

# Petitions Committee

## PET(3) 03-09 : Minutes

**Date: Tuesday 10 February 2009**

**Time: 09:30-10:13**

**Venue: Committee Room 1, Y Senedd, National Assembly for Wales, Cardiff Bay**

### Assembly Members in attendance

Val Lloyd AM, Swansea East (Chair)

Andrew RT Davies AM, South Wales Central

Mike German AM, South Wales East

Bethan Jenkins AM, South Wales West

### Officials

Siân Phipps, Clerk

Alun Davidson, Deputy Clerk

Joanest Jackson, Legal Advisor

### Item 1: Introduction, Apologies and Substitutions

#### Item 2: New Petitions

PET(3) 03-09 Paper 1

##### (i) P-03-153 Body piercing

The Committee considered this petition for the first time.

#### Action

The Committee agreed to:

Commission a legal note from the National Assembly for Wales's Legal Service

##### (ii) P-03-185 Llantwit Major regeneration

The Committee considered this petition for the first time.

#### Action

The Committee agreed to:

Write to the Deputy Minister for Regeneration to request more information on the grant application and the reasons for its rejection

### Item 3: Updates on previous petitions

PET(3) 03-09 Paper 2

##### (i) P-03-089 Powys Community Schools Action

The Committee considered an update to this petition.

#### Action

The Committee agreed to:

Close this petition, as the Committee has taken it as far as it can

Forward all the documentation gathered to the lead petitioner

##### (ii) P-03-109 Anti bullying schemes

The Committee considered an update to this petition.

**Action**

The Committee agreed to:

Close this petition, as the Committee has taken it as far as it can

Send a copy of the Children's Commissioner's letter to Mencap Cymru

Contact Caerphilly County Borough Council about the digital stories project

**(iii) P-03-122 Hafod Quarry**

The Committee considered an update to this petition.

**Action**

The Committee agreed to:

Invite the lead petitioner to respond to the Environment Agency Wales and the Countryside Council for Wales's letters

**(iv) P-03-137 Hypothyroidism**

The Committee considered an update to this petition.

**Action**

The Committee agreed to:

Write to the Minister for Health and Social Services to ask her to respond to the points raised in the lead petitioner's most recent letter

**(v) P-03-141/149 Llanbedr Airfield**

The Committee considered an update to this petition.

**Action**

The Committee agreed to:

Close both petitions, as it has taken them as far as it can

**(vi) P-03-144 Guide Dogs for the Blind**

The Committee considered an update to this petition.

**Action**

The Committee agreed to:

Ask the Enterprise and Learning Committee for its view on this petition

Ask the Minister for Environment, Sustainability and Housing for her view on Guide Dogs for the Blind's call for a moratorium on shared-space developments

**(vii) P-03-150 National Cancer Standards**

The Committee considered an update to this petition.

**Action**

The Committee agreed to:

Ask the Minister for Health and Social Services to update the Committee on whether local health boards have met the national cancer standards, once the deadline for meeting these standards has passed

Send a copy of the Local Health Board's response to the lead petitioner

Inform the Health, Wellbeing and Local Government Committee of this petition

**(viii) P-03-170 MENCAP Cymru**

The Committee considered an update to this petition.

**Action**

The Committee agreed to:

Invite Mencap Cymru to respond to the responses received

**(ix) P-03-178 Against a new prison in Cwmbran**

The Committee considered an update to this petition.

**Action**

The Committee agreed to:

Close this petition, as the petition's aim has been achieved

**(x) P-03-179 Post 19 students with additional learning needs**

The Committee considered an update to this petition.

**Action**

The Committee agreed to:

Await the outcome of the Enterprise and Learning Committee's work on this petition

**(xi) P-03-188 Special Care Baby Unit**

The Committee considered an update to this petition.

**Action**

The Committee agreed to:

Make the Minister for Health and Social Services aware of Cwm Taf NHS Trust's concerns

Send a copy of Cwm Taf NHS Trust's letter to the petitioners

**(xii) P-03-194 Rhymney Valley to Cardiff bus service**

The Committee considered an update to this petition.

**Action**

The Committee agreed to:

Refer this petition to Caerphilly County Borough Council for consideration according to its own procedures

**(xiii) P-03-196 Sutent**

The Committee considered an update to this petition.

**Action**

The Committee agreed to:

Close this petition, as the petition's aim has been achieved

**Item 4: Draft protocols with the Welsh Local Government Association and the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales**

The Committee considered the draft protocols.

**Action**

The Committee agreed the protocols.

**Item 5: Oral update on P-03-134 Welsh honours system**

The Committee considered an oral update from the Clerk.

**Action**

The Committee welcomed the launch of the online discussion forum.