

Environment and Sustainability Committee

Meeting Venue: **Committee Room 3 – Senedd**

Meeting date: **Thursday, 25 April 2013**

Meeting time: **09:30 – 13:55**

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Concise Minutes:

Assembly Members:

Dafydd Elis-Thomas (Chair)
Mick Antoniw
Russell George
Vaughan Gething
Llyr Huws Gruffydd
Julie Morgan
William Powell
Antoinette Sandbach
Joyce Watson

Witnesses:

Chris Blake, The Green Valleys
Eifion Bowen, Carmarthenshire County Council
Michael Butterfield, Llangattock Green Valleys
David Jones, Hyder Consulting
Jane Lee, Welsh Local Government Association
Richard Rees, North Wales Hydro Power
Llewelyn Rhys, Head, RenewableUK Cymru
Steve Salt, West Coast Energy
Michael Schuetz, Directorate-General Energy, European Commission
Alan Southerby, Powys County Council
Carina Vopel, Directorate-General for the Environment, European Commission

Committee Staff:

Alun Davidson (Clerk)
Catherine Hunt (Deputy Clerk)
Graham Winter (Researcher)
Chloe Chadderton (Researcher)

TRANSCRIPT

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1. Introductions, apologies and substitutions

1.1 Apologies were received from Julie James. There were no substitutions.

2. Inquiry into energy policy and planning in Wales : Report follow-up – evidence from energy companies

2.1 The witnesses responded to questions from members of the Committee.

2.2 Steve Salt would provide a written response to the Committee on issues which he had been unable to address due to time constraints.

3. Inquiry into energy policy and planning in Wales : Report follow-up – progress on planning and permitting issues – evidence from local authorities

3.1 The witnesses responded to questions from members of the Committee.

4.1 Jane Lee agreed to provide information in relation to local authorities' preparations for rolling out the Green Deal initiative.

4. Inquiry into energy policy and planning in Wales : Report follow-up – progress on planning and permitting issues – evidence from Hyder Consulting

4.1 David Jones responded to questions from members of the Committee.

5. Inquiry into energy policy and planning in Wales : Report follow-up – progress on community energy and community benefits

5.1 The witnesses responded to questions from members of the Committee.

6. Inquiry into energy policy and planning in Wales : Report follow-up – unconventional gas – evidence from the European Commission

6.1 The witnesses responded to questions from members of the Committee.