

Wednesday, 6 May 2026

Notice of meeting**County Council****Thursday, 14th May, 2026 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. | To elect a Chair of Council for the Civic Year 2026/27 | |
| 4. | To appoint a Vice-Chair of Council for the Civic Year 2026/27 | |
| 5. | To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on the 5th March 2026 | 1 - 10 |
| 6. | To elect a Leader of the County Council and to receive notification of Leader delegations (appointments to Cabinet) | |
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Paul Matthews**Chief Executive / Prif Weithredwr**

MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
CYNGOR SIR FYNWY

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE COMMITTEE IS AS FOLLOWS:

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| 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 | Llanelly 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 & | Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru |
| County Councillor Jackie Strong | Larkfield; | |
| County Councillor Rachel Garrick | Caldicot Cross; | Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru |
| County Councillor Maria Stevens | Caldicot Castle; | Labour and Co-Operative Party |
| County Councillor Steven Garratt | Severn; | Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru |
| County Councillor Angela Sandles | Overmonnow; | Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru |
| County Councillor Ben Callard | Magor East with Undy; | Labour and Co-Operative Party |
| County Councillor John Crook | Llanfoist & Govilon; | Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru |
| County Councillor Tomos Dafydd Davies | Magor East with Undy; | Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru |
| County Councillor Dale Rooke | Llanfoist & Govilon; | Welsh Conservative Party |
| County Councillor Sue Riley | Chepstow Castle & | Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru |
| County Councillor Jayne McKenna | Larkfield; | |
| County Councillor Jill Bond | Bulwark and Thornwell; | Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru |
| County Councillor Louise Brown | Mitchel Troy and Trellech | Welsh Conservative Party |
| County Councillor Lisa Dymock | United; | |
| County Councillor Tony Easson | West End; | Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru |
| County Councillor Christopher Edwards | Shirenewton; | Welsh Conservative Party |
| County Councillor Martyn Groucutt | Portskewett; | Welsh Conservative Party |
| County Councillor Simon Howarth | Dewstow; | Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru |
| County Councillor Richard John | St. Kingsmark; | Welsh Conservative Party |
| County Councillor David Jones | Lansdown; | Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru |
| County Councillor Penny Jones | Llanelly Hill; | Independent Group |
| County Councillor Malcolm Lane | Mitchel Troy and Trellech | Welsh Conservative Party |
| County Councillor Phil Murphy | United; | |
| County Councillor Martin Newell | Crucorney; | Independent Group |
| County Councillor Paul Pavia | Raglan; | Welsh Conservative Party |
| County Councillor Maureen Powell | Mardy; | Welsh Conservative Party |
| County Councillor Frances Taylor | Caerwent; | Welsh Conservative Party |
| | Town; | Welsh Conservative Party |
| | Mount Pleasant; | Welsh Conservative Party |
| | Pen Y Fal; | Welsh Conservative Party |
| | Magor West; | Independent Group |

County Councillor Tudor Thomas
County Councillor Armand Watts
County Councillor Ann Webb

Park;
Bulwark and Thornwell;
St Arvans;

Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru
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Public Speaking at Full Council

Members of the public may register to ask a question of the members of cabinet at full council meetings. There is no facility for the public to register to speak as part of the debate of an item on the agenda at full council meetings. The total time allocated for all questions at a meeting of full council is 15 minutes.

No more than one question is permitted per questioner at a meeting of full council and questions will be asked in the order that they are submitted.

In order to submit a question at a full council meeting, notice must be given in writing or by email to the head of democratic services no later than midnight three working days before the day of the meeting with each question providing the name and address of the questioner.

Questions may be rejected if the question;

- Is not about a matter for which the council has responsibility or which affects the county
- Is defamatory, frivolous or offensive
- Is substantially the same question which has been put at a meeting of full council in the past 6 months
- Requires the disclosure of confidential or exempt information

Where a person is not able to ask the question to full council in person, the chair may decide to read the question out on their behalf, instruct a written response be provided or choose to not deal with the question in their absence. Those who do ask a question in person will be entitled to one supplementary question which must arise out of the original question or the reply. The chair may reject a supplementary question on these grounds.

Any questions that cannot be dealt with at the meeting due to exceeding the time limit for public questions will be dealt with by a written response.

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.

