

Wednesday, 17 October 2018

Notice of meeting

County Council

**Thursday, 25th October, 2018 at 2.00 pm,
Council Chamber, County Hall, The Rhadyr, Usk, NP15 1GA**

AGENDA

Prayers will be said prior to the Council meeting at 1.55pm. All members are welcome to join the Chairman for prayers should they wish to do.

Item No	Item	Pages
1.	Apologies for absence	
2.	Public open forum	
3.	Declarations of interest	
4.	Chairman's announcement and receipt of petitions	1 - 2
5.	Presentation to Council - The development of My Mates and its success to date.	
6.	Notices of motion:	
6.1.	From County Councillor D. Batrouni That Monmouthshire County Councillors believe all staff, either directly or indirectly, employed by the Council should be offered a permanent contract if they work a regular minimum amount of hours over the course of a couple of months.	
6.2.	From County Councillor P. Murphy This Council: Notes that the Welsh Government received an increase of 5.6%, £1.2billion in its budget from the UK Government for 2019/20. Regrets the decision of the Welsh Government to cut local government	

spending by an average 3.2% in real terms.

Further regrets that Monmouthshire has yet again received the deepest cut of any local authority in Wales, losing £962,000 and expresses concern about the impact Welsh Government cuts could have on education, social care and other essential services for the people of Monmouthshire.

Calls on the Welsh Government to urgently reconsider its priorities to avoid harmful cuts to local services.

6.3. From County Councillor A. Davies

That this council takes urgent action to provide the necessary resources to carry out a detailed review of our current procurement systems with a view to identifying and implementing potential cost savings.

6.4. From County Councillor M. Feakins

The effects of the Welsh Government revaluation of business rates are now being felt throughout our County. Traders in our towns, in common with others throughout the UK are facing unprecedented pressure from changes in shopping habits, in particular competition from internet trading companies. The Welsh Government revaluation has put added pressure on our town centre traders in Monmouthshire. It cannot be right that the rateable values of retailers in Cardiff have shown almost 10% average decreases whilst those in Monmouthshire have increased by more than 11%; more than twice the level of any authority in Wales.

This Council calls on the Welsh Government, with its new taxation powers, to abolish the outdated business rates system and replace it with a system that is fair to all and gives our town centres a hope into the future.

7. Members Questions:

7.1. From County Councillor D. Batrouni to County Councillor R. Greenland

How many Christmas banquets have been booked at Caldicot castle this year?

7.2. From County Councillor D. Batrouni to County Councillor R. John

How many schools in Monmouthshire have received the learning with Autism training programme?

7.3. From County Councillor J. Pratt to County Councillor P. Murphy

Why is the funding for the next year from Welsh Government a reduction of 1% when the Secretary of State, Rt Hon Alun Cairns MP has agreed a new funding package for Wales that gives £120 for every £100 spent in England? Does Councillor Murphy agree that for the Labour Administration to keep blaming Westminster is not a true reflection of the situation and what representation are we making to the Welsh Government in Cardiff Bay to demand a better settlement for Monmouthshire residents?

7.4. From County Councillor Reverend M. Lane to County Councillor R. John

	What steps is the authority taking to prepare for the introduction of 30 hours free childcare from January 2019?	
7.5.	From County Councillor A. Easson to County Councillor B. Jones	
	With respect to scrutiny of the Heads of the Valley's anaerobic food waste digestion process, a collaboration between this authority, Blaenau Gwent and Torfaen Borough Council, is Cllr Jones, the Cabinet Member responsible, confident that the operation is viable? Is he confident that scrutiny by our Strong Communities Select (of the procurement process carried out by the Lead Authority) was in possession of all facts relating to options for its operation?	
8.	To confirm the minutes of the meeting of County Council held on 20th September 2018	3 - 14
9.	To receive the minutes of Audit Committee meeting held on 5th July 2018	15 - 20
10.	To receive the minutes of Democratic Services Committee meeting held on 16th July 2018	21 - 24
11.	Reports of the Chief Officer for Social Care, Safeguarding and Health	
11.1.	Statement of Gambling Policy and Proposals for Casinos	25 - 90
12.	Reports of the Chief Officer for Resources	
12.1.	To consider whether to exclude the press and public from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business in accordance with Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 12 and 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Act (Proper Officer's view attached).	91 - 92
12.2.	J Block refurbishment and County Hall car park scheme - additional budget provision	93 - 108

Paul Matthews

Chief Executive

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

County Councillors:

P. Clarke
D. Batrouni
D. Blakebrough
M. Powell
V. Smith
D. Dovey
A. Easson
R. Edwards
D. Evans
P.A. Fox
R.J.W. Greenland
L. Guppy
R. Harris
J. Higginson
G. Howard
S. Howarth
D. Jones
P. Jones
S. Jones
S.B. Jones
P. Jordan
P. Murphy
B. Strong
F. Taylor
A. Watts
A. Webb
K. Williams
J.Becker
L.Brown
A.Davies
L.Dymock
M.Feakins
M.Groucutt
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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.

