

Petitions Committee

Meeting Venue: **Committee Room 1 – Senedd**

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Meeting time: **09:00 – 10:35**

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Concise Minutes:

Assembly Members:

William Powell (Chair)
Jocelyn Davies
Russell George
Joyce Watson

Witnesses:

Committee Staff:

Abigail Phillips (Deputy Clerk)
Sarita Marshall (Clerk)
Helen Roberts (Legal Advisor)

1. Introduction, apologies and substitutions

Apologies had been received from Bethan Jenkins. Jocelyn Davies was substituting.

2. New petitions

2.1P-04-409 Welsh names for new trunk roads in Wales

The Committee considered this petition for the first time. William Powell declared an interest in this item, as well as item 2.10, having been involved in promoting the renaming of part of the A470 as the Royal Welsh Way. The Committee agreed to write to the Minister for Local Government and Communities to seek his views on the petition.

2.2P-04-410 A Permanent Memorial to Wales's Workers

The Committee considered this petition for the first time.

William Powell and Joyce Watson declared an interest as members of the Bevan Foundation.

The Committee agreed to undertake a piece of work on the subject of this petition.

2.3P-04-411 Petition Against Marine Conservation Zones in Pembrokeshire

The Committee considered this petition for the first time and agreed to:
Group the petition with other petitions on the same subject;
Forward the response already received on this subject to the petitioners for information;
Make the Minister aware of this latest petition.

2.4P-04-412 A Call to Abolish Collective Worship

The Committee considered this petition for the first time.
The Committee agreed to forward the response already received on this subject to the petitioner for information, and close the petition.

2.5P-04-413 Maternity Services in the Cynon Valley

The Committee considered this petition for the first time and agreed to write to the local health board on the issue, copying in the Minister for Health and Social Services as well as the Chair of the Health and Social Care Committee.

2.6P-04-414 Welsh Jobs

The Committee considered this petition for the first time and agreed to write to the Minister for Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science, as well as the Minister for Finance and Leader of the House to seek their views on the petition.

2.7P-04-415 Support for Designation of Highly Protected Marine Conservation Zones

The Committee considered this petition for the first time and agreed to:
Group this petition with the other petitions on the same subject;
Write to the Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development to make him aware of this petition and to ask him to keep the Committee informed of his thinking regarding the next steps.

2.8P-04-416 North-South Rail Services

The Committee considered this petition for the first time and agreed to write to the Minister for Local Government and Communities, as well as to Arriva Trains Wales to seek their views.

2.9P-04-417 Save Morfa Beach and Prevent the Closure of Public Footpaths 92 and 93

The Committee considered this petition for the first time and agreed to write to the Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development to seek his views on the petition, as well as to the local authority and Tata Steel.

2.10 P-04-418 Naming the A470 'Prif Ffordd Tywysog Owain Glyndwr'

The Committee considered this petition for the first time and agreed to write to the Minister for Local Government and Communities and to the Minister for Housing, Regeneration and Heritage to seek their views on the subject of the petition.

2.11 P-04-419 Wind Farm Moritorium

The Committee considered this petition for the first time and agreed to:
Write to the Minister for Environment and Sustainability and to the Minister for Local Government and Communities on the subject of the petition;
Await the Minister's response to the Environment and Sustainability Committee report on Energy Policy and Planning in Wales with regard to the effect on tourism.

2.12 P-04-420 Construct an Owain Glyndŵr Monument

The Committee considered this petition for the first time and agreed to write to the Minister for Housing, Regeneration and Heritage to seek his views on the subject of the petition.

2.13 P-04-421 Oppose Trident moving to Wales

The Committee considered this petition for the first time and agreed to write to the First Minister to seek his views on the subject of the petition.

2.14 P-04-422 Fracking

The Committee considered this petition for the first time and agreed to write to the Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development to seek his views on the subject of the petition.

2.15 P-04-423 Brooklands Nursing Home

The Committee considered this petition for the first time and agreed to:
Write to the Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development to seek his views on the planning aspect of the petition;
Undertake a piece of work to establish whether this planning decision, if it were to go ahead, would be the first example of such a siting and whether this would set a precedent.

2.16 P-04-424 Retain services at Neath Port Talbot Hospital

The Committee considered this petition for the first time and agreed to:
Write to the Chief Executive of Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board on the subject, copying in the Minister for Health and Social Services as well as the Chair of the Health and Social Care Committee;
Write to Abertawe Bro Morgannwg Community Health Council to ask whether a consultation on the proposal was undertaken.

