

Environment and Sustainability Committee

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

Meeting date: **Thursday, 11 December 2014**

Meeting time: **09.15 – 14.30**

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Concise Minutes:

Assembly Members:

Alun Ffred Jones AM (Chair)
Mick Antoniw AM
Jeff Cuthbert AM
Russell George AM
Llyr Gruffydd AM
Julie Morgan AM
William Powell AM
Jenny Rathbone AM
Nick Ramsay AM (In place of Antoinette Sandbach AM)

Witnesses:

Joshua Miles, Federation of Small Businesses Wales
Ben Francis, Federation of small businesses
Mark Harris, Home Builders Federation
David Morgan, Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors Wales
John Pockett, Confederation of Passenger Transport
Matthew Williams, RenewableUK
Dyfan Sion, Welsh Government
Huw Gapper, Welsh Language Commissioner
Colin Nosworthy, Cymdeithas yr Iaith
Tamsin Davies, Cymdeithas yr Iaith
Emyr Lewis, Cardiff Law School
Meirion Davies, Dyfodol I'r Iaith

Naomi Ludhe–Thompson, Friends of the Earth
Nicola Hodgson, Open Spaces Society
Beverley Penney, Open Spaces Society
Elwyn Thomas, Planning Aid Wales
Matt Hemsley, Policy Adviser, Sustrans Cymru
Lindsey Curtis, Sustrans Cymru

Committee Staff:

Alun Davidson (Clerk)
Catherine Hunt (Second Clerk)
Adam Vaughan (Deputy Clerk)
Peter Hill (Deputy Clerk)
Hasera Khan (Official)
Lisa Salkeld (Legal Adviser)
Graham Winter (Researcher)

TRANSCRIPT

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1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

1.1 Apologies were received from Joyce Watson and Antoinette Sandbach. Nick Ramsey attended as substitute.

2 Planning (Wales) Bill: Stage 1 – Evidence session 9

2.1 Witnesses responded to questions from the Members of the Committee.

2.2 The Home Builders Federation and Sustrans agreed to provide the Committee with specific examples of where applications for town and village greens had been used to frustrate development.

3 Planning (Wales) Bill: Stage 1 – Evidence session 10

3.1 Witnesses responded to questions from the Members of the Committee.

3.1 The Welsh Language Commissioner’s officials agreed to provide specific examples of where the Welsh language has had an impact on a planning decision.

4 Planning (Wales) Bill: Stage 1 – Evidence Session 11

4.1 Witnesses responded to questions from the Members of the Committee.

5 Planning (Wales) Bill: Stage 1 – Evidence session 12

5.1 Witnesses responded to questions from the Members of the Committee.

5.2 Naomi Luhde–Thompson agreed to provide the Committee with further information on town and village greens, as well as a paper by Sasha White QC.

6 Planning (Wales) Bill: Stage 1 – Evidence session 13

6.1 Witnesses responded to questions from the Members of the Committee.

7 Papers to note

Planning (Wales) Bill: Correspondence from the Minister for Natural Resources to the Chair of the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee

7.1 Members noted the correspondence.

Inquiry into energy efficiency and fuel poverty in Wales: Further information from SSE following session on 13 November

7.2 Members noted the correspondence.

The Well–being of Future Generations (Wales) Bill: Correspondence from BMA Wales

7.3 Members noted the correspondence.

8 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting

8.1 Committee Members agreed the motion.

9 Planning (Wales) Bill: Discussion of evidence

9.1 The Committee discussed the evidence.

10 Discussion on the Committee's Forward Work Programme for 2015

10.1 Members discussed the Committee's Forward Work Programme for 2015.

11 Inquiry into recycling in Wales: Consideration of draft report

11.1 The Committee discussed the draft report.

12 Inquiry into energy efficiency and fuel poverty in Wales: Consideration of key issues

12.1 Committee Members discussed the key issues.

13 Inquiry into the organic production and labelling of organic products: Consideration of draft letter to European Commission

13.1 Members of the Committee noted the letter.