

Petitions Committee

PET(3)-08-09 Paper 3 : 17 May 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) 08-09 Paper 3A.

(i) P-03-098 Abolishing the school name 'Ysgol Gyfun Rhydfelen'

Petition Wording

'We understand that the Assembly has found in favour of the Rhondda Cynon-Taf Education Authority's action in changing the name of Ysgol Gyfun Rhydyfelen, and of the methods used to bring about this change.

We find this to be a matter of disappointment and consternation. The decision has far-reaching obligations with respect to the powers and rights of school governing bodies in general. It also, of course, ratifies the Authority's ill founded and unwarranted decision to eliminate a school name which has had such prominence in the history of Welsh education, and in doing so, to flout the opinion consistently expressed by the school's governors, parents, pupils, through the School council, and staff.

We understand that Lord Gwilym Prys Davies has already contacted the members of the Petitions Committee. We wish to support his request for a speedy amendment of the relevant legislation, whereby the right to change the name of a school is returned to governors'

Link to petition: <http://www.assemblywales.org/gethome/e-petitions-old/admissible-pet/p-03-98.htm>

Petition raised by: Lord Prys Davies

Number of signatures: 25

Previously considered by the Committee on: 31 January 2008 and 10 April 2008.

Update: An update has been received from the Chair of the Assembly's Enterprise and Learning Committee and is attached as part of PET(3) 08-09 Paper 3A.

(ii) P-03-099 Multi user pathway at Talybont-on-Usk

Petition wording

We the undersigned ask the National Assembly for Wales to provide a non-motorised multi-user track alongside the A40 between the picnic lay by at Bwlch to the new junction at Talybont-on-Usk, thus creating a safe link between the Black Mountains and the Brecon Beacons Rights of Way network.

Link to petition: <http://www.assemblywales.org/gethome/e-petitions-old/admissible-pet/p-03-99.htm>

Petition raised by: Lucienne Bennett

Number of signatures: 18

Previously considered by the Committee on: 21 February 2008, 8 May 2008 and 31 March 2009.

Update: An update has been received from the Deputy First Minister and is attached as part of PET(3) 08-09 Paper 3A.

(iii) P-03-124 Cysgliad

Petition wording

We the undersigned call upon the National Assembly for Wales to request that the Welsh Assembly Government makes available, for free download, the Windows version of the Cysglaid Welsh dictionary/thesaurus.

Link to petition: <http://www.assemblywales.org/gethome/e-petitions-old/eform-sign-petition-old/p-03-124.htm>

Petition raised by: Alun Evans

Number of signatures: 11

Previously considered by the Committee on: 11 June 2008, 2 October 2008, 20 November 2008 and 31 March 2009

Update: An update has been received from the Minister for Heritage and is attached as part of PET(3) 08-09 Paper 3A.

(iv) P-03-144 Guide Dogs for the Blind

Petition wording

We, the undersigned representatives, petition the National Assembly for Wales to lay specific responsibility on local authorities to be aware of their duties under the Disability Discrimination Act and Disability Equality Duty, and comply with them by not creating town centres, high streets and residential streets with shared surfaces that discriminate against blind and partially sighted and other disabled people, effectively excluding them from the street environment

Link to petition: <http://www.assemblywales.org/gethome/e-petitions-old/admissible-pet/p-03-144.htm>

Petition raised by: Guide Dogs for the Blind

Number of signatures: 10

Previously considered by the Committee on: 25 June 2008, 2 October 2008, 4 December 2008, 27 January 2009 and 31 March 2009

Update: An update has been received from the Deputy First Minister and is attached as part of PET(3) 08-09 Paper 3A.

(v) P-03-153 Body piercing

Petition wording

We call upon the National Assembly for Wales to place restrictions on the age at which a minor can have body piercing. The age for body piercings, other than the ears and nose, should be regulated up to the age of 16 years.

Link to petition: <http://www.assemblywales.org/gethome/e-petitions-old/admissible-pet/p-03-153.htm>

Petition raised by: Cllr. Russell Down

Number of signatures: 14

Previously considered by the Committee on: 10 February 2009 and 31 March 2009

Update: An update has been received from the Minister for Health and Social Services and is attached as part of PET(3) 08-09 Paper 3A.

