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MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Monmouthshire Farm School Endowment Trust
Remote Meeting Via Microsoft Teams
Monday, 22nd July, 2024 at 2.00 pm

PRESENT: County Councillor Martyn Groucutt (Chair)

County Councillors: John Crook (Substituting for County Councillor Maria Stevens) Jayne McKenna, Phil Murphy and Laura Wright

Councillor Malcom Cross (Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council)
Councillor Carol Andrews (Caerphilly County Borough Council)
Councillor Richard Clark (Torfaen County Borough Council)

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

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

APOLOGIES:

County Councillors: David Jones and Maria Stevens
Helen Morgan - Coleg Gwent
Mitchell Rees- Coleg Gwent
Penri James - representing Aberystwyth University

1. Election of Chair

We elected County Councillor Martyn Groucutt as Chair.

2. Appointment of Vice-Chair

We appointed County Councillor Phil Murphy as Vice-Chair.

3. Declarations of Interest

None received.

4. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd January 2024 were confirmed as an accurate record.

5. Monmouthshire Farm School Endowment Trust Annual Report for the year ended 31st March 2024.

The Committee received the Monmouthshire Farm School Endowment Trust Fund Annual Report for the year ended 31st March 2024.

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Trustees agreed that these can be passed to external auditors for an independent examination.

We resolved accordingly.

6. 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.

7. To consider a report by the Chief Officer for Children and Young People regarding applications received against the Trust Fund for the Academic Year 2024/25.

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

It was agreed that a matrix of costs will be drawn up for discussion at the next meeting and all colleges will be contacted to publicise the trust to all new and existing students in September 2024.

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

The total amount of funding awarded to students at the meeting equated to £4152.

8. Next Meeting

Monday 21st October 2024 at 11.00am.

The meeting ended at 2.29 pm.