

County Hall Rhadyr Usk NP15 1GA

Wednesday, 25 November 2020

# **Notice of meeting**

# **County Council**

# Thursday, 3rd December, 2020 at 2.00 pm, Remote Meeting

# **AGENDA**

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6.	Notices of Motion:	
6.1.	Submitted by County Councillor L. Dymock	
	We ask this Council to call upon the Welsh Government to adopt the Climate Emergency 10 point plan for Wales as launched by our Prime Minister Boris Johnson on November 18 <sup>th</sup> 2020.	
6.2.	Submitted by County Councillor D. Batrouni	

This Council supports the Welsh Government's firebreak policy, noting the last firebreak was estimated to save over 1000 lives. It is essential all parties and councillors support the firebreak policy because not only does it save lives but it also eases the huge pressure on all public services and staff, including council services and staff.

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

That the Conservative administration makes plans to implement a council tax increase on second homes left vacant for over 6 months in the county. It is becoming an increasing problem in Monmouthshire, which is hollowing out rural communities, hiking local house prices and reducing the housing supply for local people. In addition, it could generate up to £200,000 a year to help towards the council's finances.

#### 6.4. Submitted by County Councillor A. Watts

This Council congratulates Aneurin Bevan University Health Board for its ahead of schedule opening of the £350m state of the art Grange University Hospital in Llanfrechfa, Cwmbran.

This Council recognises and agrees with the Heath Boards strategic reconfiguration of its Minor Injuries Units back into our local Community Hospitals across Gwent.

With that in mind Monmouthshire County Council calls on ABUHB to reintroduce the Minor Injuries Unit to Chepstow Community Hospital.

# 6.5. Submitted by County Councillor F. Taylor

That this Council writes to the Minister for Health and Social Services Vaughan Gething MS to call for a routine asymptomatic testing programme for domiciliary care staff working in community settings in the same way as asymptomatic testing is available to care staff working in Care Homes.

The current position would seem to put some of our most vulnerable residents at risk, and also puts carers at unnecessary and high levels of risk. Domiciliary care staff continue to appear undervalued for the vital work they do and we note that the caring workforce is disproportionately female. Whilst we acknowledge that that robust infection control and management is important in preventing transmission of the virus, this council welcomes reconsideration of Welsh Government Policy in this matter.

# 7. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd October 2020

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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.