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To: ALL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

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Dear Sir / Madam

A meeting of the **FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL** will be held in the **COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, MOLD CH7 6NA** on **TUESDAY, 14TH APRIL, 2015** at **2.00 PM** to consider the following items.

Yours faithfully

Democracy & Governance Manager

AGENDA

1 PRESENTATION

Charlie Greenall, Argoed High School pupil – recognition for reaching the national final of the British Council and HSBC Mandarin Chinese speaking competition.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3 COUNCIL MINUTES (Pages 5 - 24)

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the previous meetings held on 17 February 2015 and 3 March 2015.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive any declarations of interests from Members.

5 **CHAIR'S COMMUNICATIONS**

6 **PETITIONS**

7 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

8 **QUESTIONS**

To note the answers to any questions submitted in accordance with County Council Standing Order No. 9.4(A).

9 **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS ON COMMITTEE MINUTES**

The Minute Book, Edition 5, has been circulated to Members. Members are now entitled to ask questions on these minutes, subject to certain limitations, and answers will be provided at the meeting. Members are requested to bring to the meeting their copy of the Minute Book. Any questions must have been received by the Democracy and Governance Manager prior to the close of business on 8 April 2015.

10 **NOTICE OF MOTION**

Councillor Chris Dolphin

“That this Council supports and promotes the Flintshire Flag. Our County flag has now been approved by the Flag Institute. A formal approval of County Council support will enhance the flag’s reputation”.

Response

The design features four choughs in each quarter of a black engrailed flory cross on a white background. This derives from the ancient arms of Edwin ap Gronwy, the 11th Century Lord or King of Tegeingl, whose kingdom later formed the core of the county of Flintshire.

The arms became used over time as the emblem of the county, including being adopted as a seal by the original Flintshire County Council and subsequently utilised as an emblem by many Flintshire-representative societies.

Support for the registration of the flag came from a wide range of Flintshire based Societies together with support from the local Members of Parliament and other leading local politicians. There would be no cost implications to the Council if the motion is carried.

11 **ANNUAL IMPROVEMENT REPORT AND THE CORPORATE ASSESSMENT REPORT OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL FOR WALES FOR FLINTSHIRE** (Pages 25 - 36)

Report of Chief Executive

- 12 **WELSH GOVERNMENT WHITE PAPER: DEVOLUTION, DEMOCRACY AND DELIVERY – REFORMING LOCAL GOVERNMENT: POWER TO THE PEOPLE** (Pages 37 - 98)
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