaken by officers to deliver additional outdoor formal sports pitch provision on the land at Knollbury to serve the communities of Magor with Undy. This Council requests that those works are completed urgently so that the proposed planning application can be made for a change of use for recreational purpose in an urgent manner.

Council notes that circa residual £188,000 capital balance held by the council from the S106 agreement relating to the development of land at Vinegar Hill, Undy (Planning Ref: DM/2019/01937) are already largely committed to this development.

**12.3. Submitted by County Councillor Frances Taylor**

That this council take all such steps as to ensure urgent compliance with the unilateral undertaking related to the master planned development of 13.8 hectares of land at Rockfield Farm DC 2016/0083 in relation to clause 2.1

“To construct the estate road to be completed up to the site boundary with the adjoining Vinegar Hill prior to the occupation of any unit in phase C1 or C2.”

This Council notes the impact on the wider local road network as a result of the failure to comply with this condition and commits to learning from the matter.

**12.4. Submitted by County Councillor Simon Howarth**

Council notes the considerable impact that the current restrictions on Gilwern Viaduct are having on residents, businesses, public transport, school transport and the wider local economy.

Council also notes the importance of the viaduct as a key transport link for Gilwern, Govilon, Llanelly Hill and the surrounding communities, also recognises the growing concern within the community regarding the lack of certainty around a permanent solution.

Council believes that restoring the viaduct to a condition that safely accommodates all appropriate traffic including HGVS should be made a priority  
For the authority.

Council therefor calls upon the Cabinet member for Climate change and the environment to bring forward a report to full council setting out the following:

- A proposed long-term solution for the restoration off Gilwern Viaduct.
- The estimated cost of delivering that solution.
- The funding options available to the council including capital investment, borrowing also external funding opportunities.
- An individual timetable for delivery and any wider economic and community benefits arising from the proposed works.

Council further requests that upon receipt of this report, full council be given the opportunity to consider the options and associated funding arrangements prior to a Cabinet decision

## 12.5.

### **Submitted by County Councillor Tomos Davies**

#### A4042 Motion

This Council:

- Notes that the A4042 is a strategically important transport corridor linking Abergavenny and northern Monmouthshire with Cwmbran, Newport and key employment, education and healthcare facilities, including The Grange University Hospital.
- Further notes that collisions, road closures and traffic diversions on the A4042 have significant impacts not only on communities along the route, but also on residents across Abergavenny and northern Monmouthshire who rely on the road to access healthcare, including urgent and emergency services at The Grange.
- Recognises the need to improve road safety and pedestrian access along the A4042 for residents and all road users.
- Welcomes the recent opening of the new pedestrian crossing in Goytre and the benefits it will bring to the local community.
- Recognises the strength of local feeling in Llanellen, demonstrated by the recent village meeting attended by more than 100 residents calling for action on road safety, and ongoing concerns about vehicle speeds, collisions and damage to property along the A4042.
- Notes that residents of Llanover successfully led a cross-party Senedd petition calling for a pedestrian crossing, but are still awaiting progress.
- Calls on Monmouthshire County Council, the Welsh Government, relevant highway authorities and local stakeholders and partners to develop and deliver credible long-term solutions, including appropriate road safety, pedestrian access and traffic calming measures in Llanellen, Llanover and along the wider A4042 corridor.

**12.6. Submitted by County Councillor Jayne McKenna**

This Council: Notes that the UK's copper lines are due to be switched off by 31st January 2027. Recognises that many properties in rural Monmouthshire do not have access to Fibre to the Property (FTTP) or a mobile phone signal and are at risk of digital isolation. Calls on Openreach to delay the switch off until such time as all residents can access modern provision.

**13. Member Questions**

**13.1. From County Councillor Tomos Davies to County Councillor Catrin Maby, Cabinet Member for Climate Change and the Environment**

To ask the Cabinet Member, further to my question of 4<sup>th</sup> of December, to provide an update on a proposed review of speeding through the village of Llanellen.

**13.2. From County Councillor Tomos Davies to County Councillor Mary Ann Brocklesby, Leader of the Council**

To ask the Leader, further to my motion of 4<sup>th</sup> December seeking a fairer funding settlement for Monmouthshire, what representations has she made to the newly elected Welsh Government.

**13.3. From County Councillor Tomos Davies to County Councillor Angela Sandles, Cabinet Member for Equalities and Engagement**

To ask the Cabinet Member to confirm how the authority intends to support and promote next year's Gwent Urdd Eisteddfod.

**13.4. From County Councillor Louise Brown to County Councillor Mary Ann Brocklesby, Leader of the Council**

How is the administration communicating with stakeholders, elected members and residents about the Cardiff Capital Region Strategic Development Plan?

**13.5. From County Councillor Peter Strong to County Councillor Paul Griffiths, Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Development Deputy Leader**

Has the new Welsh Government confirmed the commitment of the previous Welsh Government to developing a road link between the M48 and Severn Tunnel Junction railway station?

**13.6. From County Councillor Simon Howarth to County Councillor Catrin Maby, Cabinet Member for Climate Change and the Environment**

Could the cabinet member please provide update on the site meeting from Church Road and upper Church Road Gilwern.

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

Can the Cabinet Member outline what actions have been taken to protect pupils and staff of Chepstow schools; leisure centre staff and users; and local

	<p>residents from a safeguarding perspective after the activities of the illegal traveller encampment at Chepstow Leisure Centre in March of this year, and what measures will be put in place to ensure that this will not happen again.</p>	
<b>13.8.</b>	<p><b>From County Councillor Lisa Dymock to County Councillor Paul Griffiths, Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Development Deputy Leader</b></p> <p>When was the Cabinet Member first aware that the PEDW hearings would need to be postponed because of a failure to comply with Regulation 23 and what steps is the Council now taking to ensure full compliance with the process?</p>	
<b>13.9.</b>	<p><b>From County Councillor Penny Jones to County Councillor Ben Callard, Cabinet Member for Resources</b></p> <p>Please could the Cabinet Member give an update on the long-awaited Asset Transfer for the MUGA in Raglan to Raglan Community Council?</p>	
<b>13.10.</b>	<p><b>From County Councillor Richard John to County Councillor Mary Ann Brocklesby, Leader of the Council</b></p> <p>What discussions has the Leader had with Cabinet Ministers in the new Welsh Government?</p>	
<b>14.</b>	<p><b>Date of next meeting - 16th July 2026</b></p>	

**Paul Matthews**

**Chief Executive / Prif Weithredwr**

MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL  
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- Is defamatory, frivolous or offensive
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- Requires the disclosure of confidential or exempt information

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# 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.

