

Pwyllgor Gwasanaethau Democrataidd

Man Cyfarfod
**Siambr y Cyngor - Neuadd y Sir,
Llandrindod, Powys**

Dyddiad y Cyfarfod
Dydd Mercher, 14 Tachwedd 2018

Amser y Cyfarfod
1.30 pm

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9 Tachwedd 2018

Mae croeso i'r rhai sy'n cymryd rhan ddefnyddio'r Gymraeg. Os hoffech chi siarad Cymraeg yn y cyfarfod, gofynnwn i chi roi gwybod i ni erbyn hanner dydd ddau ddiwrnod cyn y cyfarfod

AGENDA

1. YMDDIHEURIADAU AM ABSENOLDEB

I dderbyn ymddiheuriadau am absenoldeb.

2. COFNODION Y CYFARFOD(YDD) BLAENOROL

I awdurdodi'r Cadeirydd i lofnodi cofnodion cyfarfod blaenorol y Pwyllgor a gynhaliwyd ar 9 Gorffennaf fel cofnod cywir.

(Tudalennau 1 - 4)

3. DATGANIADAU O DDIDDORDEB

I dderbyn ac ystyried datganiadau o fudd gan Aelodau mewn perthynas ag eitemau i'w hystyried ar yr agenda.

4. STRWYTHUR Y PWYLLGOR CRAFFU

I ystyried adroddiad ac argymhelliadau o gyfarfod y Bwrdd Datblygu Craffu ar 12 Tachwedd, 2018 ar strwythur craffu ar gyfer y dyfodol i'w hargymell i'r Cyngor ar 20 Tachwedd, 2018.

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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE DEMOCRATIC SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD
AT COMMITTEE ROOM A - COUNTY HALL, LLANDRINDOD WELLS, POWYS ON
MONDAY, 9 JULY 2018**

PRESENT

County Councillor M J Dorrance (Chair)

County Councillors L V Corfield, G Breeze, S Lewis, D Rowlands, J Charlton,
D E Davies, D O Evans, D Jones-Poston, D R Price and R Williams

1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
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Apologies for absence were received from County Councillors J Jones, G Price and K Silk.

2.	ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR
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RESOLVED that County Councillor Linda Corfield be elected for the ensuing municipal year.

3.	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)
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The Chair was authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 16 April 2018 as a correct record.

Matters Arising

Recommendations from Joint Chairs regarding Scrutiny

Members noted that the Committee's recommendations on a new structure for Scrutiny had been amended by full Council.

Members asked how locality forums were working since the Shire Committees had been abolished; there was a feeling that in some areas they met infrequently and dealt only with highways issues. The Head of Democratic Services advised that he had raised this with Management Team and Heads of Service. The Chair noted that it was up to Members to take control of the process and he cited the example of the forum in Ystradgynlais where Members regularly met managers from a range of services.

Members also raised delays in the process for getting new speed limits considered, but it was felt that this was due to the limited budget rather than the change in the process for considering applications.

4.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
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There were no declarations of interest.

5.	DRAFT MEMBER DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY 2018-2020
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The Committee considered the Member Development Strategy. The Strategy had been reviewed by the Member Development Working Group.

RECOMMENDED to Council	Reason for Recommendation:
That the Draft Member Development Strategy and Action Plan 2018-22 be approved for consideration as set out in the Appendix to the report.	To update the Council's Member Development Strategy for the period 2018 - 2022.

6.	DEVELOPING THE PROMOTION OF INVOLVEMENT IN PUBLIC LIFE PROJECT
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The Principal Elections Officer updated the Committee on activities undertaken in support of National Democracy Week. The theme had been the Suffrage Centenary, to mark 100 years since women won the right to vote and the 90th anniversary of the 1928 Equal Franchise Act which gave women the same voting rights as men. Women members of the Council along with youth representatives from Newtown Town Council and Talgarth Town Council had recorded video messages that had been posted on the Council's YouTube channel and these had been well received. The Principal Elections Officer agreed to let the Committee know how many times the clips had been viewed. In addition, nominations had been received for inspirational women from the county, and the Chair of Council had recognised the efforts of a charity worker from Llandrindod and a businesswoman from Llyswen with Silver Kite Awards. It was hoped that further events would be arranged in September for Town and Community Councils and the Youth Assembly. The Principal Elections Officer and Sara Davies from Communications were thanked by the Chair for their work in support of National Democracy Week.

7.	CONSULTATION ON DIVERSITY IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT
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The Committee discussed a response to the National Assembly consultation on diversity in local government. The comments raised were:

- The role of political parties in encouraging diversity, for example, through all women shortlists was often overlooked;
- Working class people were underrepresented;
- It tended to be the same people involved in local activities;
- There was a lack of support for town and community councils;
- The size of Powys which meant that meetings took place in the day, putting off people in full time employment other than the self-employed.
- The level of support given to Councillors.

The Head of Democratic Services would collate these comments and any others received by email and forward to members of the Committee to share with their groups.

8.	SCRUTINY
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A number of members had visited Monmouthshire Council's Scrutiny Committee and been impressed with their arrangements. Monmouthshire had produced a scrutiny handbook and allowed members of the public to attend meetings and put questions. The Head of Democratic Services confirmed that allowing public participation at Scrutiny Committees would not require a change to the Constitution.

RESOLVED	Reason for Decision:
That the Solicitor to the Council be asked to prepare draft guidance for consideration by the Committee.	to progress the decision of the Committee on 16th April, 2018

County Councillor DR Price left the meeting at 11.07.

9. MEMBER DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP

The Committee received the notes of the Member Development Working Group held on 12th March 2018.

10. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

The Committee considered amendments to Sections 4 and 7 of the Constitution.

RECOMMENDED to Council	Reason for Recommendation
That Sections 4 and 7 of the Constitution as set out in the Appendix to the report be approved.	To update Sections of the Constitution arising from the decision of Council in May 2018.

11. COMMITTEE CHAIR'S AIDE-MEMOIR

The Head of Democratic Services had produced an aide memoir for Committee Chairs when introducing meetings. Members agreed that it was a useful document and suggested that it should also include an instruction to turn off mobile phones. Members also asked the Head of Democratic Services to consider guidance on what were pertinent questions to ask in meetings.

County Councillor M J Dorrance (Chair)

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