

Petitions Committee

PET(3)-04-09 Paper 2 : 02 March 2009

Updates on previous petitions

This paper provides a list of updates received to petitions previously considered by the Committee. Many of these updates have been received as correspondence. Where relevant, copies of correspondence are appended to this paper as PET(3) 04-09 Paper 2A.

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

Petition wording

'We call on the Welsh Assembly Government to take urgent steps to implement its promise to establish a Welsh language daily newspaper as included in the One Wales Coalition Agreement:

'We will expand the funding and support for Welsh medium magazines and newspapers, including the establishment of a Welsh language daily newspaper.'

We call on the Government to make a new announcement that sufficient funding is to be made available to establish a national independent daily newspaper in Welsh, in accordance with the research carried out by experienced organisations in the field.'

Link to petition: <http://www.assemblywales.org/gethome/e-petitions-old/dogfennau-busnes-deisebau/p-03-107.htm>

Petition raised by: Cymdeithas yr Iaith

Number of signatures: 1,000+

Previously considered by the Committee on: 10 April 2008, 11 June 2008, 23 July 2008, 02 October 2008, 04 December 2008 and 27 January 2009.

Update: The Enterprise and Learning Committee has written to the Committee. A copy of this reply is attached as part of PET(3) 04-09 Paper 2A.

(ii) P-03-123 Unadopted roads

Petition wording

'We, the undersigned, call upon the Welsh Assembly Government to make it easier for unitary authorities to take over unadopted roads while minimising the burden on frontagers'

Link to petition: <http://www.assemblywales.org/gethome/e-petitions-old/dogfennau-busnes-deisebau/p-03-123.htm>

Petition raised by: Cllr. Keith Davies

Number of signatures: 113

Previously considered by the Committee on: 08 May 2008, 25 June 2008, 02 October 2008, 06 November 2008 and 13 January 2009.

Update: On 06 November 2008, the Committee decided to write to the Deputy First Minister to ask if he intended to issue any guidance on the adoption of older unadopted roads. The Deputy First Minister has replied and a copy of his response is attached as part of PET(3) 04-09 Paper 2A.

The Welsh Local Government Association and Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council have also written to the Committee. Copies of these responses are also attached as part of PET(3) 04-09 Paper 2A.

(iii) P-03-134 Welsh honours system

Petition wording

'We the undersigned call upon the National Assembly for Wales to introduce a Welsh honours system and having instituted such a system to honour the writer, Jan Morris,'

Link to petition: <http://www.assemblywales.org/gethome/e-petitions-old/eform-sign-petition-old/p-03-134.htm>

Petition raised by: Richard Owen

Number of signatures: 38

Previously considered by the Committee on: 25 June 2008, 02 October 2008 and 20 November 2008, 13 January 2009, 27 January 2009 and 10 February 2009.

Update: The Presiding Officer and the First Minister have responded to the Committee's request for more information. A copy of these responses is attached as part of PET(3) 04-09 Paper 2A.

(iv) P-03-152 Cefn Mawr FlexSys Rubber Chemicals Plant

Petition wording

'We call upon the National Assembly for Wales to investigate the circumstances surrounding the closure of Cefn Mawr Flexsys Rubber Chemicals Plant and take any action it considers appropriate in light of its findings.'

Link to petition: <http://www.assemblywales.org/gethome/e-petitions-old/admissible-pet/p-03-152.htm>

Petition raised by: Chris Wilberforce

Number of signatures: 19

Previously considered by the Committee on: 13 January 2009

Update: The Deputy First Minister has responded to the Committee's request for more information. A copy of this response is attached as part of PET(3) 04-09 Paper 2A

(v) P-03-156 Sleep Apnoea

Petition wording

'That Wales should have an effective, cohesive, well-funded policy for all patients with sleep disorders. This would include the provision of Constant Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP) machines for diagnosed sufferers of Obstructive Sleep Apnoea (OSA).'

Link to petition: <http://www.assemblywales.org/gethome/e-petitions-old/dogfennau-busnes-deisebau/p-03-156.htm>

Petition raised by: The Welsh Sleep Apnoea Society

Number of signatures: 1 organisation

Previously considered by the Committee on: 16 October 2008, 06 November 2008 and 13 January 2009.

Update: The Minister for Health and Social Services has responded to the Committee's request for more information. A copy of this response is attached as part of PET(3) 04-09 Paper 2A.

(vi) P-03-162 Improvements to the A40 near Llanspyddid

Petition wording

'We, the undersigned, hereby petition the Welsh Assembly Government to improve road safety in the village of Llanspyddid, Brecon, Powys through implementation of traffic calming measures such as a reduction in the current speed limit, improved roadside lighting and improved signage on the A40.'

Link to petition: <http://www.assemblywales.org/gethome/e-petitions-old/dogfennau-busnes-deisebau/p-03-162.htm>

Petition raised by: Llanspyddid Residents Association

Number of signatures: 67

Previously considered by the Committee on: 06 November 2008 and 13 January 2009.

Update: The Deputy First Minister has responded to the Committee's request for more information. A copy of his response is attached as part of PET(3) 04-09 Paper 2A.

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

Petition wording

'We the undersigned call upon our National Assembly for Wales to urge the Welsh Assembly Government to look into and address the proposed closure of Abertillery and District Hospital by the local health board.'

Link to petition: <http://www.assemblywales.org/gethome/e-petitions-old/admissible-pet/p-03-166.htm>

Petition raised by: Martha Lowman

Number of signatures: 12

Previously considered by the Committee on: 16 October 2008, 20 November 2008 and 27 January 2009.

Update: The Minister for Health and Social Services has responded to the Committee's request for more information. A copy of this response is attached as part of PET(3) 04-09 Paper 2A.

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