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MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of County Council held
on Thursday, 19th May, 2022 at 2.00 pm

PRESENT: County Councillor L. Wright (Chairman)
County Councillor A. Webb (Vice Chairman)

County Councillors: L.Brown, L.Dymock, A. Easson, C.Edwards, R.J.W. Greenland, M.Groucutt, S. Howarth, R.John, D. Jones, P. Jones, M. Lane, P. Murphy, P.Pavia, M. Powell, F. Taylor, T.Thomas, A. Watts, M. Stevens, M. Brocklesby, F. Bromfield, E. Bryn, S. Burch, J. Butler, B. Callard, I. Chandler, J. Crook, T. Davies, C. Fookes, S. Garratt, R. Garrick, P. Griffiths, M. Howells, T. Kear, J. Lucas, C. Maby, S. McConnel, J. McKenna, A. Neill, S. Riley, D. Rooke, A. Sandles, J. Bond, J. Strong and P. Strong

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Matt Phillips	Chief Officer People and Governance and Monitoring Officer
Paul Matthews	Chief Executive
Peter Davies	Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Officer, Resources
Will McLean	Chief Officer for Children and Young People
Nicola Perry	Senior Democracy Officer
Frances O'Brien	Chief Officer, Communities and Place
Adam Fall	Local Democracy and Digital Apprentice

1. Declarations of interest

None.

2. Public Questions

None.

3. Receipt of petitions

County Councillor Su McConnel presented a petition opposing the use of tarmac/asphalt and cattle grids at Castle meadows, Abergavenny. It sought that MCC adopt alternative sustainable drainage systems and environmentally friendly surfacing materials, and source a suitable alternative to cattle grids.

County Councillor Emma Bryn presented a petition on behalf of residents of the Wyesham community to call for the repair and maintenance of the play equipment and remedial drainage of the Community Play Area at Tudor Road, Underhill, Wyesham.

4. To elect a Leader of the County Council and to receive notification of Leader delegations (appointments to Cabinet)

County Councillor Paul Griffiths nominated County Councillor Mary Ann Brocklesby as Leader of the Council for the year 2022/23. This was seconded by County Councillor Rachel Garrick.

There were no further nominations and upon being put to a vote County Councillor Mary Ann Brocklesby was appointed Leader.

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County Councillor Brocklesby thanked Council and outlined the appointments to Cabinet as:

County Councillor Paul Griffiths - Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Economy and Sustainable Livelihoods.

County Councillor Rachel Garrick – Cabinet Member for Resources.

County Councillor Martyn Groucutt – Cabinet Member for Education.

County Councillor Tudor Thomas – Cabinet Member for Social Care, Safeguarding and Accessible Health Services.

County Councillor Sara Burch – Cabinet Member for Inclusive and Active Communities.

County Councillor Catrin Maby – Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Environment.

County Councillor Catherine Fookes – Cabinet Member for Equalities and Engagement.

Opposition Group Leaders congratulated the Leader and looked forward to working with the new administration.

County Councillor Jane Lucas left the meeting at 14:16 pm

5. Representation of Political Groups

The Chief Officer for People and Governance and Monitoring Officer presented the report for Council to review the representation of different political groups on the bodies to which the Council makes appointments.

Upon being put to the vote Council resolved to accept the recommendation:

That the Council accepts the report (and appendices) as a review under Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and to initially allocate ordinary committees with the numbers as indicated below as a fair representation:

Committee	Welsh Labour	Welsh Conservatives	Independent Group
Scrutiny (x4) (9)	16	15	5
Licensing & Regulatory (12)	6	5	1
Planning (16)	8	6	2
Democratic Services (12)	6	4	2
Audit (8)	4	3	1
note – there are also 4 lay members			
Aggregate Entitlement (84)	40	33	11

6. Appointments to Committees

The Chief Officer for People and Governance and Monitoring Officer presented the report in order to appoint committees together with their membership and terms of reference in accordance with the Council's Constitution.

Council were required to elect a Chair of Democratic Services Committee for the year 2022/23.

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Upon being put to a vote Council resolved to accept the recommendations:

That the committees be appointed together with their membership as set in the report, and their terms of reference attached as appendices.

That Council appoints County Councillor David Jones as Chair of Democratic Services Committee.

7. Appointments to Outside Bodies

The Chief Officer for People and Governance and Monitoring Officer presented the report to appoint representatives to serve on outside bodies.

Group Leaders submitted the representations.

Following a vote County Councillor Emma Bryn was appointed as representative to the Welsh Book Council.

A vote was undertaken to appoint representatives to the Living Levels Partnership Board. County Councillors Catrin Maby and Frances Taylor were appointed.

It was requested that a further report be brought to a future meeting to address any vacancies.

Council resolved to accept the recommendations:

That the Council make appointments to the outside bodies set out in the attached schedule, with the exception of joint committees listed in Category B, which are Cabinet appointments.

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8. Constitution Review

The Chief Officer for People and Governance and Monitoring Officer presented the report for Council to consider the updated MCC Constitution.

County Councillor Rachel Garrick highlighted that '26.5.2 Other Delegations' requires updating.

