

## MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Minutes of the meeting of Monmouthshire Farm School Endowment Trust held at Remote Meeting on Tuesday, 23rd January, 2024 at 2.00 pm

**PRESENT:** County Councillor Martyn Groucutt (Chair)

County Councillors: David Jones, Jayne McKenna, Phil Murphy and Maria Stevens

Councillor Carol Andrews (Caerphilly County Borough Council)  
Councillor Richard Clark (Torfaen County Borough Council)

Penri James – representing Aberystwyth University

#### **OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Sophie Evans	Deputy Finance Manager
Louise Connolly	Accounting Technician Trainee
Richard Williams	Democratic Services Officer

#### **APOLOGIES:**

County Councillor Laura Wright  
Helen Morgan – Coleg Gwent  
Mitchell Rees – Coleg Gwent

#### **1. Declarations of Interest**

None received.

#### **2. Confirmation of Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2023 were confirmed as an accurate record.

#### **3. Monmouthshire Farm School Endowment Trust Fund Annual Report for the year ended 31st March 2023 and Independent Examination of Financial Statement Report - Monmouthshire Farm School Endowment Trust.**

The Deputy Finance Manager presented the final accounts for the year end 2023.

We resolved to approve the accounts.

#### **4. Exclusion of the Press and Public**

We excluded the press and public from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business in accordance with Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 12 and 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

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**5. To consider a report by the Chief Officer for Children and Young People regarding applications received against the Trust Fund for the Academic Year 2023/24.**

We considered five applications received against the Trust Fund, presented on behalf of the Chief Officer for Children and Young People. Two of these applications had been re-presented from the October 2023 meeting with three new applications also being considered.

The Trust resolved:

- (i) that awards be made to four applicants, subject to appropriate receipts and evidence of attendance being received;
- (ii) that Monmouthshire County Council's Accounting Technician Trainee requests further clarity from an applicant in respect of their application for funding regarding the support they receive.

**6. Next Meeting**

Monday 15th July 2024 at 11.00am.

**The meeting ended at 2.25 pm.**