

Concise Minutes – Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee room 4 Tŷ Hywel and video

Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Thursday, 27 March 2025

Meeting time: 09.30 – 12.50

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Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Janet Finch–Saunders MS Delyth Jewell MS Julie Morgan MS Carolyn Thomas MS Joyce Watson MS Heledd Fychan MS (In place of Llyr Gruffydd MS)
Witnesses:	Huw Irranca–Davies MS, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs Claire Bennett, Welsh Government Gian Marco Currado, Welsh Government Clare Fernandes, Welsh Government Andy Fraser, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Lukas Evans Santos (Deputy Clerk) Richard Thomas (Clerk)



	Katy Orford (Researcher) Matthew Sutton (Researcher) Hannah Jenkins (Researcher)
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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 Llyr Gruffydd MS and Heledd Fychan MS substituted.

2 General scrutiny of the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs

2.1 The Committee received evidence from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs and officials.

3 Storm response inquiry – evidence session with the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs

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4 Papers to note

4.1 The papers were noted.

- 4.1 Meeting of the Inter–Ministerial Group for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs**
- 4.2 Bus Services (Wales) Bill**
- 4.3 Legislative Consent: Bus Services (No. 2) Bill**
- 4.4 The Environment (Air Quality and Soundscapes) (Wales) Act 2024**
- 4.5 Holyhead Port Storm Damage and Closure**
- 4.6 Storm response**
- 4.7 Halting and reversing the loss of nature by 2030**
- 4.8 Restoration of opencast mining sites**
- 4.9 Scrutiny of Natural Resources Wales**
- 5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (vi) and (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of this meeting and from the meeting on 30 April**
 - 5.1 The motion was agreed.
- 6 Disused Mine and Quarry Tips (Wales) Bill – Consideration of the Committee's Stage 1 draft Report**
 - 6.1 Members agreed the draft report subject to a few minor amendments.
- 7 Consideration of evidence received under items 2 and 3**
 - 7.1 Members considered the evidence heard under items 2 and 3.
- 8 Bus Services (Wales) Bill – Consideration of scope and approach to Stage 1 scrutiny**
 - 8.1 The Committee considered and agreed its approach to Stage 1 scrutiny of the Bill.

9 Restoration of opencast mining sites

9.1 The Committee considered the evidence received under item 9.

10 Forward work programme

10.1 The Committee discussed and agreed its Forward Work Programme.