

Wednesday, 21 February 2024

Notice of meeting

County Council

**Thursday, 29th February, 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 1.50pm. All members are welcome to join the Chair for prayers should they wish to do.

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12.	MOTIONS TO COUNCIL:	
12.1.	Submitted by County Councillor Lisa Dymock	

Monmouthshire is proud of its heritage and considers food and farming to be of huge importance now and in the future. Everyone here will be more than aware of the pressures on our farmers from various policies from TB to NVZ regulations and the most recent is causing an immeasurable amount of worry is the SFS - the criteria farmers will need to meet is unachievable and will add an astronomical amount of pressure on our farmers.

I ask this council to call on WG to pause the current consultation and work with farmers, farmers unions and other stakeholders to find a way forward that works for everyone and does not penalise our farmers and their communities but supports them.

We understand the importance of protecting our environment and this must be equally considered but without risking our food security from farmers being pushed out of the industry.

13. MEMBERS QUESTIONS

13.1. From County Councillor Richard John to County Councillor Angela Sandles, Cabinet Member for Equalities and Engagement

What engagement did the council undertake with leisure centre users during the 24-25 budget consultation?

13.2. From County Councillor Fay Bromfield to County Councillor Catrin Maby, Cabinet Member for Climate Change and the Environment

Can the Cabinet Member please advise of any planned repairs to Usk Road, especially the section from Llangybi to Usk.

13.3. From County Councillor Richard John to County Councillor Martyn Groucutt, Cabinet Member for Education

How will the Council be supporting vulnerable school pupils in the financial year 24-25?

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

What steps is the Council taking to support town centre businesses in Monmouth during the current disruption?"

13.5. From County Councillor Tony Kear to County Councillor Catrin Maby, Cabinet Member for Climate Change and the Environment

In light of the flooding seen last Winter and again since the New Year period, can I ask the Cabinet Member what forward thinking and proactive actions are being taken to tackle rural / localised flooding in Monmouthshire.

13.6. From County Councillor Tony Kear to County Councillor Martyn Groucutt, Cabinet Member for Education

Given the proposed cuts to school budgets for 24/25, what reassurances can the Cabinet Member give the pupils and their parents in Usk Church In Wales

14.	Primary School, which is situated in my Ward, that the quality of the children's lunch time meal and portion sizes will not be affected?" PUBLICATION OF PAY POLICY STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY THE LOCALISM ACT	189 - 206
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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 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
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County Councillor Ian Chandler	Llantilio Crossenny;	Green Party
County Councillor Sara Burch	Cantref;	Labour and Co-Operative Party
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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.

