

Wednesday, 18 October 2023

Notice of meeting

County Council

**Thursday, 26th October, 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 1.45pm. All members are welcome to join the Chair for prayers should they wish to do.

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| 2. | Declarations of Interest | |
| 3. | Presentation - Monmouth Comprehensive Year 7 Students Presentation on Deforestation | |
| 4. | Chair's Announcement | 1 - 2 |
| 5. | To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 21st September 2023 | 3 - 8 |
| 6. | GWENT REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP BOARD (RPB) AREA PLAN AND RPB ANNUAL REPORT 22/23 | 9 - 26 |
| 7. | SELF-ASSESSMENT 2022-23 | 27 - 108 |
| 8. | REPLACEMENT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (RLDP) PREFERRED STRATEGY | 109 - 486 |
| 9. | Motions to Council | |
| 9.1. | Submitted by County Councillor Richard John This Council: Opposes plans set out by Aneurin Bevan University Health Board to end overnight cover at the Minor Injuries Unit at Nevill Hall Hospital in Abergavenny and calls on the administration to work constructively with ABUHB and neighbouring local authorities to ensure that outcome. | |

9.2. Submitted by County Councillor Catherine Fookes

Council notes with concern

- The increased use of vaping products by children in the UK with the associated risk of addiction to nicotine based products and the increased burden on local authorities taking enforcement action against the illegal sale of vaping products to children, as well as the environmental impact of single-use vapes which end up littering our public spaces.

Council calls on the Leader to write to the UK government to express Council's demand for the greater regulation of vaping products including:

- Vaping products to be in plain packaging and kept out of sight behind the counter
- Mandatory age-of-sale signage on vaping products (as this is currently voluntary)
- A ban on free samples of vaping products being given out to people of any age
- A ban on single use vapes

9.3. Submitted by County Councillor Rachel Buckler

This Council:

Notes the approval of The Local Elections (Principal Areas) (Single Transferable Vote) (Wales) Rules 2023 by the Senedd, giving individual local authorities the power to change their electoral system to the Single Transferable Vote.

Values the mandate of individually elected councillors who are directly accountable to their residents.

Opposes any change to the Single Transferable Vote and instructs the administration not to waste any further time or resources on this issue.

10. Members Questions

10.1. From County Councillor Jan Butler to County Councillor Rachel Garrick, Cabinet Member for Resources

Would the Cabinet Member update me on the review of the Community Asset Transfer policy to Communities and whether the review includes consideration of how parity might be achieved in the existing leasehold agreements between Community Groups and MCC for Community Centres and other such properties wishing to continue with existing leasehold agreements. I ask in specific relation to Goytre Community Centre.

10.2. From County Councillor Penny Jones to County Councillor Catrin Maby, Cabinet Member for Climate Change and the Environment

Please would the Cabinet Member provide an update on the Welsh Government's proposal to carry out a Safety Survey on the A40 Raglan By-Pass?

10.3. From County Councillor Jane Lucas to County Councillor Paul Griffiths, Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Development

Would the Cabinet Member make a statement on parking provision in

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| <p>10.4.</p> | <p>Monmouth.</p> <p>From County Councillor Frances Taylor to County Councillor Catrin Maby, Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Environment</p> <p>The cabinet member will recall that in July I laid a motion which received unanimous cross party/group support. Magor with Undy Walkway Station is a unique concept and (has always enjoyed) cross group support from Monmouthshire Council, Welsh Government and UK Government.</p> <p>My request to call on this council to write to TfW and Network Rail to further lobby for Magor with Undy Walkway station to be the first of the 6 new stations in respect of its deliverability and cost was unanimously agreed.</p> <p>Please could the cabinet member provide an update.</p> | |
| <p>11.</p> | <p>Date of Next Meeting - 7th December 2023</p> | |
| <p>12.</p> | <p>IN CASE OF NEED ARISING - CALL-IN OF GYPSY, ROMA AND TRAVELLER PITCH NEEDS - LAND IDENTIFICATION</p> <p>Any discussion on this item that relates to existing Gypsy, Roma and Traveller sites or any proposed private sites or any information relating to a particular individual or family or which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual or information relating to any consultation or negotiations which relate to the financial or business affairs of any particular person will be exempt in line with the Local Government Act, Schedule 12A part 4 and will require the Committee to move into a closed session and the press and public will be asked to leave the meeting.</p> | <p>To Follow</p> |

Paul Matthews

Chief Executive / Prif Weithredwr

**MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
CYNGOR SIR FYNWY**

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE COMMITTEE IS AS FOLLOWS:

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| County Councillor Rachel Buckler | Devauden; | Welsh Conservative Party |
| 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 |
| County Councillor Jane Lucas | Osbaston; | Welsh Conservative Party |
| County Councillor Emma Bryn | Wyesham; | Independent Group |
| County Councillor Peter Strong | Rogiet; | Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru |
| County Councillor Meirion Howells | Llanbadoc & Usk; | Independent |
| County Councillor Paul Griffiths | Chepstow Castle & Larkfield; | Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru |
| County Councillor Jackie Strong | Caldicot Cross; | Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru |
| County Councillor Rachel Catherine Garrick | Caldicot Castle; | Labour and Co-Operative Party |
| County Councillor Maria Stevens | Severn; | Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru |
| County Councillor Steven Garratt | Overmonnow; | Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru |
| County Councillor Angela Sandles | Magor East with Undy; | Labour and Co-Operative Party |
| County Councillor Ben Callard | Llanfoist & Govilon; | Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru |
| County Councillor John Crook | Magor East with Undy; | Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru |
| County Councillor Tomos Dafydd Davies | Llanfoist & Govilon; | Welsh Conservative Party |
| County Councillor Dale Rooke | Chepstow Castle & Larkfield; | Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru |
| County Councillor Catherine Fookes | Town; | Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru |
| County Councillor Sue Riley | Bulwark and Thornwell; | Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru |
| County Councillor Jayne McKenna | Mitchel Troy and Trellech United; | Welsh Conservative Party |
| County Councillor Jill Bond | West End; | Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru |
| County Councillor Louise Brown | Shirenewton; | Welsh Conservative Party |
| County Councillor Lisa Dymock | Portskewett; | Welsh Conservative Party |
| County Councillor Tony Easson | Dewstow; | Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru |
| County Councillor Christopher Edwards | St. Kingsmark; | Welsh Conservative Party |
| County Councillor Martyn Groucutt | Lansdown; | Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru |
| County Councillor Simon Howarth | Llanelly Hill; | Independent Group |
| County Councillor Richard John | Mitchel Troy and Trellech United; | Welsh Conservative Party |
| County Councillor David Jones | Crucorney; | Independent Group |
| County Councillor Penny Jones | Raglan; | Welsh Conservative Party |
| County Councillor Malcolm Lane | Mardy; | Welsh Conservative Party |
| County Councillor Phil Murphy | Caerwent; | Welsh Conservative Party |
| County Councillor Paul Pavia | Mount Pleasant; | Welsh Conservative Party |
| County Councillor Maureen Powell | Pen Y Fal; | Welsh Conservative Party |
| County Councillor Frances Taylor | Magor West; | Independent Group |

County Councillor Tudor Thomas
County Councillor Armand Watts
County Councillor Ann Webb

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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.

