

Concise Minutes – Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee room 4 Tŷ Hywel
and video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Wednesday, 24 April 2024

Meeting time: 09.30 – 12.10

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Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Llyr Gruffydd MS (Chair) Delyth Jewell MS Mark Drakeford MS (In place of Julie Morgan MS) Carolyn Thomas MS
Witnesses:	Carl Banton, The Coal Authority Daniel Therkelsen, Coal Action Network Haf Elgar, Friends of the Earth Marcus Bailie, Extinction Rebellion Cymru David Kilner, Climate Cymru
Committee Staff:	Marc Wyn Jones (Clerk) Elizabeth Wilkinson (Second Clerk) Lukas Evans Santos (Deputy Clerk) Lorna Scurlock (Researcher)



1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions, and declarations of interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting.

1.2 Apologies were received from Joyce Watson MS and Mark Drakeford MS substituted.

1.3 Apologies were also received from Julie Morgan MS and from Janet Finch–Saunders MS.

2 Restoration of opencast mining sites – evidence session 1

2.1 The Committee received evidence from The Coal Authority.

3 Restoration of opencast mining sites – evidence session 2

3.1 The Committee received evidence from representatives from The Coal Action Network and Friends of the Earth Cymru.

4 Restoration of opencast mining sites – evidence session 3

4.1 The Committee received evidence from representatives from Extinction Rebellion Cymru and Climate Cymru.

5 Papers to note

5.1 The papers were noted.

5.1 The Environment and Rural Affairs (Revocation and Consequential Provision) Regulations 2024

5.2 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2024–25

5.3 Wind farm project at Mynydd Maen

5.4 The Carbon Budget Delivery Plan

5.5 Decarbonisation of housing

5.6 Performance of Dwr Cymru Welsh Water

6 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (vi) and (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of today's meeting

6.1 The motion was agreed.

7 Consideration of evidence received under items 2, 3 and 4

7.1 Members considered the evidence received under items 2, 3 and 4.

8 Consideration of draft report on Natural Resources Wales – 2023–24

8.1 Members agreed the draft report subject to a few minor amendments.

9 Consideration of the Committee's forward work programme – Summer 2024

9.1 The Committee discussed and agreed its Forward Work Programme.