

Minutes – Business Committee

Meeting Venue:

Presiding Officer's office, 4th floor – Tŷ

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Meeting date: 20 September 2016

Meeting time: 08.30 – 09.03

Private

Attendance

Category	Names
Committee Members:	Elin Jones AM Jane Hutt AM Simon Thomas AM Paul Davies AM David J Rowlands AM
Committee Staff:	Aled Elwyn Jones (Clerk)
Others in attendance	Nathan Gill AM Ann Jones AM, Deputy Presiding Officer Siân Wilkins, Head of Chamber and Committee Service Christopher Warner, Head of Policy and Legislation Committee Service, Head of Policy and Legislation Committee Service Helen Carey, Welsh Government



1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

Nathan Gill AM attended the meeting, in accordance 11.5(iii).

2 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes for the meeting were agreed by the Committee for publication.

3 Organisation of Business

3.1 This Week's Business

The First Minister would be making a statement on the Programme for Government on Tuesday.

Plaid Cymru would use their allocated time to hold two 30 minute debates on Wednesday.

On Tuesday, Voting Time would be after the final item of business. On Wednesday, Business Committee agreed that Voting Time would take place before the Short Debate.

3.2 Three Week Timetable of Government Business

Business Committee noted the 3 Week Timetable of Government Business.

3.3 Three week timetable of Assembly Business

Business Committee determined the organisation of Assembly business and agreed to schedule the following items of business:

Wednesday 28 September 2016 –

- Statement by the Chair of the Culture, Welsh Language and Communications Committee on the Committee's approach to its remit and how it plans to engage with the public in Wales (30 mins)

Wednesday 12 October 2016 –

- Debate by Individual Members under Standing Order 11.21(iv) (60 mins)
- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)

Individual Member Debate: Selection of Motion for Debate

- Business Committee selected 2 motions for debate.

Wednesday 28 September 2016

○ **NNDM6088**

Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales)

Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Llyr Gruffydd (North Wales)

Neil Hamilton (Mid and West Wales)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Calls on the Welsh Government to take decisive action to tackle bovine TB by committing to use the most effective measures to control and eradicate bovine TB and ensuring that testing and movement restrictions are proportionate to the disease status of an area.

Wednesday 12 October 2016

○ **NNDM6089**

Lee Waters (Llanelli)

Rhun ap Iorwerth (Ynys Môn)

Huw Irranca-Davies (Ogmore)

John Griffiths (Newport East)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises the multiple health and wellbeing benefits of physical activity.
2. Notes that only 35 per cent of Welsh children are getting the recommended hour of physical activity that they need every day.
3. Recognises the potential of the Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013 to raise levels of physical activity amongst all age groups.
4. Calls on the Welsh Government to fully engage communities in identifying the new routes that would link up local destinations and would be most likely to be well used.

4 Committees

Business Managers agreed to offer Nathan Gill a place on the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee. UKIP had offered to give up their place on the committee so that its size would remain the same.

Business Managers agreed to review the Standing Orders on the definition of a group, especially in respect of a Member leaving or being suspended from a group, and the relationship with Business Committee.

Any Other Business

Timings for Spokespeople

The Presiding Officer informed Members of her intention to allow spokespeople only two minutes to make their introductory remarks following a statement, before they come to questions. The Chamber clock would not be set for each Member but the Presiding Officer would intervene if a Member does not come to questions after two minutes.

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The Presiding Officer informed Business Managers of her intention to invite party leaders and Dawn Bowden AM (Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney) to make a contribution at the start of Plenary on October 19, along with a minute's silence, to mark the 50th anniversary of the Aberfan Disaster. Business Managers indicated that they were content with the proposed arrangements.