

Report on County Council Matters to North Nibley Parish Council

7th September 2020

County Council meeting 9th September

The meeting will be held remotely, starting at 10:00 a.m. and can be viewed on the County Council website at www.gloucestershire.gov.uk The full agenda for the meeting can also be found there.

I had at one time understood that this was also to be the delayed AGM of the County Council. However, this is now scheduled for 19th May 2021, the date the 2021 AGM would have been expected to happen. So, in effect the 2020 AGM has been cancelled.

The motions due to be debated on Wednesday are:

Restoring our Rivers (Lib Dem)

There are 28 rivers running through the county. Many are polluted. The motion calls on the Cabinet to:

- take urgent action with the district councils, the Environment Agency, local partners and communities to lead comprehensive monitoring of the county's waterways;
- work with local partners to promote better use of sewage facilities;
- write to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, to ban the routine dumping of raw sewage into our rivers.

Public Health England (Lib Dem)

This motion asks the County Council to note with dismay the Government's intention to dismantle Public Health England at a time when the ONS estimates that around 2400 people are still being infected with Covid-19 every day. It asks for the Council Chief Executive and Council Leader to write to the Secretary of State for Health to express this grave concern and to reiterate the need for a thorough and transparent enquiry into why the UK has one of the highest Covid-19 mortality rates in the world. It also asks for the 25% cut in the public health budget in England compared to 2015 to be reinstated.

Rainbow flag crossing (Labour)

This calls on the Cabinet to promote inclusivity and community cohesion and to advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between those who share a protected characteristic and those who do not by creating an inclusive rainbow flag crossing in Gloucester City centre and to enter discussions with district councils about suitable locations for crossings. This would support the Pride in Gloucestershire's bid for Europride 2026 to be held in the county.

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