Council resolved to accept the recommendation:

Full Council approve the reviewed and updated Constitution.

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9. To confirm the minutes of the meeting of County Council held on 3rd March 2022

The minutes of the meeting of County Council held on 3rd March 2022 were approved.

The meeting ended at 2.50 pm

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REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES - MAY 2022

Appendix A

Category A - Regional/National

No.	Body	Term of Office	Source of Members Allowances / Expenses	No. of Reps	Name of Councillor Appointed	Appointed at Council on
1	Brecon Beacons National Park Authority	Term of Council	National Park	1	Cllr. Simon Howarth	19 th May 2022
2	Appointments Panel for East Wales Valuation Tribunal	Term of Council	Council	3	Cllr. Sue Riley Cllr. Steven Garratt Vacancy	19 th May 2022 19 th May 2022
3	Oldbury Power Station Stakeholder Group	Term of Council	Council	1	Cllr John Crook	19 th May 2022
4	Gwent Police and Crime Panel	Term of Council	Police & Crime Commissioner	2	Cllr. Anthony Easson Cllr. Tony Kear	19 th May 2022 19 th May 2022
5	Joint Council For Wales (Previously Provincial Council for Wales)	1 Year	Council	2 plus 1 Sub.	Cllr. Phil Murphy Cllr. Catherine Fookes	19 th May 2022 19 th May 2022
6	Natural Resources Wales / Caldicot and Wentlooge advisory group / Lower Wye advisory group.	Term of Council	Drainage Board	9	Cllr. Anthony Easson (both groups) Cllr. John Crook Cllr. Maria Stevens Cllr. Dale Rooke Cllr. Jan Butler Cllr. Emma Bryn Cllr. Ian Chandler	19 th May 2022 19 th May 2022
7	Cardiff Capital Region Joint Cabinet Committee	1 Year		2	Leader Deputy Leader	19 th May 2022 19 th May 2022

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8	City Deal Joint Scrutiny Committee	Term of Council		1	Cllr. Rachel Garrick	19 th May 2022
9	Regional Transport Authority	1 year		1	Responsible Cabinet Member:	19 th May 2022
10	Local Government Association	1 Year	L.G.A.	2	Leader Deputy Leader	19 th May 2022 19 th May 2022
11	Local Government Association-Rural Commission	1 Year	L.G.A	2	Cllr. Steven Garratt Cllr. Sue Riley	19 th May 2022 19 th May 2022
12	South Wales Fire Authority	Term of Council	Council	2	Cllr. Su McConnel Cllr. Maureen Powell	19 th May 2022 19 th May 2022
13	Wye Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Joint Committee	Term of Council	Council	4	Cllr. Dale Rooke Cllr. Steven Garratt Cllr. Ann Webb Cllr. Emma Bryn	19 th May 2022 19 th May 2022 19 th May 2022 19 th May 2022
14	Welsh Local Government Association	Term of Council	W.L.G.A.	2	Leader Deputy Leader	19 th May 2022 19 th May 2022
15	W.L.G.A. Executive Board	Term of Council	Council	1	Leader	19 th May 2022
16	Welsh Centre for International Affairs	Term of Council	Council	1	Cllr. Laura Wright	19 th May 2022
17	Institute of Welsh Affairs	Term of Council	Council	1	Cllr. Laura Wright	19 th May 2022
18	Reserve Forces and Cadets Association for Wales	Term of Council	The Association	1	Cllr. Lisa Dymock	19 th May 2022
19	S.E. Wales Strategic Planning Group	Term of Council	Council	2	Cllr. Sara Burch Chair of Planning	19 th May 2022 19 th May 2022

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20	Welsh Books Council	Term of Council	Council	1	Cllr. Emma Bryn	19 th May 2022
21	Scrutiny Champions Wales Network	Term of Council	Council	1	Cllr. Anthony Easson	19 th May 2022
22	Monmouthshire Adoption Panel	Term of Council	Council	1	Cllr. P. Jones	19 th May 2022
23	Monmouthshire Fostering Panel	Term of Council	Council	1	Cllr. Angela Sandles	19 th May 2022
24	Living Levels Partnership Board			2	Cllr. Catrin Maby Cllr. Frances Taylor	19 th May 2022

Category 'B' – Joint Committees - Appointments made by the Cabinet

No.	Body	Term of Office	Source of Members Allowances	No. of Reps	Name of Councillor Appointed	Appointed at Cabinet
1	Gwent Archives Joint Committee	Term of Council	Council	2	Cllr. Peter Strong Cllr. Fay Bromfield	19 th May 2022 19 th May 2022
2	Gwent Joint Cremation Committee	Term of Council	Council	2	Cllr. Tudor Thomas Cllr. Malcolm Lane <i>Note: at least one Cabinet member necessary</i>	19 th May 2022 19 th May 2022
3	Prosiect Gwyrdd Joint Committee	Term of Council	Council	2	Cllr. Catrin Maby Cllr. Rachel Garrick	19 th May 2022

Category ‘C’ – Joint Committees and Local Authority Companies – Appointments Made By The Council

