

Wednesday, 10 April 2024

## Notice of meeting

# County Council

**Thursday, 18th April, 2024 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.*

Item No	Item	Pages
1.	<b>Apologies for Absence</b>	
2.	<b>Declarations of Interest</b>	
3.	<b>Chair's Announcement</b>	
4.	<b>To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on the 29th February 2024</b>	1 - 10
5.	<b>URGENT CABINET DECISION TAKEN ON 6th MARCH 2024</b>	11 - 12
6.	<b>DEVELOPING CHILDREN'S RESIDENTIAL AND 16+ SUPPORTED ACCOMMODATION PLACEMENTS</b>	13 - 42
7.	<b>MOTIONS TO COUNCIL:</b>	
7.1.	<p><b>Submitted by County Councillor Frances Taylor</b></p> <p>That this council agree that it is of concern that the chair of Standards Committee has resigned citing that the proper functioning of the Committee, and his role as Independent Chair, has been undermined to the extent that he is not prepared to continue as a member.</p> <p>That this Council commits to upholding standards of conduct in public life to supporting the committee in addressing the issues the independent members of the committee identify as undermining the proper functioning of the committee.</p>	

**7.2. Submitted by County Councillor Richard John**

This Council:

Recognises the significant public support for local procurement to back Monmouthshire businesses, reduce food miles and minimise the county's carbon footprint.

Deeply regrets the decision of the administration to award a contract for dairy products to a business based over 100 miles away, so Monmouthshire schools, care homes and leisure centres can no longer use milk from Monmouthshire farms.

Instructs the administration to take urgent steps to restore local provision of dairy products.

**7.3. Submitted by County Councillor Tony Kear**

This Council:

Believes that elected members should aspire to the highest possible standards in public life.

Expresses concern that opportunities for scrutiny, engagement and public consultation have been eroded over the past two years.

Agrees to set up a cross-party working group to review current arrangements and make recommendations to improve accountability in council decision-making.

**8. MEMBERS QUESTIONS:**

**8.1. From the Independent Group and County Councillor Simon Howarth to County Councillor Ian Chandler, Cabinet Member for Social Care, Safeguarding and Accessible Health Services**

When will the work on the Melville Theatre in respect of the My Day My Life Base be commenced and when is it anticipated to be concluded?

**8.2. From the Independent Group and County Councillor Simon Howarth to County Councillor Ian Chandler, Cabinet Member for Social Care, Safeguarding and Accessible Health Services**

Please provide an update on the work to support The Gathering's business plan and the projected timeline for The Gathering to occupy Tudor Street?

**8.3. From County Councillor Frances Taylor to County Councillor Paul Griffiths, Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Development Deputy Leader**

Please provide an update on the Gypsy and Traveller Pitch Provision process in respect of the timelines and the relationship with the timeline for consultation on the Replacement Local Development Plan?

<p><b>8.4.</b></p>	<p><b>From County Councillor Simon Howarth to County Councillor Catrin Maby, Cabinet Member for Climate Change and the Environment</b></p> <p>Would the cabinet member please update the council and the public on the ongoing repairs required to the section off carriageway the A40 from the Hardwick roundabout to the Raglan roundabout? There are many rumours around with reference to the speed reduction.</p>	
<p><b>8.5.</b></p>	<p><b>From County Councillor Jane Lucas to County Councillor Catrin Maby, Cabinet Member for Climate Change and the Environment</b></p> <p>Has the Cabinet Member considered introducing free parking in Monmouth at key times to encourage residents to support local businesses through the duration of current disruption?</p>	
<p><b>8.6.</b></p>	<p><b>From County Councillor Jane Lucas to County Councillor Catrin Maby, Cabinet Member for Climate Change and the Environment</b></p> <p>Would the Cabinet Member provide an update on the work taking place at the junction of Wonastow Road and Rockfield Road?</p>	
<p><b>8.7.</b></p>	<p><b>From County Councillor Jane Lucas to County Councillor Catrin Maby, Cabinet Member for Climate Change and the Environment</b></p> <p>What public consultation and scrutiny has taken place on proposals to partially close Goldwire Lane to traffic?</p>	
<p><b>8.8.</b></p>	<p><b>From County Councillor Jane Lucas to County Councillor Ian Chandler, Cabinet Member for Social Care, Safeguarding and Accessible Health Services</b></p> <p>Would the Cabinet Member provide an update on the Cabinet decision to purchase a property in Monmouth for a residential children's home?</p>	
<p><b>8.9.</b></p>	<p><b>From County Councillor Paul Pavia to County Councillor Paul Griffiths, Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Development Deputy Leader</b></p> <p>Will the Cabinet Member provide an update regarding improving Chepstow's transport infrastructure?</p>	
<p><b>9.</b></p>	<p><b>Next Meeting 16th May 2024</b></p>	

**Paul Matthews**

**Chief Executive / Prif Weithredwr**

**MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL  
CYNGOR SIR FYNWY**

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

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 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

Park;  
Bulwark and Thornwell;  
St Arvans;

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# Aims and Values of Monmouthshire County Council

## Our purpose

- to become a zero-carbon county, supporting well-being, health and dignity for everyone at every stage of life.

## Objectives we are working towards

- Fair place to live where the effects of inequality and poverty have been reduced;
- Green place to live and work with reduced carbon emissions and making a positive contribution to addressing the climate and nature emergency;
- Thriving and ambitious place, where there are vibrant town centres and where businesses can grow and develop
- Safe place to live where people have a home where they feel secure in;
- Connected place where people feel part of a community and are valued;
- Learning place where everybody has the opportunity to reach their potential

## 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.

