

Concise Minutes – Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3 – Senedd

Meeting date: Wednesday, 28 June 2017

Meeting time: 09.30 – 11.31

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Mike Hedges AM (Chair) Gareth Bennett AM Jayne Bryant AM Siân Gwenllïan AM Huw Irranca-Davies AM David Melding AM Jenny Rathbone AM Simon Thomas AM
Witnesses:	
Committee Staff:	Marc Wyn Jones (Clerk) Martha Da Gama Howells (Second Clerk) Louise Andrewartha (Deputy Clerk) Chloe Corbyn (Researcher) Wendy Dodds (Researcher) Elfyn Henderson (Researcher) Helen Davies (Secretariat)



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1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

The Chair introduced himself and Gareth Bennett AM to the Committee.

Huw Irranca-Davies declared that a family member works for Natural Resources Wales.

2 Paper(s) to note

The Committee noted the papers.

2.1 Additional written evidence received from Natural Resources Wales on the management of Marine Protected Areas in Wales

2.2 Letter from Blaise Bullimore following oral evidence session with Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs on the management of Marine Protected Areas

2.3 Letter from Wales Environment Link to the Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs on the Committee's report on The Future of Land Management in Wales

3 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting for the following business:

The motion was agreed.

4 Brexit update

The Committee listened to the update and discussed the issues raised.

The Committee agreed to seek to work collaboratively with other UK legislatures on matters relating to Brexit.

The Committee also agreed to adopt such an approach to all of its future inquiries.

5 Energy policy inquiry paper

The Committee discussed the paper and agreed to undertake an inquiry into energy policy in Wales.

The Committee agreed to seek to work collaboratively with other UK legislatures on matters relating to energy policy.

6 Preparation for Welsh Government general scrutiny session

The Committee agreed question areas for the general scrutiny session with the Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs.

7 Summary of findings from 'Protecting Welsh Seas' – public survey as part of inquiry into the management of Marine Protected Areas

The Committee discussed the findings of the survey.

8 Inquiry into the management of Marine Protected Areas in Wales – key issues paper

The Committee discussed the paper.