

Wednesday, 11 January 2023

Notice of meeting

County Council

**Thursday, 19th January, 2023 at 2.00 pm,
Council Chamber, County Hall, The Rhadyr, Usk, NP15 1GA**

AGENDA

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

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7. **Members Questions:**

7.1. **From County Councillor Ian Chandler to County Councillor Paul Griffiths, Cabinet Member for a Sustainable Economy**

An MCC report to the Place Scrutiny Committee in November stated that Llantilio Crossenny ward is in the worst 10% of areas in the whole of the UK when it comes to many measures of broadband connectivity. Over 12% of its households are unable to get any decent broadband (compared with 0.3% for the UK, 0.8% for Wales and 2.5% for Monmouthshire). Less than half of households are able to get Superfast Broadband (over 30Mbs) compared with 76.3% for Wales overall. Only 15% are able to get the latest gigabit connectivity, even though the UK Government has a target for gigabit broadband to be available across the UK by 2030, with 85% coverage by 2025.

Lack of access to decent broadband has a serious detrimental effect on farms, tourist accommodation and other rural businesses, as well as limiting opportunities for rural residents to work from home. Our rural economy and community life are suffering as a result.

As Broadband Connectivity is part of his cabinet portfolio, what actions will Cllr Griffiths take (and when will he take them) to ensure that all residents and businesses in Llantilio Crossenny ward are able to access Superfast and Gigabit speed broadband as soon as possible?

7.2. **From County Councillor Emma Bryn to County Councillor Catrin Maby, Cabinet Member for Climate Change and the Environment**

I am speaking on behalf of the residents of Wyesham ward who rely heavily on the Wye Bridge in order to access the world beyond, regardless on their mode of travel. Residents have had to face a seriously degraded road surface on the bridge for a prolonged period, with quick fixes lasting little time, the soft tarmac quickly getting thrust onto the pavements causing issues for pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers alike.

I understand works to improve the bridge are underway but we are seeking assurances that improvements will take place in the next financial year, and I am looking to you to give the community some peace of mind by providing us with a time-scale for these works.

7.3. **From County Councillor Fay Bromfield to County Councillor Martyn Groucutt, Cabinet Member for Education:**

Would the Cabinet Member explain why the review of primary school catchment areas promised for Autumn 2022 has not yet begun?

7.4. **From County Councillor Louise Brown to County Councillor Paul Griffiths, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for a Sustainable Economy**

Would the Deputy Leader give a commitment to prioritise investment in key infrastructure in the Chepstow area in advance of delivery of the RLDP,

8.	including improvements to the Highbeech roundabout and M48, active travel schemes and a Chepstow bypass? Next Meeting 9th March 2023	
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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 Councillor Laura Wright	Grofield;	Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru
County Councillor Tony Kear	Llanbadoc & Usk;	Welsh Conservative Party
County Councillor Catrin Maby	Drybridge;	Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru
County Councillor Jan Butler	Goetre Fawr;	Welsh Conservative Party
County Councillor Ian Chandler	Llantilio Crossenny;	Green Party
County Councillor Sara Burch	Cantref;	Labour and Co-Operative Party
County Councillor Alistair Neill	Gobion Fawr;	Welsh Conservative Party
County Councillor Su McConnel	Croesonen;	Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru
County Councillor Mary Ann Brocklesby	Llanelly Hill;	Labour and Co-Operative Party
County Councillor Fay Bromfield	Llangybi Fawr;	Welsh Conservative Party
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County Councillor Emma Bryn	Wyesham;	Independent Group
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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.

