

Concise Minutes – Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3 – Senedd

Meeting date: Thursday, 21 February
2019

Meeting time: 09.20 – 12.30

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Mike Hedges AM (Chair) Gareth Bennett AM Andrew RT Davies AM John Griffiths AM Llyr Gruffydd AM Jenny Rathbone AM Joyce Watson AM
Witnesses:	Rachel Sharp, Wildlife Trusts Wales Jerry Langford, Coed Cadw Woodland Trust Laurence Brooks, Ecological Consultant Robert Vaughan, Natural Resources Wales Steve Wilson, Dŵr Cymru Emyr Williams, Snowdonia National Park Authority Geraint Jones, Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority



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	Brendan Costelloe, British Ecological Society
Committee Staff:	Marc Wyn Jones (Clerk) Elizabeth Wilkinson (Second Clerk) Katy Orford (Researcher)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting.
- 1.2 The Chair announced that Dai Lloyd AM will replace Helen Mary Jones AM as a permanent member of the Committee.
- 1.3 The Chair thanked Helen Mary Jones AM for her contribution to the Committee's work.
- 1.4 Apologies were received from Dai Lloyd AM.
- 1.5 Joyce Watson AM referred the Committee to her registered interest.

2 Consideration of Biodiversity – Public Goods Scheme: evidence session with representatives of environment and conservation groups

- 2.1 The Committee received evidence from representatives of environment and conservation groups.

3 Consideration of Biodiversity – Public Goods Scheme: evidence session with representatives of Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water, National Park Authorities and the British Ecological Society

- 3.1 The Committee received evidence from representatives of Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water, National Park Authorities and the British Ecological Society.

4 Paper(s) to note

- 4. The Committee noted the papers under item 4.

4.1 Correspondence from the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs to the Chair regarding the UK Government's draft Environment Bill and the Welsh Government's proposals for environmental governance

4.2 Additional correspondence from the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs to the Chair regarding the publication of the Committee's report 'The impact of Brexit on fisheries in Wales'

4.3 Correspondence from the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs to the Chair regarding the outcomes-based approach to the Public Goods scheme

4.4 Correspondence from the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs to the Chair regarding discussions with the Fisheries and Marine Senior Steering Group in relation to the UK Fisheries Bill

5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (vi) to resolve to exclude the public from items 6 and 7 of today's meeting

5.1 The Committee resolved to exclude the public for items 6 and 7 of today's meeting.

6 Biodiversity – Public Goods Scheme: consideration of oral evidence

6.1 The Committee considered the evidence received under items 2 and 3.

7 Forward work programme: approach to environmental governance and principles

7.1. The Committee agreed to write back to the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs to follow-up on issues relating to environmental governance and principles.

7.2 The Committee agreed to undertake further work on environmental governance and principles at an appropriate point in its work programme, and following the publication of the Welsh Government's consultation.