No.	Body	Term of Office	Source of Members Allowances	No. of Reps	Name of Councillor Appointed	Date Appointed at Council
1	Pension Fund Management Group (Joint Committee with Torfaen)	Term of Council	Council	3	Cllr. Armand Watts Cllr. Phil Murphy Vacancy	19 th May 2022 19 th May 2022 19 th May 2022
2	Aneurin Bevan Community Health Council	Term of Council	Council	3	Cllr. Jill Bond Cllr. Alistair Neill Vacancy	19 th May 2022 19 th May 2022 19 th May 2022
3	Aneurin Bevan Local Health Board-Stakeholder Reference Group	Term of Council	Council	1	Cllr. Maria Stevens	19 th May 2022
4	Education Achievement Service	Term of Council	Council	2	Cllr. Martyn Groucutt (Cabinet Member for Education as representative member to JEG.) Cllr. Paul Griffiths	19 th May 2022 19 th May 2022
6	SRS Business Solutions Ltd	Term of Council	Council	2	Cllr. Rachel Garrick (Cabinet Member with portfolio responsibility for finance) Cllr. Sara Burch	19 th May 2022
7	SRS Public	Term of Council	Council	1	Cllr Paul Griffiths (Cabinet Member with portfolio for Resources).	19 th May 2022
8	Y Prentis	Term of Council	Council	1 member 1 officer	Cllr. Catherine Fookes (to the Company’s Board of Directors.)	19 th May 2022
9.	CS Foundry Board	Term of Council	Council	1	Cllr. Paul Griffiths	19 th May 2022

Category 'D' - Voluntary Organisations

No.	Body	Term of Office	Source of Members Allowances	No. of Reps	Name of Councillor Appointed	Date Appointed at Council
1	Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal Working Party	Term of Council	Council	1	Cllr. Dale Rooke	19 th May 2022
2	Wales Council for the Blind	Term of Council	Council	2	Cllr. Sue Riley Cllr. Jan Butler	19 th May 2022 19 th May 2022
3	Disability Wales (previously known as Wales Council for the Disabled)	Term of Council	Council	2	Cllr. Angela Sandles Cllr. Penny Jones	19 th May 2022 19 th May 2022

Category 'E' Local Interest

No.	Body	Term of Office	Source of Members Allowances	No. of Reps	Name of Councillor Appointed	Date Appointed at Council
1	Monmouthshire County Citizens Advice Bureau	Term of Council	Council	2	Cllr. Jackie Strong Cllr. Phil Murphy Two observers at trustee board meetings	19 th May 2022
2	The Palmer Centre	Term of Council	Council	3	Cllr. Armand Watts Cllr. Sue Riley Cllr. Paul Pavia	19 th May 2022
3	Raglan Community Centre Committee	Term of Council	Council	1	Cllr. Penny Jones	19 th May 2022
4	Monmouth School and Haberdashers' Monmouth School for Girls	Term of Council	Council	1	Cllr. Steven Garratt	19 th May 2022
5	Abergavenny Educational Foundation of King Henry VIII- Governors	Term of Council	Council	5	Cllr. Martyn Groucutt Cllr. Ben Callard Cllr. Laura Wright Cllr. Malcolm Lane Cllr. Jan Butler	19 th May 2022 19 th May 2022 19 th May 2022 19 th May 2022 19 th May 2022
6	Wye Navigation Advisory Committee	Term of Council	Council	1	Cllr. John Crook	19 th May 2022
7	Pratts Charity, Mathern	4 years from appointment	Council	2	Cllr Louse Brown (local member) Cllr Phil Murphy	19 th May 2022 19 th May 2022
8	Monmouthshire Local Access Forum	Term of Council	Council	1	Cllr. Ben Callard	19 th May 2022
9	Clydach Ebenezer Chapel Fund Committee	Term of Council	Council	1	Vacancy	19 th May 2022

Category 'F' - Other

No.	Body	Term of Office	Source of Members Allowances	No. of Reps	Name of Councillor Appointed	Date Appointed at Council
1	Best Kept Village Competition	Term of Council	Council	6	Cllr. Jill Bond Cllr. Steven Garratt Cllr. Angela Sandles Cllr. Tony Kear Cllr. Jayne McKenna Cllr. Meirion Howells	19 th May 2022 19 th May 2022 19 th May 2022 19 th May 2022 19 th May 2022
2	Gwent Association of Voluntary Organisations	Term of Council	Council	1	Cllr. Jackie Strong	19 th May 2022
3	Local Government Flood Forum	Term of Council	Council	1	Cllr. Ian Chandler	19 th May 2022
4	Armed Forces Champion	Term of Council	Council	1	Cllr Peter Strong	19 th May 2022

Category 'G' - Appointments Determined by W.L.G.A

No.	Body	Term of Office	Source of Members Allowances	No. of Reps	Name of Councillor Appointed	Nominated at Council
1	Flood Risk Management Committee Wales (in rotation with Powys and Torfaen)	Term of Council	WLGA	1	Cllr. Catrin Maby	18 th May 2017

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