

Concise Minutes – Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee

Meeting Venue:

Video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Thursday, 25 June 2020

Meeting time: 09.00 – 12.30

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Mike Hedges MS (Chair) Andrew RT Davies MS Llyr Gruffydd MS Neil Hamilton MS Jenny Rathbone MS Joyce Watson MS
Witnesses:	Tegryn Jones, Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority Jerry Langford, Coed Cadw Woodland Trust Rachel Sharp, Wildlife Trusts Wales Katie Jo Luxton, RSPB Wales Jess McQuade, WWF Wales Rebecca Williams, National Trust Gill Bell, Marine Conservation Society
Committee Staff:	Marc Wyn Jones (Clerk) Andrea Storer (Deputy Clerk)



	Katy Orford (Researcher) Katie Wyatt (Legal Adviser)
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1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the Committee's virtual meeting.

1.2 In accordance with Standing Order 34.19, the Chair stated that he had determined that the public were excluded from the Committee's meeting in order to protect public health.

1.3 The Chair stated that if for any reason he dropped out of the meeting, the Committee agreed that Jenny Rathbone MS would become Temporary Chair in accordance with Standing Order 17.22.

2 COVID-19: Evidence session with the environmental sector

2.1 The Committee received evidence from Gill Bell, Marine Conservation Society; Tegryn Jones, Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority – representing the three Welsh National Park Authorities; Jerry Langford, Woodland Trust; Katie-Jo Luxton, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) Cymru; Jess McQuade, World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) Cymru; Rachel Sharp, The Wildlife Trusts Wales; and Rebecca Williams, National Trust Wales.

3 COVID-19: Continuation of evidence session with the environmental sector

3.1 The Committee continued its evidence session with Gill Bell, Marine Conservation Society; Tegryn Jones, Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority – representing the three Welsh National Park Authorities; Jerry Langford, Woodland Trust; Katie-Jo Luxton, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) Cymru; Jess McQuade, World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) Cymru; Rachel Sharp, The Wildlife Trusts Wales; and Rebecca Williams, National Trust Wales.

4 Paper(s) to note

4.1 The Committee noted the papers.

4.1 **Welsh Government response to the Committee's report on Fuel Poverty in Wales**

4.2 **Correspondence from the Chair to the Counsel General and Minister for European Transition**

4.3 **Correspondence to the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs from the Chair, Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee on The Agriculture Wages (Wales) Order 2020**

5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (vi) and (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting

5.1 The motion was agreed.

6 COVID-19: Consideration of evidence received

6.1 The Committee considered the evidence heard during items 2 and 3.

7 Consideration of the Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum in relation to the UK Agriculture Bill

7.1 Members discussed the Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum in relation to the UK Agriculture Bill.

8 Consideration of the Committee's draft report on the Legislative Consent Memorandum in relation to the UK Environment Bill

8.1 The Committee discussed and agreed its draft report, subject to a minor amendment.

9 Discussion on the Committee's Forward Work Programme

9.1 The Committee discussed and agreed its Forward Work Programme.