

# Environment and Sustainability Committee

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Meeting Venue: Committee Room 3 - Senedd

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Meeting date: Thursday, 31 January 2013

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Meeting time: 09:30 - 15:30

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## Concise Minutes:

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### Assembly Members:

Dafydd Elis-Thomas (Chair)  
Mick Antoniw  
Keith Davies  
Russell George  
Vaughan Gething  
Llyr Huws Gruffydd  
William Powell  
David Rees  
Antoinette Sandbach

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### Witnesses:

Ed Bailey, National Farmers' Union Cymru  
Hannah Blythyn, Unite Wales  
Dai Davies, Hybu Cig Cymru  
Nick Fenwick, Farmers' Union of Wales  
Gwyn Howells, Hybu Cig Cymru  
Richard Jenkins, The Planning Inspectorate  
Sue Leake, Welsh Government  
Ivan Monckton, Unite Wales  
Mark Newey, Welsh Government  
Richard Poppleton, The Planning Inspectorate  
Don Thomas, Welsh Lamb and Beef Producers  
Huw Thomas, NFU Cymru  
Iestyn Thomas, YFC Wales

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### Committee Staff:

Alun Davidson (Clerk)  
Catherine Hunt (Deputy Clerk)  
Nia Seaton (Researcher)  
Elfyn Henderson (Researcher)

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## 1. Introductions, apologies and substitutions

1.1 Apologies were received from Julie James. Mark Drakeford attended as a substitute.

## 2. Inquiry into the proposed abolition of the Agricultural Wages Board - Evidence from Unite

2.1 The witnesses responded to questions from members of the Committee.

## 3. Inquiry into the proposed abolition of the Agricultural Wages Board - Evidence from Farmers Union of Wales and Wales YFC

3.1 Rhian Nowell-Phillips was unable to attend the session due to travel problems.

3.2 The witnesses responded to questions from members of the Committee.

## 4. Inquiry into the proposed abolition of the Agricultural Wages Board - Evidence from NFU Cymru and the Tenant Farmers Association Cymru

4.1 George Dunn was unable to attend the session due to travel problems.

4.2 The witnesses responded to questions from members of the Committee.

## 5. Issues affecting the red meat industry in Wales - Round table discussion

5.1 The witnesses responded to questions from members of the Committee.

## 6. Local Development Plans and Population/Household numbers - Evidence from The Planning Inspectorate

6.1 The witnesses responded to questions from members of the Committee.

## 7. Local Development Plans and Population/Household numbers - Evidence from Welsh Government officials

7.1 The witnesses responded to questions from members of the Committee.

## 8. Papers to note

8.1 The Committee noted the minutes of the meeting held on 17 January.

## 9. Motion under Standing Order 17.42(vi) to exclude the public from the meeting on 6 February

9.1 The Committee agreed the Motion.

## TRANSCRIPT

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