2.17 P-04-425 Team Wales

The Committee considered this petition for the first time and agreed to write to the First Minister to seek his views on the subject.

3. Updates to previous petitions

3.1P-03-144 Guide Dogs for the Blind – Shared Space

The Committee considered correspondence relating to this petition and agreed to:
Forward the information provided by the petitioner to the Minister for Local Government and Communities as evidence for his consideration;
Write to the WLGA to ask whether any local authorities are considering implementing shared space schemes on roads for which they are responsible, enclosing the information provided by the petitioner.

3.2P-04-391 Llandeilo By-pass

The Committee considered correspondence in relation to this petition and, given the Minister's advice that the petitioner could make a formal objection to the proposals once the relevant documents have been published, agreed to:
Request details of when the documents are likely to be published in order to forward this information to the petitioner;
Close the petition.

3.3P-04-361 Free bus passes for students under 25, and in full-time education

3.4P-04-371 Reduced fares on public transport for all children up to the age of eighteen

3.5P-04-382 Student fares on public transport

The Committee considered correspondence in relation to these petitions and agreed to write to the petitioners of P-04-361 to seek a formal response to the Minister's letter.

3.6P-04-393 Llanymynech and Pant Bypass Action Group

The Committee considered correspondence in relation to this petition and agreed to:
Forward the Minister's response to the petitioner and ask for details/ records of safety issues;
Write to the appropriate body/bodies to enquire whether there are safety issues on the English side of the border;
Write to the Minister to request that he discuss the issue with his English counterpart.

3.7P-04-366 Closure of Aberystwyth Day Centre

The Committee considered correspondence in relation to this petition and agreed to request a response from Ceredigion County Council regarding the concerns outlined by the Committee in its previous correspondence.

3.8P-03-263 List Stradey Park

The Committee considered correspondence in relation to this issue and agreed to:
Forward the latest correspondence from the petitioner to the Minister;
Request that the Committee receive a copy of the Cadw report on how sports heritage could be identified on the Register of Historic Parks and Gardens.

3.9P-04-322 A call to revise Cadw's hold upon churches

The Committee considered correspondence relating to this petition and agreed to write to the Minister to press him on whether a Historical Building Taskforce working group

will be set up and whether it will include independent churches, copying in the Chair of the Environment and Sustainability Committee.

3.10 P-04-381 Restoration for North Wales Hospital

The Committee agreed to write to Denbighshire County Council to formally request that it consider its communication strategy with the community on this issue and that it considers meeting the petitioners to discuss plans for the building, where these are known and can be made public.

3.11 P-04-407 Save Kennard Court Sheltered Accommodation

The Committee considered correspondence in relation to this petition and agreed to: Write to Community Housing Cymru for a view on this case and on the future use of sheltered accommodation in general; Engage further with the local Assembly Member on the case of Kennard Court.

3.12 P-04-378 Extend the Gower Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

Given the response received from the Minister in relation to this petition, the Committee agreed to close the petition.

3.13 P-04-324 Say No to Tan 8 – Windfarms & High Voltage Power Lines

The Committee considered correspondence in relation to this petition and agreed to close it.

3.14 P-04-383 Against NVZ Designation for Llangorse Lake

The Committee considered correspondence in relation to this petition and agreed to share the petitioner's letter with the Minister.

3.15 P-04-390 Designate Penrhos Holyhead Nature Reserve (Coastal Park) a National Reserve

The Committee considered correspondence in relation to this petition and agreed to write to the Countryside Council for Wales to enquire whether it has considered a request for the area to be designated a National Nature Reserve and, if so, what its decision was.

3.16 P-04-399 Slaughter Practices

The Committee considered correspondence in relation to this petition and agreed to: Request details of the timing of the consultation on the proposed legislation to implement EC Regulation 1099-2009 in order to inform the petitioner; Request that the Committee is informed of the outcome of the consultation.

3.17 P-04-406 Against Proposed MCZ zones in North Wales

The Committee considered correspondence in relation to this petition and agreed to: Group the petition with other petitions on the same subject; Request that the Minister keeps the Committee informed of the results of the consultation and any decisions arising from it.

4. Papers to note

4.1P-03-221 Improved NHS Chiropody Treatment

4.2P-04-401 The Welsh Language in our Assembly

The Committee noted the papers.

The Chair placed on record his thanks to Abigail Phillips for her work in clerking the Committee over the last year

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