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MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Monmouthshire Farm School Endowment Trust
Remote Meeting Via Microsoft Teams
Monday, 21st October, 2024 at 11.00 am

PRESENT: County Councillor David Jones (In the Chair)

County Councillors: John Crook and Jayne McKenna

Councillor Malcom Cross (Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council)
Penri James (Aberystwyth University)

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

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

APOLOGIES:

Councillors: Martyn Groucutt, Phil Murphy, Laura Wright, Carol Andrews, Richard Clark
Helen Morgan

1. Election of chair for today's meeting

Due to the Chair and Vice-Chair being unavailable to attend the meeting, we elected County Councillor David Jones as Chair for today's meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest

None received.

3. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd July 2024 were confirmed as an accurate record.

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.

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 2024/25

We considered 11 applications received against the Trust Fund, presented on behalf of the Chief Officer for Children and Young People.

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The Trust resolved that:

- (i) awards be made to nine of the applicants, subject to appropriate receipts and evidence of attendance being received. Officers would liaise with some of these applicants to obtain further information.
- (ii) two applications did not receive funding at today's meeting. Officers would liaise with the two applicants to obtain further information. When the additional information has been received, the applications will be re-presented to a future meeting of the Trust for consideration.
- (iii) a report be presented to the next meeting of the Trust outlining the Authority's public transport policy and pence per mile rates, with a view to aiding students when applying for funding against the Trust in respect of their travelling costs to college.

6. Next Meeting

Monday 20th January 2025 at 2.00pm.

The meeting ended at 11.46am.