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Wednesday, 20 July 2016

# Notice of meeting / Hysbysiad o gyfarfod:

# **County Council**

Thursday, 28th July, 2016 at 5.00 pm, Council Chamber, County Hall, Usk

### **AGENDA**

Prayers will be said prior to the Council meeting at 4.55pm. All members are welcome to join the Chairman for prayers should they wish to do.

Item No	Item	Pages
1.	Apologies for Absence	
2.	Public Open Forum	
	Question from Mr J. Callard to County Councillor SB.Jones	
	Every weekday in Abergavenny, in the evening rush hour, drivers travelling from Abergavenny over the Llanfoist River bridge are caught up in long queues, both on the A4143 and on Merthyr Road. A conservative estimate, using government figures, suggests this delay costs the local economy some £350,000 a year. One of the reasons for this delay is due to vehicles parking on the Merthyr Road arm of the Waitrose roundabout close to the roundabout entry. These parked vehicles significantly reduce capacity of the Merthyr road arm of the roundabout. In my view it would be worth considering installing double yellow lines, complemented with direction arrows, on the section of road starting from opposite the Kwik Fit access, to increase capacity of the roundabout and so reduce queuing on this important route out of town. Alternative parking was provided as part of the Waitrose development and is available adjacent to the Kwik Fit building.	
3.	Chairman's Report and receipt of petitions	1 - 2
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6.	Notices of Motion	

#### **Motion from the Chairman of Monmouthshire County Council:**

We are proud to live in a diverse and tolerant society. Racism, xenophobia and hate crimes have no place in our country. Our Council condemns racism, xenophobia and hate crimes unequivocally. We will not allow hate to become acceptable. We will work to ensure local bodies and programmes have the support and resources they need to fight and prevent racism and xenophobia. We reassure all people living in Monmouthshire that they are valued members of our community.

#### **Motion from County Councillor D.Batrouni**

Many young people searching for their first job often find it a difficult process mainly because they are told they have no experience. The Labour group believe Monmouthshire County Council could help Monmouthshire's young people with this problem. As one of the biggest employers in Monmouthshire, the Council has the ability to provide a number of internships across a number of departments covering a wide range of skills. The Labour group believe we should set up a formal internship process whereby the Council actively recruits people that live in Monmouthshire. All interns should get paid the living wage commensurate to their age. By doing this, we could give them a head start in today's tough job market.

#### **Motion from County Councillor K.Williams**

This council is pleased to host the cycling event in Abergavenny each year. It will continue to ensure that local small businesses benefit from it each year.

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9.	Reports of the Head of Community Delivery and the Head of Tourism, Leisure & Culture	
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10.	Members Questions	

# 10.1. From County Councillor D.W. Hughes-Jones to County Councillor SB.Jones

"Monmouthshire is in an unique position offering a special attraction for visitors. It forms part of the Brecon Beacons National Park which adds to the special appeal of our County. The problem of litter can undermine the attraction as it tarnishes the appearance and impression given to any person travelling along the roads of urban and rural Monmouthshire.

What is Monmouthshire's policy regarding litter collection, prevention and imposing of fines for dropping litter, and is there any evidence that this strategy is working? How many fines have been imposed for littering our County over the last 5 years and what are the totals of money collected annually from this? Can this "revenue" be used to deter the littering of all Monmouthshire communities in the future?"

#### 11. Oak Grove Solar Farm

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To exclude the press and public from the meeting during consideration of this item of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information

**Paul Matthews** 

**Chief Executive** 

# MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL CYNGOR SIR FYNWY

#### THE CONSTITUTION OF THE COMMITTEE IS AS FOLLOWS:

County Councillors: D. Batrouni

J. Prosser

D. Blakebrough

M. Powell

V. Smith

G. Burrows

R. Chapman

P. Clarke

J. Crook

D. Dovey

G. Down

A. Easson

D. Edwards

R. Edwards

D. Evans

P. Farley

P.A. Fox

J. George

R.J.W. Greenland

L. Guppy

E. Hacket Pain

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B. Hayward

M. Hickman

J. Higginson

P.A.D. Hobson

G. Howard

S. Howarth

D. Jones

P. Jones

S. Jones

S.B. Jones

P. Jordan

J. Marshall

P. Murphy

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# **Aims and Values of Monmouthshire County Council**

#### **Sustainable and Resilient Communities**

#### Outcomes we are working towards

#### **Nobody Is Left Behind**

- Older people are able to live their good life
- People have access to appropriate and affordable housing
- People have good access and mobility

#### People Are Confident, Capable and Involved

- People's lives are not affected by alcohol and drug misuse
- Families are supported
- People feel safe

#### **Our County Thrives**

- · Business and enterprise
- People have access to practical and flexible learning
- People protect and enhance the environment

#### **Our priorities**

- Schools
- Protection of vulnerable people
- Supporting Business and Job Creation
- Maintaining locally accessible services

#### **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.