

# Petitions Committee

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Meeting Venue: **Committee Room 1 – Senedd**

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Meeting date: **Tuesday, 11 November 2014**

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Meeting time: **08.59 – 10.01**

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### Assembly Members:

**William Powell (Chair)**  
**Russell George**  
**Bethan Jenkins**  
**Joyce Watson**

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### Witnesses:

**Catherine Patricia Jones, Funky Dragon**  
**Catherine Jones, UK Youth Ambassador 2012 –2014 and**  
**Bridgend Youth Council**  
**Jack Gillum, Powys Youth Council**  
**Dr Anne Crowley, Funky Dragon**

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### Committee Staff:

**Steve George (Clerk)**  
**Kayleigh Driscoll (Deputy Clerk)**  
**Kath Thomas (Deputy Clerk)**  
**Helen Roberts (Legal Adviser)**

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## 1 Introduction, apologies and substitutions

The Chair welcomed everyone to the Committee. There were no apologies.

## **2 Evidence Session – P-04-597 Protect the future of Funky Dragon, the Children and Young People’s Assembly for Wales**

Tricia Jones, Jack Gillum, Catherine Jones and Anne Crowley representing Funky Dragon answered questions from the Committee.

## **3 Updates to previous petitions**

### **3.1 P-03-150 National Cancer Standards**

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to:

- Make arrangements for the petitioner to be informed once the date for the plenary date has been announced;
- await the plenary debate before determining whether to take further action or close the petition; and
- ask the Minister to address the points raised by Public Health Wales about ‘non-urgent suspected cancer’.

### **3.2P-04-494 Robotic assisted laparoscopic prostatectomy must be made available to men in Wales now**

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to:

- write to the Minister and Cardiff & Vale UHB seeking the assurances requested by the petitioner; and
- seek the petitioner’s views on the recent announcement by the Minister.

### **3.3P-04-540 Stop Sexism In Domestic Abuse**

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to await the petitioner’s further comments.

### **3.4P-04-570 Inequitable Access to Treatments That Have Not Been Nationally Appraised in NHS Wales**

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to refer the matter to the Health and Social Care Committee to ask if they would be prepared to consider carrying out an enquiry as requested by the petitioners.

### **3.5P-04-586 All NHS Wales staff to be Paid at Least the Hourly Living Wage Rate of £7.65.**

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to seek further comments from the petitioner on the correspondence received.

### **3.6P-04-487 A Welsh Government deposit loan scheme for first time Welsh home buyers**

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to seek the Minister's views on the petitioner's further comments.

### **3.7P-04-598 Disability Awareness Training**

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to seek further comments from the petitioner on the correspondence received.

### **3.8P-04-516 Make political science compulsory in education**

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to seek further comments from the petitioner on the correspondence received.

### **3.9P-04-559 Secondary School Awareness of Self-Harm**

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to:

- draw the responses received to the attention of Professor Graham Donaldson;
- seek the outstanding responses from the Health Boards; and
- forward the responses to the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee for any future deliberations on the issue in the context of their work on CAMHS.

### **3.10 P-04-562 Caernarfon Heritage Centre**

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to seek further comments from the petitioner on the correspondence received.

### **3.11 P-04-585 Changes to A494/A470 Junction Dolgellau**

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to seek further comments from the petitioner on the correspondence received.

### **3.12 P-04-594 Cilmeri Community Council Appeal for The Prince Llywelyn Monument**

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to seek further comments from the petitioner on the correspondence received.

### **3.13 P-04-599 Impact of Domestic Rating on Self Catering Accommodation**

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to write to the Wales Tourism Alliance as the 'Voice of the Tourism Industry' in Wales to ask if they share the petitioner's concerns or whether they can offer him any reassurance.

### **3.14 P-04-572 Grants for Flood Resilience**

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to write to:

- Natural Resources Wales seeking views on the correspondence so far;
- the Association of British Insurers asking for their views on the insurance premiums charged on houses previously flooded but in low risk flood areas; and
- explore whether any previous work has been undertaken by Committees on Flood Resilience.

### **3.15 P-04-579 Reinstate funding for Skomer Island's Guillemot monitoring**

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to seek further comments from the petitioner on the correspondence received.

### **3.16 P-04-583 Ban all Growing and Selling of all GM seeds / Foods and Animal / Fish Feed in Wales**

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to:

- ask the Deputy Minister to respond to the petitioner’s comments and also to clarify the apparent contradiction between the WG policy to maintain a “restrictive and precautionary approach to GM crop cultivation” and the FSA’s view “that there is no reason to suppose that GM feed presents any more risk to farmed livestock than conventional feed; and
- contact the Clerk of the E&S Committee regarding the work they have previously undertaken on the issue, with a view to sharing it with the petitioner.

### **3.17 P-04-595 Foresight Pathway**

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to seek further comments from the petitioner on the correspondence received.

### **3.18 P-04-592 Democratically Binding Plebiscites at Local Government Level**

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to seek further comments from the petitioner on the correspondence received.

### **3.19 P-04-596 Save Porth Fire Station – SECONDS COST LIVES!**

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to seek further comments from the petitioner on the correspondence received.