

Wednesday, 11 September 2024

**Notice of meeting****County Council****Thursday, 19th September, 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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7.	Motions to Council:	
7.1.	Submitted by County Councillor Frances Taylor	

That this Council recognise the significant concern of Magor with Undy residents about the curtailment of local GP practice services and the afternoon closure of Magor Surgery.

This Council notes that the Health Board's "Change to Service Provision Policy" has previously not made provision for patient engagement or wider stakeholder engagement such as local councillors, and welcomes that following recent discourse, the Health Board has recognised the value and importance of such engagement and will update the policy for future changes.

Furthermore, that this council agrees to write to Aneurin Bevan Health Board and other relevant organisations such as Llais and NHS Wales to seek clarification on the relevant appeal process for the decision on Magor Surgery, and to secure detail of the proposed changes to the service change policy with particular reference to engagement and communication, Integrated Future Generations/Equalities Impact Assessment requirements.

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

Regrets the UK Government's decision to restrict the Winter Fuel Payment to only pensioners in receipt of means-tested benefits like Pension Credit.

Notes the estimated impact of this decision on over 20,000 Monmouthshire pensioners, some of whom are just above the threshold for Pension Credit and need the money to stay warm this winter.

Agrees to bring forward a Council-led local awareness campaign about eligibility for Pension Credit may help our poorest residents to access the Winter Fuel Payment.

Agrees that the Leader will write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer requesting a review of the decision to restrict the Winter Fuel Payment and asking the government to ensure that vulnerable pensioners, particularly those who do not claim Pension Credit, are protected from fuel poverty.

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

Notes that over 12% of school age pupils residing in Monmouthshire attend independent schools.

Expresses concern about the disruption to children's schooling that is likely to be caused by the UK Government's policy of charging VAT on school fees.

Instructs the administration to publish plans to mitigate the impact of this policy on Monmouthshire children including providing local school places and supporting children whose education has been disrupted.

**8. Members Questions:**

**8.1. From County Councillor Jackie Strong to County Councillor Paul Griffiths Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Development Deputy Leader**

Can the Cabinet member for Planning and Economic Development give an update on work done by MCC to facilitate the opening of a Post Office in Caldicot Town Centre?

<p><b>8.2.</b></p>	<p><b>From County Councillor Fay Bromfield to County Councillor Catrin Maby Cabinet Member for Climate Change and the Environment</b></p> <p>Can the Cabinet Member please confirm what steps she is taking to combat the issue of Ragwort?</p>	
<p><b>8.3.</b></p>	<p><b>From County Councillor Fay Bromfield to County Councillor Catrin Maby Cabinet Member for Climate Change and the Environment</b></p> <p>Can the Cabinet Member provide an update on any discussions that the administration is having with Welsh water regarding the health of our rivers?</p>	
<p><b>8.4.</b></p>	<p><b>From County Councillor Tony Kear to County Councillor Paul Griffiths Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Development Deputy Leader</b></p> <p>Please can the Cabinet Member update Council on the proposed Countywide review of car park charges?</p>	
<p><b>8.5.</b></p>	<p><b>From County Councillor Tony Kear to County Councillor Paul Griffiths Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Development Deputy Leader</b></p> <p>Please can the Cabinet Member advise of the current allocation of parking enforcement officers around Monmouthshire and the basis of the allocation?</p>	
<p><b>8.6.</b></p>	<p><b>From County Councillor Tony Kear to County Councillor Martyn Groucutt Cabinet Member for Education</b></p> <p>Could the Cabinet Member advise the reasons for the overcrowding on the school busses from Usk to Monmouth Comprehensive school this term?</p>	
<p><b>8.7.</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>Can the Cabinet Member provide an update on what the Council is doing to relieve traffic congestion in and around Chepstow?</p>	
<p><b>9.</b></p>	<p><b>Date of next meeting - 24th October 2024</b></p>	

**Paul Matthews**

**Chief Executive / Prif Weithredwr**

**MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL  
CYNGOR SIR FYNWY**

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County Councillor Rachel Buckler	Devauden;	Welsh Conservative Party
County Councillor Laura Wright	Grofield;	Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru
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County Councillor Ann Webb

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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.

