

# **MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of the meeting of County Council held on Thursday, 17th July, 2025 at 10.00 am**

**PRESENT:** County Councillor Peter Strong (Chair)  
County Councillor Martyn Groucutt (Vice Chair)

County Councillors: Rachel Buckler, Catrin Maby, Jan Butler, Sara Burch, Su McConnel, Mary Ann Brocklesby, Fay Bromfield, Jane Lucas, Emma Bryn, Meirion Howells, Paul Griffiths, Jackie Strong, Rachel Garrick, Steven Garratt, Angela Sandles, Ben Callard, John Crook, Dale Rooke, Sue Riley, Jayne McKenna, Jill Bond, Louise Brown, Christopher Edwards, Simon Howarth, Richard John, David Jones, Penny Jones, Malcolm Lane, Phil Murphy, M. Newell, Paul Pavia, Maureen Powell, Frances Taylor, Tudor Thomas, Armand Watts and Ann Webb

### **OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Paul Matthews	Chief Executive
Nicola Perry	Senior Democracy Officer
Matthew Gatehouse	Chief Officer People, Performance and Partnerships.
James Williams	Chief Officer Law & Governance

### **APOLOGIES:**

County Councillors Laura Wright, Tony Kear, Ian Chandler, Alistair Neill, Maria Stevens, Tomos Davies, Lisa Dymock and Tony Easson

1. **To exclude the press and public from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information**

Accepted.

2. **Appointment of Chief Officer - Infrastructure**

Council resolved to appoint Debra Hill-Howells as Chief Officer Infrastructure.

3. **Appointment of Chief Officer - Place and Community Well-being**

Council resolved to appoint Craig O'Connor as Chief Officer Place and Community Well-being.

**The meeting ended at 12.40 pm**