

Petitions Committee

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

Meeting date: **Tuesday, 10 January 2012**

Meeting time: **09:30 – 11:05**

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Concise Minutes:

Assembly Members:

William Powell (Chair)
Russell George
Bethan Jenkins
Joyce Watson

Witnesses:

Carl Sargeant
Jeff Collins, Welsh Government
Ian Davies, Welsh Government

Committee Staff:

Abigail Phillips (Clerk)
Rhodri Wyn Jones (Deputy Clerk)
Gwyn Griffiths (Legal Advisor)

1. Introduction, apologies and substitutions

No apologies had been received.

2. Discussion of evidence from Minister for Health and Social Services

2.1P-03-136 Parking in Heath and Birchgrove

The Committee agreed:

To write to the University Health Board seeking clarification regarding future meetings;
Write to Cardiff Council summing up the deliberations of the Committee and recommending that the Council continues to work with the petitioners to resolve the parking issues;

Pending these letters, the Committee agreed to close the petition (bar the usual correspondence with the petitioner setting out the reasons for closure), once clarification has been sought.

2.2P-03-221 Improved NHS Chiropody Treatment

The Committee agreed:
To await the publication of Ministerial guidance on this issue.

2.3P-03-222 National Osteoporosis Society

The Committee agreed:
To await the Ministers recommendations following her consideration of the report on the Welsh Osteoporosis Advisory Group's audit of fracture liaison services provision, which will be available in the New Year.

3. New petitions

3.1P-04-351 Recall LDPs

The Committee agreed:
To write to the Minister for Local Government and Communities seeking his views on the issue.

3.2P-04-352 Save Roath Steam Laundry

The Committee agreed:
To write to CADW and the petitioners for an update on the situation and to Cardiff Council and the Minister for Housing, Regeneration and Heritage seeking their views.

3.3P-04-353 Anti-hate Crime Campaign in Wales

The Committee agreed:
To write to the Minister for Finance and Leader of the House and the Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee seeking their views and copying the Minister for Education and the Minister for Local Government and Communities.

3.4P-04-354 Public statement of support for Bradley Manning

The Committee agreed:
To write to the Table Office seeking clarification over the guidelines relating to Statements of Opinion;
Write to the Chair of the Cross-party Group on Human Rights and the First Minister seeking their views.

3.5P-04-355 Cymru not Wales

The Committee agreed:
To write to the Petitioner advising that neither the Welsh Government nor the National Assembly have the power to formally change its name.
Seek independent advice on the etymology of the word 'Wales'.
Pending response from the petitioner, the Committee agreed to write to the First Minister and to the Assembly Commission seeking their views regarding an informal change of name.

3.6P-04-356 A Call to Review the Issues Set Out in the 2007 Report on Football in Wales

The Committee agreed:
To refer the petition to the Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee.

3.7P-04-357 Allocating social housing in Wales

The Committee agreed:
To write to the First Minister seeking his views and legal advice.

3.8P-04-359 Problems With The NHS For The Deaf

The Committee agreed:

To write to the Minister for Health and Social Services

Issue a call for evidence to better understand the scale of the problem and refer evidence to the Cross-party group on Deaf Issues.

4. Updates to previous petitions

4.1P-03-227 Against the proposed Metrix access road in Llanmaes

The Committee agreed:

Following the Minister's letter that states that the proposed road will no longer go ahead, the committee agreed to close the petition.

4.2P-03-252 Opposing RAF St Athan Northern Access Road (Boverton residents)

The Committee agreed:

Following the Minister's letter that states that the proposed road will no longer go ahead, the committee agreed to close the petition.

4.3P-03-318 Cross Border Maternity Services

The Committee agreed:

To write to the Minister for Health and Social Services asking to be kept updated once a local delivery plan has been developed.

Write to the Health and Social Care Committee, asking if it will keep the issue under review.

4.4P-03-308 Save Gwent Theatre

The Committee agreed:

To write to the Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee expressing the Petitions Committees' concerns and forwarding the Auditor General's correspondence for consideration.

Pending this, the Committee agreed to close the petition.

4.5P-03-311 Spectacle Theatre

The Committee agreed:

To write to the Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee expressing the Petitions Committees' concerns and forwarding the Auditor General's correspondence for consideration.

Pending this, the Committee agreed to close the petition.

4.6P-03-314 Save Theatr Powys & Mid Powys Youth Theatre

The Committee agreed:

To write to the Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee expressing the Petitions Committees' concerns and forwarding the Auditor General's correspondence for consideration.

Pending this, the Committee agreed to close the petition.

4.7P-04-339 Enforcement of Animal Welfare Standards in the Puppy Farming Industry in South West Wales

The Committee agreed:

To refer the petition to the Environment and Sustainability Committee for possible inclusion on its forward work programme.

4.8P-04-343 Prevent the destruction of amenities on common land - Anglesey

The Committee agreed:

To await a response from the petitioners on this issue.

4.9P-04-330 A Welsh-language Record in our Assembly

The Committee agreed:

To refer the petition to the committee scrutinising the forthcoming official languages Bill, once this has been decided by the Business Unit.

5. Minister for Local Government and Communities – oral evidence session

5.1P-03-144 Guide Dogs for the Blind – Shared Space

The Minister for Local Government and Communities answered questions from the Committee on this issue.

5.2P-03-162 Road Safety in Llanspyddid

The Minister for Local Government and Communities answered questions from the Committee on this issue and agreed to share the Accident Record with the Committee.

5.3P-03-261 Local Solutions to Newtown Traffic

The Minister for Local Government and Communities answered questions from the Committee on this issue and agreed to share the data from the before & after study of traffic congestion with the Committee, which will be available next month.

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6. Papers to Note

6.1P-04-321 Arriva Trains Wales services between South West and South East Wales

Transcript

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