

# Petitions Committee

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

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Meeting date: **Tuesday, 1 July 2014**

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Meeting time: **09.04 – 10.13**

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## Concise Minutes:

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### Assembly Members:

**William Powell (Chair)**  
**Russell George**  
**Bethan Jenkins**  
**Joyce Watson**

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### Witnesses:

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### Committee Staff:

**Steve George (Clerk)**  
**Kayleigh Driscoll (Deputy Clerk)**  
**Kath Thomas (Deputy Clerk)**  
**Helen Roberts (Legal Advisor)**

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## 1 Introduction, apologies and substitutions

## 2 New petitions

### 2.1 P-04-567 A Fair Deal for Welsh Students

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; and
- check whether any previous petitions had raised similar issues to review the actions taken.

### **2.2P-04-568 Public Inquiry into ABMU Health Board**

The Committee considered the petition for the first time and agreed to write to the Minister for Health and Social Services as a matter of urgency seeking his views on the petition.

## **3 Updates to previous petitions**

### **3.1P-04-472 Make the MTAN law**

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to report on the petition to the Assembly with a view to holding a Plenary debate on the matter.

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

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to ask the Minister if he will agree to meet the lead petitioner as requested.

### **3.3P-04-536 Stop Factory Dairy Farming in Wales**

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to:

write to the Environment and Sustainability Committee to ask whether they could consider looking at the issues as part of their forward work programme and depending on their response;

- consider undertaking a piece of work on the petition as part of the Petitions Committee's forward work programme; and

write to the Minister for Housing and Regeneration and Natural Resources Wales giving them the opportunity to respond to the issues raised by the petitioners.

### **3.4P-04-521 Regulating Caravan Sites**

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to;

- close the petition as it was felt that there was little more that could be done to progress the petition in either specific or general terms; but in doing so

- forward details of the petition to both Darren Millar AM and the Chair of the Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee in light of their consideration of the Holiday Caravans (Wales) Bill.

### **3.5P-04-540 Stop Sexism In Domestic Abuse**

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to:

- await the response from Welsh Women's Aid; and
- Inform the petitioner of arrangements for Stage 1 Scrutiny of the Gender Based Violence (Wales) Bill and invite him to contribute to that process.

### **3.6P-04-544 Ban the Shooting of Greenland White-fronted Geese**

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to seek the Minister and Petitioner's views in the light of the information provided by the Welsh Ornithological Society.

### **3.7P-04-514 A Welsh clean coal and/or renewable energy power station instead of the proposed Wylfa B nuclear plant at Anglesey**

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to pursue a response from Hitachi on their work in developing clean coal technology.

### **3.8P-04-408 Child and Adolescent Eating Disorder Service**

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to:

- consider petitions P-04-408 and P-04-505 separately in future; and
- draw the petitioner's attention to the Children, Young People and Education Committee's Inquiry into Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services; and
- forward details of the petition to the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee.

### **3.9P-04-505 Eating Disorder Unit in Wales**

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to:

- consider petitions P-04-408 and P-04-505 separately in future; and
- write to the petitioner asking for information on her recent campaign.

### **3.10 P-04-456 Dementia – This Could Happen to you**

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to continue to maintain a watching brief.

### **3.11 P-04-490 Antiretroviral Medication in Cardiff**

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to:

- ask the Minister what steps he has taken specifically to consult HIV patients on the guidelines; and
- seek views from HIV patient groups on the issue.

### **3.12 P-04-485 Abuse of casual contracts in Further Education**

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to:

- share the Research paper with the petitioners; and
- consider whether any further action is needed in the light of their response.

### **3.13 P-04-516 Make political science compulsory in education**

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to:

- share the Research paper with the petitioner; and
- write to Professor Graham Donaldson sharing the Research paper and asking whether he would be prepared to meet the petitioner to hold a more detailed discussion on the subject of the petition.

### **3.14 P-04-528 All Primary Schools in Wales taught through the medium of Welsh**

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to ask the petitioner again if he has any comments in light of the responses received so far.

### **3.15 P-04-542 Practical Opportunities for Young People**

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to ask the petitioner whether he is satisfied with the Deputy Minister's response.

### **3.16 P-04-475 Wanted – Buses for Meirionnydd**

The Committee considered a Research paper on petitions P-04-475, 513 and 515 and agreed to write to the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport, asking her to

respond to a number of questions, which will aid the work being undertaken by the Committee.

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

See action point under agenda item 3.16.

**3.18 P-04-515 Increase Funding for Welsh Bus Services**

See action point under agenda item 3.16.