

Wednesday, 9 December 2015

Notice of meeting / Hysbysiad o gyfarfod:

County Council

**Thursday, 17th December, 2015 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.

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1.	Apologies for absence	
2.	Public Open Forum	
3.	Chairman's report and receipt of petitions	1 - 2
4.	Declarations of Interest	
5.	To confirm and sign the minutes of the Council meeting held on 19th November 2015	3 - 14
6.	Notices of Motions:	
6.1.	<p>Submitted by County Councillor S. Jones:</p> <p>This council supports the GOYA Cooperative in its application for support from Disability Wales and the Wales Cooperative Centre to establish a Citizen-led Direct Payments Cooperative based in Monmouthshire.</p>	
6.2.	<p>Submitted by County Councillor D. Blakebrough:</p> <p>This Council recognises the importance of preserving Welsh culture, traditions and the language. However, at a time when Monmouthshire County Council, in common with other local authorities across Wales, is faced with having to cut spending on important services, the Council believes that adherence to the Compliance Notice issued by the Welsh Language Commissioner is ill-timed and not a priority of the overwhelming majority of residents of the County. The Council therefore calls upon the Commissioner to withdraw the dates for</p>	

compliance shown in the Compliance Notice, and to accept that the requirements of the Notice should be treated as aspirations to be fulfilled only as and when funding permits.

- 7. Referrals from Cabinet (October 2015):**
- 7.1. Caerwent Section 106 Funding** 15 - 26
- 7.2. Abergavenny Town Team** 27 - 30
- 8. Report of the Head of Finance/S151:**
- 8.1. Proposal to revise the Policy on Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) for 2016/17** 31 - 52
- 9. Report of the Head of Operations:**
- 10.1. Adjustments to the Capital budget during 2015/16** 53 - 56
- 11. Report of the Chief Officer, Enterprise:**
- 11.1. Community Governance - Review Findings and Recommendations** 57 - 96
- 12. Members' Questions:**
- 12.1. From County Councillor A. Easson to County Councillor G. Burrows:**

Monmouthshire prides itself on being conscientious corporate parents. However I believe that we may be failing some of our most vulnerable children; by allowing them to live in what may be considered to be below acceptable housing living conditions. These are, in the main young women, with newly born, and not so young infants, that are settled in 60 year old high density flats/apartments which do not really appear to be appropriate for their circumstances.

Attempts to create environments fit for purpose by renovations of the properties have only succeeded in creating airtight boxes. The renovations carried out, and C/Heating installed is of a high standard, but by its nature is so efficient that condensation has now become a major problem for some tenants? Cost is a major factor for these parents by balancing and rationing their budgets to keep their heating running. Equally parents are fearful of having too many windows open for reasons of security. There is lack of natural ventilation, consequently walls soon drip with moisture, clothes in turn get fusty, the children get chest problems, and a vicious circle continues.

I would appreciate your response at resolving these issues which may really only be of concern for Members who have similarly "ancient " social housing in their Wards. It would be interesting to assess how many of these properties are part of the housing stock across Monmouthshire, and are these problems only associated with them, or is there a wider malaise affecting young parents which is a general social issue? I do have the facility of Flying Start working with many of these parents, but they too are frustrated with the level of support needed to sustain a pleasant way of life.

In posing these questions I am anxious for a positive direction from you as the Cabinet Member responsible for Social Care Safeguarding and Health!

Paul Matthews

Chief Executive / Prif Weithredwr

MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
CYNGOR SIR FYNWY

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE COMMITTEE IS AS FOLLOWS:

County Councillors:

D. Batrouni
J. Prosser
D. Blakebrough
M. Powell
V. Smith
G. Burrows
R. Chapman
P. Clarke
J. Crook
D. Dovey
G. Down
A. Easson
D. Edwards
R. Edwards
D. Evans
P. Farley
P.A. Fox
J. George
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P.A.D. Hobson
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S. Jones
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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.

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.