

Petitions Committee

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

Meeting date: **Tuesday, 29 April 2014**

Meeting time: **09.03 – 10.48**

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Concise Minutes:

Assembly Members:

William Powell (Chair)
Russell George
Bethan Jenkins
Joyce Watson

Witnesses:

Phil Hill, Petitioner
Richard Lee, Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust
John Pockett, Confederation of Passenger Transport
June Thomas, Local Defibrillator Campaigner

Committee Staff:

Steve George (Clerk)
Kayleigh Driscoll (Deputy Clerk)
Kath Thomas (Deputy Clerk)
Jessica England (Official)
Matthew Richards (Legal Advisor)

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1 Introduction, apologies and substitutions

The Chair welcomed everyone to the Committee. There were no apologies.

2 New petitions

2.1P-04-541 Support for the Mentrau Iaith (Language Initiatives)

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

2.2P-04-542 Practical Opportunities for Young People

The Committee considered the petition for the first time and agreed to write to both the Deputy Minister for Skills and the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport, seeking their views on the petition.

2.3P-04-543 No Increase to University Tuition Fees

The Committee considered the petition for the first time and agreed to write to the Minister for Education and Skills seeking his views on the petition.

2.4P-04-544 Ban the Shooting of Greenland White-fronted Geese

The Committee considered the petition for the first time and agreed to write to the Minister for Natural Resources and Food seeking his views on the petition.

2.5P-04-545 Aneurin Bevan Hospital Procedures

The Committee considered the petition for the first time and agreed to write to:

1. the Minister for Health and Social Services and Aneurin Bevan University Health Board, seeking their views on the petition; and
2. Aneurin Bevan Community Health Council, seeking their views on the petition and further information on how many people have raised similar concerns directly with them.

2.6P-04-546 Rearing of Animals in Unnatural Conditions

The Committee considered the petition for the first time and agreed to ask the petitioner for further clarification on the purpose of the petition.

2.7P-04-547 Ban Polystyrene(EPS) Fast Food and Drinks Packaging

The Committee considered the petition for the first time and agreed to:

1. write to the Minister for Natural Resources and Food seeking his views on the petition;
2. contact the Environment and Sustainability Committee to make them aware of the petition; and
3. give further consideration to undertaking a piece of work on the issues raised.

2.8P-04-548 The Reintroduction of Welsh Classes in Rennes University

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

2.9P-04-549 Make 'Hen Wlad Fy Nhadau' the Official Welsh National Anthem

The Committee considered the petition for the first time and agreed to write to the Minister for Culture and Sport seeking his views on the petition.

3 Updates to previous petitions

3.1P-04-365 Protect buildings of note on the Mid Wales Hospital site

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to write to the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority asking it to keep the Committee informed when it does consider the matter and for further information on the reasons for the delay in consideration.

3.2P-04-519 Abolition of Park Homes Sales Commission

The Committee considered correspondence from the Minister for Housing and Regeneration and agreed to ask the Minister to keep the Committee informed of developments on the consultations on Regulations arising from the Mobile Homes (Wales) Act 2013 and to share with him the petitioner's concerns.

3.3P-04-408 Child and Adolescent Eating Disorder Service

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to write to the Minister for Health and Social Services seeking his views on the further points raised by the petitioner.

3.4P-04-505 Eating Disorder Unit in Wales

Grouped with P-04-408 – See Item 3.3

3.5P-04-456 Dementia – This Could Happen to you

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to:

1. ask the petitioner to keep the Committee informed of developments following contact with the Minister's officials and consider the petition again following an update from the petitioner; and
2. write to the Minister asking him to consider widening future similar consultations to those directly affected.

The Committee agreed to defer consideration of the following business under Item 3 until the next meeting on 13 May.

3.6P-04-494 Robotic assisted laparoscopic prostatectomy must be made available to men in Wales now

3.7P-04-527 Campaign for a Special Cancer Drug Fund in Wales

3.8P-04-459 A direct rail connection from Cardiff Airport to Cardiff central and west Wales

3.9P-04-506 Free bus pass / concessionary travel for benefit claimants , students and under 18s

3.10 P-04-510 Public inquiry into the Breckman case in Carmarthenshire

4 P-04-471 Mandatory Welsh legislation to ensure Defibrillators in all public places

The witnesses responded to questions from Members and the Committee were given a demonstration on how to use defibrillators.

Evidence Session: Bus Services in Wales

5.1 P-04-475 Wanted – Buses for Meirionnydd

5.2 P-04-513 Save the Wrexham/Barmouth X94 bus service

5.3 P-04-515 Increase Funding for Welsh Bus Services

The witness responded to questions from Committee members.