

Economic Development and Transport Committee

Minutes EDT(2) 05-06

Meeting date: 16 March 2006

Meeting time: 9.00 – 12.17

Meeting venue: National Assembly for Wales, Cardiff Bay

Assembly Members in Attendance

Assembly Member	Constituency
Christine Gwyther (Chair)	Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire
Leighton Andrews	Rhondda
Mick Bates	Montgomeryshire
Alun Cairns	South Wales West
Andrew Davies (Minister for Economic Development and Transport)	Swansea West
Janet Davies	South Wales West
Alun Ffred Jones	Caernarfon
Carl Sargeant	Alyn & Deeside

Officials in Attendance

Name	Job Title
David Pritchard	Director, Economic Development and Transport Department
Gareth Hall	WDA Chief Executive
Robin Shaw	Chief Executive, Transport Wales
Simon Shouler	Transport Policy and Administration Unit

Cath Mullin	Transport Strategy Unit
Gwyn Griffiths	Legal Advisor

Others in Attendance

Name	Representing	Agenda item(s)
David Rosser	Director, CBI Wales	4
Adrian Treharne	Cabinet Office	4
Rosie Milner	Cabinet Office	4

Committee Service

Name	Job Title
Claire Morris	Clerk
Sarah Bartlett	Deputy Clerk

Item 1: Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

1.1 The Committee agreed to establish a sub-Committee to approve the National Assembly for Wales' appointment to the Rail Passenger Council. The membership of the sub-Committee would be Christine Gwyther and Janet Davies, who were the Committee's public appointment nominees.

1.2 The Chair welcomed Mick Bates who would be substituting for Kirsty Williams.

1.3 Leighton Andrews declared an interest, as his wife was a Director of BT in Wales.

1.4 A verbatim record of the meeting is available

Item 2: EDT Minister's Report

Paper: EDT(2) 05-06 (p.1)

2.1 The EDT Minister introduced his report.

Actions Points:

- The EDT Minister agreed to investigate claims of Broadband capacity problems in the Neath area and report back to the Committee.
- The EDT Minister agreed to provide a report to the Committee on whether there had been any problems with pollution left in the ground at the old Melloy Ltd site.
- The EDT Minister agreed to provide further information on the project to identify locations in Wales where tidal stream technology could be suitable.
- The EDT Minister agreed to make the schedule for the rollout of the RIBS project available to the Committee.
- As a consequence of the Lyons Review, the EDT Minister agreed to provide the Committee with a breakdown of public sector job gains and losses in Objective 1 and non Objective 1 areas.
- The EDT Minister agreed to provide a paper to the Committee on social exclusion and deprivation in rural areas, following the Cabinet's recent discussion of the issue.

Item 3: ASPB Merger

Paper: EDT(2) 05-06 (p.2)

3.1 The Committee welcomed the update.

Actions Points:

- The EDT Minister agreed to provide the Committee with the post merger structural chart, including the structures for the energy and rural divisions.
- The EDT Minister agreed to arrange an informal presentation on DEIN branding architecture.
- The EDT Minister agreed to provide the Committee with the question and answer document that had been circulated to ASPB staff.

Item 4: Legislative and Regulatory Reform Bill

Paper: EDT(2) 05-06 (p.3)

EDT(2) 05-06 (p.4)

EDT(2) 05-06 (p.5)

4.1 The Committee welcomed the presentation from officials and noted some general areas of concern.

Actions Points:

- The Chair agreed that this item would come back to the Committee for further scrutiny.

Item 5: Transport Strategy

Paper: EDT(2) 05-06 (p.6)

5.1 The Committee welcomed the update from officials.

Item 6: The Transport (Wales) Act Commencement Order 2006

Paper: EDT(2) 05-06 (p.7)

6.1 The Committee had no comments on the Order.

Actions Points:

- The Clerk would prepare a report for Business Committee.

Item 7: Minutes of previous meetings and matters arising

Paper: EDT(2) 03-06 - Minutes of meeting held on 8 February

Paper: EDT(2) 04-06 - Minutes of meeting held on 2 March

Paper: EDT(2) 05-06 - Action Outstanding

- The Minutes of the meetings held on 8 February and 2 March were agreed as a true record.

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