

# Concise Minutes – Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee

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Meeting Venue:

Video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Thursday, 11 March 2021

Meeting time: 13.30 – 16.45

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## Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Mike Hedges MS (Chair) Janet Finch-Saunders MS Llyr Gruffydd MS Neil Hamilton MS Jenny Rathbone MS
Witnesses:	Jim Evans, Welsh Fishermen’s Association Jon Parker, Seafish Wales and Aquaculture Industry Wales Ltd James Wilson, Bangor Mussel Producers Ltd
Committee Staff:	Marc Wyn Jones (Clerk) Elizabeth Wilkinson (Second Clerk) Andrea Storer (Deputy Clerk) Lorna Scurlock (Researcher) Katie Wyatt (Legal Adviser)



## **1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest**

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the 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.

1.4 Apologies were received from Joyce Watson MS.

## **2 Legacy work: aquaculture**

2.1 The Committee heard evidence from representatives of Bangor Mussel Producers Ltd, and Seafish Wales and Aquaculture Industry Wales Ltd.

## **3 Paper(s) to note**

3.1 The papers were noted.

**3.1 Response from the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs to the Committee's report: Scrutiny of the Welsh Government draft budget 2021–22**

**3.2 Correspondence from the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs in relation to the Climate Change (Wales) Regulations 2021**

**3.3 Correspondence from the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs in relation to fuel poverty**

#### **4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (vi) and (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from items 5 and 6 of today's meeting**

4.1 The motion was agreed.

#### **5 Legacy work: aquaculture – consideration of evidence heard under item 2; and further consideration of the Committee's legacy work**

5.1 The Committee considered the evidence heard under item 2 and discussed its legacy work.

#### **6 Consideration of the Legislative Consent Memorandum (LCM) on the Animal Welfare (Sentencing) Bill**

6.1 Members received a legal briefing and considered the Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Animal Welfare (Sentencing) Bill.

#### **7 Legacy work: fisheries**

7.1 The Committee heard evidence from the Chair of the Welsh Fishermen's Association.

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

8.1 The motion was agreed.

#### **9 Legacy work: fisheries – consideration of evidence heard under item 7**

9.1 Members considered the evidence heard under item 7.