

Petitions Committee

PET(3) 10-09 : Minutes

Date: Tuesday 23 June 2009

Time: 09:31 - 10:24

Venue: Committee Room 1, Y Senedd, Cardiff Bay

Assembly Members in attendance

Sandy Mewies AM, Delyn (Temporary Chair)

Andrew RT Davies AM, South Wales Central

Mike German AM, South Wales East

Bethan Jenkins AM, South Wales West

Officials

Alun Davidson, Clerk

Daniel Collier, Acting Deputy Clerk

Joanest Jackson, Legal Adviser

Presenters

Barry Greenwood, lead petitioner, Keep Abergavenny Livestock Market Open (KALM)

Jenny Long, Petitioner, Keep Abergavenny Livestock Market Open (KALM).

1. Introductions, Apologies and Substitutions

2. Evidence session: P-03-205 Keep Abergavenny Livestock Market Open

The Committee took oral evidence from Barry Greenwood and Jenny Long from Keep Abergavenny Livestock Market Open (KALM).

Actions

The Committee agreed to:

Write to Monmouthshire County Council requesting information on whether they intend to ask the Welsh government to repeal the Abergavenny Improvements Act 1854 - 1871 and the likely timescale of the proposed development.

Write to the developers requesting clarification on the impact that proposals would have on Abergavenny.

Write to the livestock market requesting their opinion on the proposed development of the site and the impact it would have on Abergavenny.

Seek clarification from the Minister for Social Justice and Regeneration regarding his stance on the power to repeal the Abergavenny Improvements Acts 1854 - 1871 and the next steps he would take on receiving a request from Monmouthshire County Council to repeal the acts

Write to the National Farmers Union Cymru (NFU Cymru) and Farmers Union Wales (FUW) requesting their opinion on the proposed development of the Abergavenny livestock market site.

3. New Petition

(i) P-03-219 Pharmacies in Barry

The Committee considered this petition for the first time.

Actions

The Committee agreed to:

Write to the Minister for Health and Social Services to ask for her position in relation to the regulations governing the relocation of pharmacies in Wales and whether she has plans to revise those regulations.

Write to the Royal Pharmaceuticals Society Wales, Community Pharmacy Wales, and the Community Health Council requesting their opinion on the regulations governing the relocation of pharmacies in Wales.

4. Discussion of evidence

The Committee discussed the evidence on the Keep Abergavenny Livestock Market Open petition.

5. Updates to previous petitions

(i) P-03-118 Welsh Canoeing Association

The Committee considered an update to this petition.

Action

The Committee agreed to:

Await the outcome of the Sustainability Committee report on Access along Inland Water before proceeding.

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

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-03-202 Education Maintenance Allowance

The Committee considered an update to this petition.

Action

The Committee agreed to:

Await the response from the Minister for Children, Education, Lifelong Learning and Skills to the Enterprise and Learning Committee's report on the Education Maintenance Allowance before proceeding.

(iv) P-03-207 Monmouth jobcentre

The Committee considered an update to this petition.

Action

The Committee agreed to:

Await the response from the petitioners.

(v) P-03-212 Traffic relief for St Asaph

The Committee agreed to:

Write to the Minister for Economy and Transport recommending that the Welsh government liaise closely with Taith to form an integrated plan, which would take into consideration the alterations and improvements to access onto the A55.

(vi) P-03-213 Abandon the badger cull

Action

The Committee agreed to:

Write to the Minister for Rural Affairs requesting further details of when she expects the evaluation of the intensive action pilot to eradicate bovine TB to be completed.

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