

County Hall Rhadyr Usk NP15 1GA

Wednesday, 6 January 2021

Notice of meeting

# **County Council**

## Thursday, 14th January, 2021 at 2.00 pm,

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6.	Notices of Motion:	
6.1.	Submitted by County Councillor Groucutt	
	This county council believes that in 2021 it can continue to develop its local response to the global climate emergency. In particular it will seek to:	
	<ul> <li>Establish and convene a forum with major landowners in the county to</li> </ul>	

	<ul> <li>develop a local response to meeting the food needs of Monmouthshire people in a sustainable way and developing agriculture so that a greater proportion of the food purchased in the county is produced locally;</li> <li>Work with supermarkets and other appropriate retailers to embark on a campaign of consumer education and raising awareness of the environmental damage done by transporting food products around the world by aircraft to sell in U.K. shops;</li> <li>Ensure that in order to get planning permission for new construction all plans must include the use of the maximum amount of energy saving devices, such as insulation and solar panels, and that public car parks linked to commercial developments must contain electric car charging points;</li> <li>Produce a revised Local Development Plan that makes good the proposals to support and develop local industry and commerce and diminish the need for outward commuting;</li> <li>Undertake a local skills audit and to work in conjunction with Coleg Gwent and other skills providers so that people can be trained up to meet the identified needs of the local economy;</li> <li>Promote the concept of localism in meeting the needs of the local community and economy, including the construction of social and affordable housing that meets the already identified needs of local people.</li> </ul>	
7.	Members Questions:	
7.1.	From County Councillor M. Groucutt to County Councillor R. John Cabinet Member fir Children and Young People and MonLife	
	Could the cabinet member for CYP inform council what steps are being taken to ensure the maximum engagement of young people in the democratic process and to encourage those newly enfranchised 16 and 17 year olds to use their vote in future Welsh elections?	
8.	To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd December 2020	61 - 66

### Paul Matthews

## **Chief Executive / Prif Weithredwr**

### MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL CYNGOR SIR FYNWY

### THE CONSTITUTION OF THE COMMITTEE IS AS FOLLOWS:

**County Councillors:** 

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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.