

County Hall Rhadyr Usk NP15 1GA

Wednesday, 8 July 2020

Notice of meeting

# **County Council**

# Thursday, 16th July, 2020 at 2.00 pm

## **REMOTE MEETING**

# AGENDA

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8.	Notices of Motion:	
8.1.	Submitted by County Councillor M. Groucutt	

This council notes and welcomes the very well organised and wholly peaceful rallies recently organised by young people in Abergavenny, Monmouth and Chepstow. It reflects a positive engagement in seeking to improve our society. We congratulate the organisers for their efforts in enabling these events to take place. As a consequence, many hundreds of people were able to show that, whatever the era and whatever the place, Black Lives Matter

### 8.2. Submitted by County Councillor V. Smith

That Monmouthshire County Council should support the construction of a Severn Barrage to ensure security of energy and economic benefit through construction. A transport route across a barrage would benefit area connectivity

#### 8.3. Submitted by County Councillor D. Batrouni

That this Council supports free car parking in all our town centres, in particular Chepstow, Abergavenny and Monmouth, until December 2020. We believe this will give a much-needed boost to our local businesses through this Covid-19 pandemic by encouraging residents to shop locally

### 8.4. Submitted by County Councillor D. Batrouni

That this Council opposes the scheme proposed by Cabinet to offer loans to our schools to cover their deficit positions. The Council believes that instead of saddling our schools and future generations with more debt, the Cabinet should properly fund our schools by making a commitment to increase (at the very least) school budgets in line with inflation

### 9. Members' Questions

#### 9.1. From County Councillor P. Pavia to County Councillor J. Pratt, Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Neighbourhood Services

Will the Cabinet Member make a statement on the closure of the Old Wye Bridge in Chepstow?

#### 9.2. From County Councillor P. Pavia to County Councillor R. John, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People and MonLife

Will the Cabinet Member make a statement about plans to educate Monmouthshire's children from the start of the new academic year 2020-21?

#### 9.3. From County Councillor P. Pavia to County Councillor R. Greenland, Cabinet Member for Enterprise

Will the Cabinet Member make a statement regarding the review of COVID public-safety proposals implemented by the Council in our towns and village centres the week commencing 22 June 2020?

10.	To confirm the minutes of the meeting of County Council held on 4th June 2020	43 - 50
11.	EXEMPT Report of the Chief Executive	
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# Paul Matthews

**Chief Executive / Prif Weithredwr** 

### MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL CYNGOR SIR FYNWY

## THE CONSTITUTION OF THE COMMITTEE IS AS FOLLOWS:

**County Councillors:** 

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

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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.