

# MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## Minutes of the meeting of Monmouthshire Farm School Endowment Trust Remote Meeting Tuesday, 20th January, 2026 at 11.00 am

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

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

Councillor Malcolm Cross (Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council)  
Councillor Carol Andrews (Caerphilly County Borough Council)

### OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Nikki Wellington	Finance and Support Services Manager
Louise Connolly	Accounting Technician Trainee
Richard Williams	Democratic Services Officer

### APOLOGIES:

County Councillor Laura Wright, Councillor Richard Clark and Penri James

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

None received.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed as an accurate record.

#### **3. Monmouthshire Farm School Endowment Trust Fund Annual Report for the year ended 31st March 2025 and Independent Examination of Financial Statement Report - Monmouthshire Farm School Endowment Trust.**

The Finance and Support Services Manager presented the final accounts and independent examination for the year end 2025.

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 2025/26

We considered three applications received against the Trust Fund, presented on behalf of the Chief Officer for Children and Young People.

The Trust resolved that awards be made to the three applicants, subject to appropriate receipts and evidence of attendance being received.

Officers would liaise with two of the applicants to obtain further information with regard to their requests for funding against the Trust Fund, as well as liaising with Hartpury University to obtain information regarding travel provision for students.

#### 6. Next Meeting

Monday 13th July 2026 at 11.00am (Provisional).

**The meeting ended at 11.28 am.**