

Petitions Committee

PET(3)-10-09 Paper 3: 23 June 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) 10-09 Paper 3A.

(i) P-03-118 Welsh Canoeing Association

Petition Wording

The Welsh Assembly Government is urged to consider and implement a Bill to benefit Wales that would enshrine access rights and responsibilities for the public to and along natural resources in the same way that the Scottish Land Reform Act encourages co-operative use of the outdoors for healthy, low impact recreation.

This bill must provide and permit access to and along non-tidal water in the face of the massive lack of legal clarity and restrictions that exist at present, which act as a barrier to sport and recreation and the promotion of Wales as a place to visit for Adventure Tourism.

Link to petition: <http://www.assemblywales.org/gethome/e-petitions-old/admissible-pet/p-03-118.htm>

Petition raised by: Ashley Charlwood

Number of signatures: 9893

Previously considered by the Committee on: 24 April 2008, 25 June 2008, 6 November 2008, 4 December 2008, 27 January 2009, and 2 March 2009

Update: Updates have been received from the Communities and Culture and Sustainability Committees, and are attached as part of PET(3) 10-09 Paper 3A.

(ii) 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, 27 January 2009, 2 March 2009 and 31 March 2009

Update: An update has been received from the Minister for Heritage, and is attached as part of PET(3) 10-09 Paper 3A.

(iii) P-03-202 Education Maintenance Allowance

Petition wording

We call upon the National Assembly for Wales to recognise young people over 16 years are considered to be adult by their parents and so their parents' income should not be taken into account when assessing eligibility for Education Maintenance Allowance. They should base it on an individual's income.

Link to petition: <http://www.assemblywales.org/gethome/e-petitions-old/admissible-pet/p-03-202.htm>

Petition raised by: Catrin Anne Davies

Number of signatures: 272

Previously considered by the Committee on: 17 March 2009, 31 March 2009 and 5 May 2009

Update: At its meeting on 31 March 2009, the Committee agreed to ask the Enterprise and Learning Committee to investigate this petition further. The Enterprise and Learning Committee has now published a report of this inquiry. A copy of this report and a letter from the Chair of the Enterprise and Learning Committee is provided as PET(3) 10-09 Paper 3B.

(iv) 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 the petition: <http://www.assemblywales.org/gethome/e-petitions-old/admissible-pet/p-03-207.htm>

Petition raised by: Monmouth Town Council Community Affairs Committee

Number of signatures: 286

Previously considered by the Committee on: 31 March 2009 and 19 May 2009

Update: An update has been received from the Department for Work and Pensions and is attached as part of PET(3) 10-09 Paper 3A.

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

Petition wording

I agree that St Asaph needs a North/South relief road.

Link to petition: <http://www.assemblywales.org/gethome/e-petitions-old/admissible-pet/p-03-212.htm>

Petition raised by: St Asaph Town Council

Number of signatures: 5000+

Previously considered by the Committee on: 5 May 2009

Update: An update has been received from the Deputy First Minister and is attached as part of PET(3) 10-09 Paper 3A.

(vi) P-03-213 Abandon the Badger Cull

Petition wording

We call upon the Welsh Assembly Government to abandon its proposed cull of badgers as part of its Bovine TB Eradication programme. This is in the light of overwhelming evidence of sound science which has been peer reviewed from the Independent Scientific Group. This quite clearly states 'that badger culling can make no meaningful contribution to cattle TB'

Join our campaign - stop the cull!

Link to the petition: <http://www.assemblywales.org/gethome/e-petitions-old/admissible-pet/p-03-213.htm>

Petition raised by: Secret World Wildlife Rescue

Number of signatures: 14098

Previously considered by the Committee on: 5 May 2009

Update: An update has been received from the Minister for Rural Affairs, and is attached as part of PET(3) 10-09 Paper 3A.

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