

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2025**Notice of meeting:****Wye Valley National Landscape Joint Advisory Committee**

**Monday, 7th July, 2025 at 2.00 pm,  
The Council Chamber, Forest of Dean District Council Offices, High  
Street, Coleford, GL16 8HG & Hybrid on Microsoft Teams**

**AGENDA**

Item No	Item	Pages
1.	Election of Chair.	
2.	Appointment of Vice-Chair.	
3.	Apologies for Absence and Hybrid introductions.	
4.	Declarations of Interest.	
5.	Public Questions:  <i>"What measures is the Wye Valley National Landscape Joint Advisory Committee putting in place to ensure that the beauty and biodiversity of the National Landscape are not compromised?"</i>	
6.	To confirm the minutes of the previous meeting - 3rd March 2025.	1 - 10
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Management Plan Review Partnership Seminar: 19th March 2025</li> <li>b. Lower Wye Tracks &amp; Trails Steering Group</li> <li>c. National Grid Landscape Enhancement Initiative (LEI) projects</li> <li>d. Young Adventurers</li> <li>e. Wye Valley National Landscape Volunteers</li> <li>f. National Grid low voltage powerline undergrounding</li> <li>g. Wye Valley Walk 50th Anniversary events &amp; walks</li> <li>h. Wye Adapt to Climate Change project</li> <li>i. Priority Species Update</li> <li>j. Wyescapes Landscape Recovery</li> <li>k. Phil Cutter (1945-2025) RIP</li> <li>l. Forest of Dean Biosphere Reserve proposal</li> </ul>	
<b>15.</b>	<b>Date of next meetings:</b>  Monday 3rd November 2025 at 2.00pm. Monday 2nd March 2026 at 2.00pm [tbc]. Monday 6th July 2026 at 2.00pm [tbc].	

**Paul Matthews**

**Chief Executive**

MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL  
CYNGOR SIR FYNWY

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE COMMITTEE IS AS FOLLOWS:

**Local Authority Members with Voting Powers**

**Gloucestershire:**

Vacancy

Vacancy

**Herefordshire:**

B. Durkin

G. Biggs

E. O'Driscoll

S. Cole

**Monmouthshire:**

E. Bryn

S. Garratt

D. Rooke

A.E. Webb

**Forest of Dean:**

D. Wheeler

C. McFarling

**Town / Parish Community Councils with Voting Powers**

Vacancy – Gloucestershire Association of Parish / Town Councils

B. Jones – Herefordshire Association Local Councils

Councillor L. Parker – One Voice Wales

**Co-opted Members with Voting Powers**

Vacancy – Voluntary Conservation Sector in Gloucestershire

Vacancy - Voluntary Conservation Sector in Herefordshire

A. Thomas - Voluntary Conservation Sector in Monmouthshire

H. Dale – Country Land and Business Association

M. Price – National Farmers Union

**Co-opted Members without Voting Powers**

Vacancy – River Wye Preservation Trust

A. Lee – Recreation Sector

Vacancy – Local Tourism Sector

Dr. Juliet Hynes – Local Wildlife Trusts

Nerys Lewis – National Farmers Union Wales

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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.

## Our Values

- **Openness:** we aspire to be open and honest to develop trusting relationships.
- **Fairness:** we aspire to provide fair choice, opportunities and experiences and become an organisation built on mutual respect.
- **Flexibility:** we aspire to be flexible in our thinking and action to become an effective and efficient organisation.
- **Teamwork:** we aspire to work together to share our successes and failures by building on our strengths and supporting one another to achieve our goals.
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