

Wednesday, 19 January 2022

Notice of meeting

County Council

**Thursday, 27th January, 2022 at 2.00 pm,
County Hall, Usk - Remote Attendance**

AGENDA

Prayers will be said prior to the Council meeting at 1.50pm. All members are welcome to join the Chairman for prayers should they wish to do.

Item No	Item	Pages
1.	Apologies for absence	
2.	Declarations of interest	
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5.	Reports to Council:	
5.1.	COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME 2022/23	3 - 8
5.2.	IMPLEMENTING THE SOUTH EAST WALES CORPORATE JOINT COMMITTEE	9 - 104
5.3.	RESPONDING TO INSUFFICIENCIES WITHIN THE PROVIDER MARKET FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH COMPLEX NEEDS	To Follow
6.	Motions to Council:	
6.1.	Submitted by County Councillor Martyn Groucutt This council acknowledges that many families in Monmouthshire will soon find themselves facing increasing financial hardship. Consequentially this will also lead to increases in wider social,	

emotional, and medical difficulties that will have the potential to blight the lives of residents and their families. The dramatic increases in the cost of fuel for cooking, and for heating and lighting our homes, the significant rise in the rate of inflation, and increases in some taxation from the start of April will put huge financial pressure on domestic budgets that has the potential to create a social crisis across our county.

Council welcomes the current Money Matters campaign, but also believes that we need to use emerging data coming from this and from other relevant evidence gathered from agencies such as Citizens' Advice, Mind Monmouthshire, and the Abergavenny Community Enterprise Centre in order to make the best possible response. It might also be possible to gather useful information from organisations such as the Bevan Foundation on the wider impacts of the developing cost of living crisis.

Council commits itself to respond to this potential crisis, and to working with other relevant groups and agencies. This will allow officers to best identify the main causes of immediate financial hardship, identifying communities that are being most severely affected and the groups who are being most damaged, as well as other, wider consequences of increasing financial hardships across the county.

Officers will report to council over the course of this year on ways in which they have developed their response to the crisis and how they have measured its effectiveness. This will include informing council on the ways in which support has been targeted to meet identified need, and the ways in which professionals from the range of agencies have collaborated to bring about the most effective response possible.

6.2. Submitted by County Councillor Tudor Thomas

It is imperative that all select committee chairs are provided with relevant and up-to-date information on all areas of a committee's portfolio particularly CYP on looked after children.

6.3. Submitted by County Councillor Armand Watts

This Council agrees that it is immoral and unfair for employees to be fired and rehired.

This motion requests that Monmouthshire County Council takes steps to end fire and rehire in the workplace. It looks to prevent the practice within the local authority and avoid entering into contracts with businesses known to use the tactic, where legally possible.

7. Members Questions:

7.1. From County Councillor Anthony Easson to County Councillor Jane Pratt, Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Neighbourhood Services

After many months of waiting a clear response, would Cllr Pratt update me on

	<p>progress for the following matters. Firstly, in relation to requests by Caldicot Town Council to install two redundant bus shelters along Woodstock Way, Caldicot. Both funded by the Town Council.</p>	
7.2.	<p>From County Councillor Anthony Easson to County Councillor Jane Pratt, Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Neighbourhood Services</p> <p>Would Cllr Pratt update me on progress made so far to bring the pedestrian crossings at both Sandy Lane, and Church Road back into proper working order. Both were installed as part of the “Safe Routes to school” when Castle Park School was opened. Both crossings should be fully maintained for the reasons that they were installed.</p>	
7.3.	<p>From County Councillor Tudor Thomas to County Councillor Jane Pratt, Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Neighbourhood Services</p> <p>Allwch aelod y cabinet egluro pam mae'r newid polisi wedi i wneud o ran cadw arwyddion enw stryd yn Saesneg yn unig ac nid dros gyfnod o amser yn darparu arwyddion stryd dwyieithog ar draws yr awdurdod.</p> <p>Mae Sir Fynwy yn awdurdod yng Nghymru ac bydd y newid polisi hwn yn cael effaith negyddol ar iaith Gymraeg yn yr awdurdod.</p> <p>Translation:</p> <p>Can the Cabinet Member clarify why the policy change has been made regarding keeping street name signs in English only and not over a period of time providing bilingual street signs across the authority.</p> <p>Monmouthshire is an authority in Wales and this change of policy will have a negative effect on the Welsh Language in the authority.</p>	
8.	Minutes of the previous meeting	105 - 114
9.	Next Meeting: 3rd March 2022	

