

Petitions Committee

PET(3) 04-09 : Minutes

Date: Monday 02 March 2009

Time: 09:29 - 12:21

Venue: Committee Room 1, The Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh

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

Witnesses

Philip Smith, Scottish Government

Rob Garner, Scottish Natural Heritage

Ann Gray, Scottish Rural Property and Business Association

Ronnie Picken, Scottish Anglers National Federation

Eddie Palmer, Canoe Scotland

Item 1: Introduction, Apologies and Substitutions

Item 2: Short inquiry into petition P-03-118 Welsh Canoeing Association

The Committee took oral evidence from Scottish stakeholders.

Item 3: New Petitions

PET(3) 04-09 Paper 1

(i) P-03-187 Abolish the Severn Bridge Toll

The Committee considered this petition for the first time.

Action

The Committee agreed to:

Invite the UK Department for Transport to send an official to present evidence to the Committee at a future meeting

Write to the Deputy First Minister and Minister for Economy and Transport

(ii) P-03-197 Save the Vulcan

The Committee considered this petition for the first time.

Action

The Committee agreed to:

Invite Cadw to give evidence to the Committee at a future meeting

Invite the petitioners to give evidence at a future meeting

Invite the developers to inform the Committee of their proposals and whether they could incorporate the Vulcan into their design

Item 4: Updates on previous petitions

PET(3) 04-09 Paper 2

(i) P-03-107 Welsh-language daily newspaper

The Committee considered an update to this petition.

Action

The Committee agreed to:

Await a response from Dyddiol Cyf

(ii) P-03-123 Unadopted roads

The Committee considered an update to this petition.

Action

The Committee agreed to:

Close this petition as it has taken it as far as it can

(iii) P-03-134 Welsh honours system

The Committee considered an update to this petition.

Action

The Committee agreed to:

Invite the National Assembly for Wales's Head of External Communications to discuss this petition with the Committee

(iv) P-03-152 FlexSys Cefnmawr rubber chemicals plant

The Committee considered an update to this petition.

Action

The Committee agreed to:

Close this petition as it has taken it as far as it can

(v) P-03-156 Sleep Apnoea

The Committee considered an update to this petition.

Action

The Committee agreed to:

Write again to the Minister for Health and Social Services

(vi) P-03-162 Road safety in Llanspyddid

The Committee considered an update to this petition.

Action

The Committee agreed to:

Write again to the Deputy First Minister and Minister for Economy and Transport

Inform the petitioner of the Committee's action

(vii) P-03-166 Abertillery and District Hospital

The Committee considered an update to this petition.

Action

The Committee agreed to:

Write to the lead petitioner to ask for her view on the latest letter from the Minister for Health and Social Services

Ask the local NHS Trust for its view of the current situation and the value of the site and its expectations for the sale of the land and property