

## Notice of meeting Local Access Forum

**Thursday, 7th November, 2024 at 2.00 pm,  
Training area at County Hall, Usk, NP15 1GA**

### AGENDA

Item No	Item	Pages
1.	<b>Apologies for Absence / Introductions.</b>	
2.	<b>Declarations of Interest</b>	
3.	<b>To confirm and sign the minutes of the Monmouthshire Local Access Forum meeting of 23 July 2024.</b>	1 - 4
4.	<b>Actions arising from the previous meeting not on the agenda:</b>  Subscription to 'Waymark' IPRoW Journal  Additional LAF member recruitment	
5.	<b>Regional Wellbeing health project (Dez Jones, Regional Health and Wellbeing Co-ordinator)</b>	5 - 12
6.	<b>Tracks and Trails project update (minutes attached) (Subgroup update)</b>	13 - 16
7.	<b>Natural Resources Wales update- (notes attached) (Sarah Tindal, Senior Officer People and Places, South East Wales)</b>	17 - 18
8.	<b>Monmouthshire Countryside Access update (Ruth Rourke, Countryside Access Manager &amp; Andy Powell Countryside Access Management Officer)</b>	19 - 54
9.	<b>Future member submissions</b>	
10.	<b>Date of next meeting 2.00pm on Wednesday 19th February (Venue to be confirmed)</b>	

**Paul Matthews**

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**Chief Executive**

MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL  
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THE CONSTITUTION OF THE COMMITTEE IS AS FOLLOWS:

Anne Underwood  
Irene Brooke  
Anthea Fairey  
Shan Lewis  
Phil Mundell  
Phillip Allsopp  
Bethany Handley  
Barbara Heys  
Ian Mawdsley  
Terence Mead  
Sallie Roderick  
Jack Thurston  
Kelvin Varney  
Huw Watkins  
Rhys Wynne-Jones  
John Askew

County Councillors: Sara Burch, Cantref Ward, 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.



## Terms of Reference

Monmouthshire Local Access Forum is the statutory Local Access Forum for Monmouthshire (excluding that part of the county that falls into the Brecon Beacons National Park), as required under the Countryside & Rights of Way Act 2000.

The function of the Forum is to advise the local authority, Natural Resources Wales and others, as to the improvement of public access to land in the area for the purposes of open-air recreation and the enjoyment of the area, and to advise and assist with the implementation of the Public Rights of Way Improvement Plan.

## Membership

Members of the forum are appointed by the “Appointing Authority” (Monmouthshire County Council in accordance with the relevant regulations. The current membership of the forum is as follows:

Anne Underwood

Irene Brooke

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Shan Lewis

Phil Mundell

Phillip Allsopp

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County Councillors: Sara Burch (the “Appointing Authority” representative)

Observers;

Representatives from Monmouthshire County Council and Natural Resources Wales