Paul Matthews

Chief Executive

MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
CYNGOR SIR FYNWY

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE COMMITTEE IS AS FOLLOWS:

County Councillor Dimitri Batrouni	St. Christophers;	Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru
County Councillor Jeremy Becker	St. Mary's;	Liberal Democrats
County Councillor Debby Blakebrough	Trellech United;	Independent Group
County Councillor Louise Brown	Shirenewton;	Welsh Conservative Party
County Councillor Alan Davies	Green Lane;	Independent
County Councillor Lisa Dymock	The Elms;	Welsh Conservative Party
County Councillor Tony Easson	Dewstow;	Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru
County Councillor Christopher Edwards	St. Kingsmark;	Welsh Conservative Party
County Councillor Ruth Edwards	Llantilio Crossenny;	Welsh Conservative Party
County Councillor David Evans	West End;	Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru
County Councillor Mat Feakins	Drybridge;	Welsh Conservative Party
County Councillor Peter Fox	Portskewett;	Welsh Conservative Party
County Councillor Robert Greenland	Devauden;	Welsh Conservative Party
County Councillor Martyn Groucutt	Lansdown;	Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru
County Councillor Linda Guppy	Rogiet;	Liberal Democrats
County Councillor Roger Harris	Croesonen;	Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru
County Councillor Jim Higginson	Severn;	Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru
County Councillor Giles Howard	Llanfoist Fawr;	Welsh Conservative Party
County Councillor Simon Howarth	Llanelly Hill;	Independent Group
County Councillor Richard John	Mitchel Troy;	Welsh Conservative Party
County Councillor Dave Jones	Crucorney;	Independent Group
County Councillor Laura Jones	Wyesham;	Welsh Conservative Party
County Councillor Penny Jones	Raglan;	Welsh Conservative Party
County Councillor Sara Jones	Llanover;	Welsh Conservative Party
County Councillor Bryan Jones	Goytre Fawr;	Welsh Conservative Party
County Councillor Paul Jordan	Cantref;	Welsh Conservative Party
County Councillor Malcolm Lane	Mardy;	Welsh Conservative Party
County Councillor Phil Murphy	Caerwent;	Welsh Conservative Party
County Councillor Paul Pavia	Larkfield;	Welsh Conservative Party
County Councillor Maureen Powell	Castle;	Welsh Conservative Party
County Councillor Jane Pratt	Llanelly Hill;	Welsh Conservative Party
County Councillor Richard Roden	Dixton with Osbaston;	Welsh Conservative Party
County Councillor Val Smith	Llanbadoc;	Independent Group
County Councillor Brian Strong	Usk;	Welsh Conservative Party
County Councillor Frances Taylor	Mill;	Independent Group
County Councillor Tudor Thomas	Priory;	Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru
County Councillor Jamie Treharne	Overmonnow;	Welsh Conservative Party
County Councillor Jo Watkins	Caldicot Castle;	Liberal Democrats
County Councillor Armand Watts	Thornwell;	Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru
County Councillor Ann Webb	St Arvans;	Welsh Conservative Party
County Councillor Kevin Williams	Llanwenarth Ultra;	Independent
County Councillor Sheila Woodhouse	Grofield;	Welsh Conservative Party

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Welsh Language

Mae'r Cyngor yn croesawu cyfraniadau gan aelodau'r cyhoedd trwy gyfrwng y Gymraeg neu'r Saesneg.
Gofynnwn yn barchus i chi roi rhybudd digonol i ni er mwyn darparu ar gyfer eich anghenion
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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.

Kindness: We will show kindness to all those we work with putting the importance of relationships and the connections we have with one another at the heart of all interactions.

