

Concise Minutes – Economy, Trade, and Rural Affairs Committee

Meeting Venue:

Hybrid – Committee room 1&2 Senedd
and video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Thursday, 20 October
2022

Meeting time: 09.30 – 12.51

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Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Paul Davies MS (Chair) Luke Fletcher MS Vikki Howells MS Samuel Kurtz MS Sarah Murphy MS
Witnesses:	George Dunn, Tenant Farmers Association Rhys Evans, Nature Friendly Farming Network Alexander Phillips, WWF Cymru Andrew Tuddenham, National Trust Arfon Williams, RSPB Eleanor Jarrold, Craig Evan Leyshon Commoners' Association John Lloyd, National Sheep Association Cymru (NSA) Dr Jonathan Davies, Brecon Beacons National Park Authority



Committee Staff:	<p>Lara Date, Clerk</p> <p>Robert Donovan, Clerk</p> <p>Sarah Bartlett, Deputy Clerk</p> <p>Ceri Thomas, Committee Support Officer</p> <p>Katy Orford, Researcher</p> <p>Katie Wyatt, Legal Adviser</p> <p>Masudah Ali, Legal Adviser</p> <p>Gruffydd Owen, Legal Adviser</p>
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1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting.

1.2 Apologies were received from Hefin David MS, there was no substitute.

1.3 Samuel Kurtz MS declared he was a director of the Wales Federation of Young Farmers Clubs.

2 Paper(s) to note

2.1 The papers were noted.

2.1 Letter from the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee

2.2 Letter from the Chair of the Finance Committee

2.3 Letter from the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd

3 Agriculture (Wales) Bill: Evidence Session 3

3.1 The Committee heard evidence from the RSPB Cymru, the Nature Friendly Farming Network, Wales Environment Link and the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority.

3.1 RSPB Cymru would provide the Committee with further information on proposals for tapering of transitional support.

3.2 The Wales Link representative would provide the Committee with more information relating to the tightening up of definitions in the Bill.

4 Agriculture (Wales) Bill: Evidence session 4

4.1 The Committee heard evidence from the Tenant Farmers Association, the National Trust, the National Sheep Association Cymru and Mynydd Eglwysilan Mynydd Meio and Craig Evan Leyshon Commoners' Association.

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

5.1 The motion was agreed.

6 Private

6.1 The Committee considered the evidence it had heard during the previous evidence sessions.