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Wednesday, 1 November 2017

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

**County Council**

**Thursday, 9th November, 2017 at 2.00 pm,  
Council Chamber - Council Chamber**

**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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8.	Notices of Motion	

**8.1. Motion from County Councillor M. Groucutt**

Monmouthshire County Council congratulates and supports the current efforts of local people in the Abergavenny area who are campaigning for full access to the platforms of Abergavenny railway station. It believes that it is a disgrace that in 2017 people with a physical disability, the elderly, parents with young children in pushchairs, or passengers with heavy luggage do not yet have this.

This Council calls upon Network Rail and Arriva Trains Wales to expedite such full access as a matter of urgency. It calls on those responsible to ensure that sufficient funding is set aside to create facilities that will enable all passengers to freely access all parts of the station during opening hours as a matter of the highest priority.

**8.2. Motion from County Councillor A. Easson**

The Aneurin Bevan University Health Board has started consultations regarding the future of Adult Services across Gwent. The suggestion is to centralise dementia care to hospitals in Blaenau Gwent, Caerphilly, Newport and a unit in Torfaen; after the Grange Hospital is commissioned in 2021. This would suggest the closure of St Pierre Ward at Chepstow Hospital, which is currently employed for dementia care. Support for dementia care in the north of Monmouthshire would be at Ysbyty Tri Cwm Hospital in Ebbw Vale and from the south at St Woolos in Newport.

"I move that this Council works in conjunction with ABUHB and the ABCHC to find positive and futuristic ways of removing this threat to Chepstow Hospital, which has 10 years of the PFI initiative to complete the contract, and that the use of this facility should be enhanced not reduced."

**8.3. Motion from County Councillor P. Pavia**

Monmouthshire County Council understands the demographic challenges the county faces over the coming decades. It recognises that the increase in older people will inevitably place more demands on our health and social care system, as an ageing population is more likely to have at least one and often multiple chronic conditions like dementia. Therefore, it is concerned by Aneurin Bevan University Health Board's proposals to redesign older adult mental health services, which could potentially mean the closure of the St. Pierre dementia ward in Chepstow Hospital and the transfer of patients to Ysbyty Tri Chwm in Ebbw Vale and to St. Woolas in Newport.

It calls upon Aneurin Bevan University Health Board to:

1. Enter into 'robust' and 'meaningful' engagement with patients, stakeholders and local communities in Monmouthshire, regarding its redesign proposals and listen to appropriate concerns that any transfer of care outside of the county will naturally generate;
2. Regularly meet with the Cabinet Member responsible for Social Care, Safeguarding and Health and senior officers, to explore new, co-produced and sustainable models of care for older adults with mental ill health, as part of the Council's overarching strategic plan to deliver quality integrated social care right across the county.

**8.4. Motion from County Councillor D. Batrouni**

That this Council is concerned that the real terms cuts placed upon schools in Monmouthshire for the past four years is unsustainable; that these cuts could result in staff reductions and hinder the performance of those schools; and therefore makes a commitment to halt these ongoing cuts and to instead increase the overall education budget for 2018/19 by at least £1m to help ease ongoing financial pressures. The Labour group will work with all elected members to bring this proposal to fruition.”

**8.5. Motion from County Councillor D. Batrouni**

That this Council disapproves of the process whereby a decision on the future of two Monmouthshire secondary schools was submitted to Welsh Government without any consultation with full council, Cabinet or the CYP select committee; believes it sets a worrying precedence where local members, particularly Chepstow members in this instance, are not informed of big decisions affecting their residents; worries about the consequences for Chepstow School; and believes not all options have been explored as a result

**9. Reports of the Chief Officer, Enterprise**

**9.1. Remote attendance at Council meetings**

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**10. Report of the Head of Operations**

**10.1. Recycling Review - Final Business Case, approval of capital expenditure on vehicles and boxes**

To Follow

**11. Members Questions**

**11.1. From County Councillor P. Pavia to County Councillor R. John**

Will the Cabinet Member for Education provide an update regarding the activities of the External Reference Group, which was established by the Council following ESYTn’s Inspection of the authority in 2015?

**11.2. From County Councillor A. Easson to County Councillor P. Murphy**

With respect to the 2017/2018 budgeted Area Committee grants of £5000. It is half way through the financial year ,yet the allocations have not been released for distribution. Local groups benefit from these small grants. Would you release them as soon as possible?

**11.3. From County Councillor A. Easson to County Councillor R. Greenland**

Since 2008;

- 1) How many houses have been built year on year in Monmouthshire?
- 2) How many year on year were affordable homes?
- 3) What were the waiting lists year on year over the same period?

**11.4. From County Councillor D. Batrouni to County Councillor R. John**

<b>11.5.</b>	<p>Can the Cabinet Member report if there any discrepancies between the notional and actual spend on delegated SEN expenditure in (i) 2016/17 (ii) 2015/16 and (iii) 2014/15?</p> <p><b>From County Councillor D. Batrouni to County Councillor S. Jones</b></p> <p>What assessment, if any, has the Council made of the prevalence of 'period poverty' in the county?</p>	
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**Paul Matthews**

**Chief Executive / Prif Weithredwr**

MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL  
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THE CONSTITUTION OF THE COMMITTEE IS AS FOLLOWS:

County Councillors:

D. Batrouni  
D. Blakebrough  
M. Powell  
V. Smith  
P. Clarke  
D. Dovey  
A. Easson  
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# Aims and Values of Monmouthshire County Council

## Sustainable and Resilient Communities

### Outcomes we are working towards

#### **Nobody Is Left Behind**

- Older people are able to live their good life
- People have access to appropriate and affordable housing
- People have good access and mobility

#### **People Are Confident, Capable and Involved**

- People's lives are not affected by alcohol and drug misuse
- Families are supported
- People feel safe

#### **Our County Thrives**

- Business and enterprise
- People have access to practical and flexible learning
- People protect and enhance the environment

### Our priorities

- Schools
- Protection of vulnerable people
- Supporting Business and Job Creation
- Maintaining locally accessible services

### Our Values

- **Openness:** we aspire to be open and honest to develop trusting relationships.
- **Fairness:** we aspire to provide fair choice, opportunities and experiences and become an organisation built on mutual respect.
- **Flexibility:** we aspire to be flexible in our thinking and action to become an effective and efficient organisation.
- **Teamwork:** we aspire to work together to share our successes and failures by building on our strengths and supporting one another to achieve our goals.