(vi) P-03-179 Post 19 Students with Additional Learning Needs

Petition wording

'We the undersigned request that the National Assembly for Wales address the issues that are facing 19+ students who have complex physical and learning disabilities. For students who do not wish to attend residential, there is no appropriate College in Wales for them to attend that can meet their complex needs.'

Link to the petition: <http://www.assemblywales.org/gethome/e-petitions-old/eform-sign-petition-old/p-03-179.htm>

Petition raised by: Julie Prosser

Number of signatures: 10

Previously considered by the Committee on: 06 November 2008, 13 January 2009 and 10 February 2009.

Update: An update has been received from the Chair of the Assembly's Enterprise and Learning Committee and is attached as PET(3) 08-09 Paper 3B.

(vii) P-03-203 Further education for young people with complex impairments

Petition wording

Scope Cymru calls upon the Welsh Assembly Government to provide co-located further education provision for young people with complex impairments on the campuses of existing mainstream further education colleges across multiple sites in Wales.

Link to the petition: <http://www.assemblywales.org/gethome/e-petitions-old/eform-sign-petition-old/p-03-203.htm>

Petition raised by: Scope Cymru

Number of signatures: 1

Previously considered by the Committee on: 31 March 2009

Update: An update has been received from the Chair of the Assembly's Enterprise and Learning Committee and is attached as PET(3)

08-09 Paper 3B.

(viii) P-03-197 Save The Vulcan

Petition wording

Built in 1853, The Vulcan Hotel in Adam Street is one of Cardiff's oldest pubs. It is scheduled for demolition in June 2009 to make way for a multi-storey car park and flats. Please help make the developers incorporate The Vulcan into their designs and stop this unnecessary vandalism of Cardiff culture and history.

There is talk of moving the pub to St Fagan's Museum but The Vulcan doesn't belong in a museum; it belongs where it has been for 155 years - the heart of Cardiff.

We, the undersigned, believe that The Vulcan Hotel is worth more to Cardiff standing than demolished, and worth more where it stands than in a museum. We urge the developers to respect Cardiff's culture and history and preserve this historic building on its present site

We also urge Cardiff Council and the Welsh Assembly Government to use all their power to ensure that The Vulcan remains where it is - at the heart of Cardiff.

Link to petition: <http://www.assemblywales.org/gethome/e-petitions-old/admissible-pet/p-03-197.htm>

Petition raised by: Rachel Thomas

Number of signatures: 5,000

Previously considered by the Committee on: 02 March 2009 and 17 March 2009

Update: An update has been received from the Deputy First Minister and is attached as part of PET(3) 08-09 Paper 3A.

(ix) P-03-206 Free swimming all year round

Petition wording

The Youth club of Ammanford Junior Gateway would like to ask if you would sign our petition which will be submitted to the Welsh Assembly and the local council.

For free all year round Leisure Facilities for children and young people.

Link to petition: <http://www.assemblywales.org/gethome/e-petitions-old/admissible-pet/p-03-206.htm>

Petition raised by: Ammanford Gateway Club

Number of signatures: 562

Previously considered by the Committee on: 05 May 2009

Update: The Committee requested a copy of the Audit Committee's report on physical activity in Wales. A copy is attached as part of PET(3) 08-09 Paper 3A.

(x) P-03-207 Support for the unemployed in Monmouth

Petition wording

We, the undersigned urge the Welsh Assembly Government to investigate how to provide support and effective information to people in Wales, who are looking for employment, training or trying to initiate a business enterprise, locally.

Link to petition: <http://www.assemblywales.org/gethome/e-petitions-old/admissible-pet/p-03-206.htm>

Petition raised by: Monmouth Town Council's Community Affairs Committee

Number of signatures: 286

Previously considered by the Committee on: 31 March 2009

Update: An update has been received from the Minister for Children, Education, Lifelong Learning and Skills and is attached as part of PET(3) 08-09 Paper 3A.