

Wednesday, 13 September 2023

Notice of meeting

County Council

**Thursday, 21st September, 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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1.	Apologies for Absence	
2.	Declarations of Interest	
3.	Chair's Announcement and Receipt of Petitions	1 - 2
3.1.	E-Petition - Save Our Green Open Areas https://democracy.monmouthshire.gov.uk/mgEPetitionDisplay.aspx?ID=14&RPID=23812375&HPID=23812375	
4.	To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 20th July 2023	3 - 6
5.	To confirm the minutes of the Extraordinary meeting held on 31st August 2023	7 - 8
6.	GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2022/23	9 - 16
7.	STANDARDS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2022/23	17 - 20
8.	REPORT ON JOINT SCRUTINY ARRANGEMENTS FOR CORPORATE JOINT COMMITTEES	21 - 30
9.	Motions to Council	
9.1.	Submitted by County Councillor Peter Strong This Council commits to Monmouthshire becoming a county of sanctuary,	

welcoming and supporting those fleeing war and persecution. As part of this pledge we will strive to become an accredited member of the UK City of Sanctuary Network. We will build on work already undertaken by the authority to support refugees from Afghanistan, Syria and Ukraine and work with partners across the community to develop an action plan to support refugees and asylum seekers, promoting and celebrating the contribution they make to our communities.

9.2. Submitted by County Councillor Alistair Neill

This Council requires the cabinet lead for Social Care and Accessible Health Services to bring forward a project plan that fully explores the potential to create a Health and Wellbeing Hub that maintains the provision of up to 2 days per week of essential local primary care GP services for the 3,100 registered residents in Gilwern and its surrounding communities. This plan would become a template for any further private GP closures in our county.

9.3. Submitted by County Councillor Richard John

This Council:

- Endorses all the recommendations of the expert external review into the My Day, My Life service
- Notes the Council is continuing to evaluate options for long-term provision for adults with learning disabilities, and requires a project plan to be brought forward within six weeks, setting out its preferred approach
- Directs the administration to prepare for the reopening of Tudor Street day centre in the interim

9.4. Submitted by County Councillor Frances Taylor

That this Council recognises the duty to find suitable sites for Gypsy and Traveller pitch provision and;

1, Endorses the conclusion of the People Scrutiny Committee on 19th July where cross group members rejected the proposals to consult on the five pieces of council owned land and recommended that the council return to the drawing board.

Members agreed not to recommend any of the pieces of land to cabinet to formally consult upon based upon concerns about the process, erroneous and incomplete information and the lack of suitability of any of the sites under consideration.

2, Agree that none of the sites shortlisted for consideration by the Cabinet is suitable, including the sites at Langley Close, Magor and Dancing Hill, Undy.

3, In line with the findings of the scrutiny committee, agree to reject the sites in Magor and Undy as unsuitable for development as Gypsy and Traveller Pitches.

10. Members Questions

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

We were delighted to hear the announcement of plans to repair the Wye

Bridge in January, as the surface of this bridge has been in a state of disrepair for several years.

But with news that the repairs are now to be postponed until next year, I wonder if the Cabinet Member can confirm that the funds will remain to be available and will still be adequate to cover the work required to repair the bridge fully and to a high standard.

Also, many residents and businesses who rely on access over the bridge were very concerned on hearing that the bridge could potentially be completely closed for vehicular access for up to 5 whole weeks. Uncertainty on the duration of the closure caused anxiety to many residents and businesses who depend on access for work, health and provisions. Could we please have a clearer idea of how long the bridge will be closed and what mitigation is being put into place to alleviate some of the consequences of this closure **before** a future date is announced, including information on planned public service modifications during this time, and temporary parking facilities on either side of the bridge.

We would welcome a public meeting in Wyesham in the next few months to communicate with residents the mitigations we are able to put in place and to better understand the needs of this community.

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

Would the Cabinet Member provide an update on its plans to repair the Wye Bridge in Monmouth?

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

Would the Cabinet Member provide an update on the RLDP

10.4. From County Councillor Christopher Edwards to County Councillor Catrin Maby, Cabinet Member for Climate Change and the Environment

Could the cabinet member inform council of what lessons have been learnt from the traffic management plan that was put in place in my ward of St Kingsmark, Chepstow for the weekend of live music run by Chepstow Concerts that covered 3-days of major events in June/July of this year.

10.5. From County Councillor Simon Howarth to County Councillor Ian Chandler, Cabinet Member for Social Care, Safeguarding and Accessible Health Services

Would the cabinet member accept that failings have taken place in taking forward a solution to delivery health care with the Ilanelly community and surrounding areas .

Will he give assurances that he will with senior officers give his upmost attention with the health board, also most importantly look for a resolution in delivery a care plan for the area and surrounding community

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

Can the Cabinet Member provide an update on the timetable for the proposed county-wide review of car parking?

11.	Date of Next Meeting - 26th October 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 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
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County Councillor John Crook	Magor East with Undy;	Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru
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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

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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.

