

3rd February 2026

Notice of meeting Local Access Forum

Wednesday, 11th February, 2026 at 12.30 pm,
Council Chamber, County Hall, The Rhadyr USK

AGENDA

Item No	Item	Pages
1.	Apologies for Absence/Introductions	
2.	Declarations of interest	
3.	To confirm and sign the minutes of the Monmouthshire Local Access Forum meeting of 9th September 2025 (attached)	1 - 4
4.	Actions arising from the previous meeting not on the agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wentwood Steering Group 	
5.	Management Update, Monmouthshire County Council, To consider resourcing for countryside access (Colette Bosley, Countryside, Destination, Environment Manager.)	5 - 10
6.	Wheeling and PhotoTrails Chepstow Park Woods - For consideration of disabled wheeling access improvements in Wye Valley, phototrails for promotion, LAF sub-group and whether to consider expanding across county? (Ruth Waycott, Wye Valley National Landscape Team/ NRW Sara Tindal)	
7.	Tracks and Trails project : To receive an update on progress and consider actions arising from workshop (Subgroup update from Andrew Blake or Celyn Davies)	
8.	Natural Resources Wales update for information purposes(Sarah Tindal, Senior Officer People and Places, South East Wales/ Bob Campbell Senior Officer Land Management, South East Wales)	11 - 12
9.	LAF Written contribution questions.	13 - 34

10.	Dates and timing of next meetings and locations	
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Paul Matthews

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
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Kelvin Varney
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Rhys Wynne-Jones
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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:

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John Askew

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

Observers;

Representatives from Monmouthshire County Council and Natural Resources Wales

