

Rural Development Sub-Committee

Minutes (RDC(3)-01-09)

Date: 15 January 2009

Time: 14:30 - 16:30

Venue: Committee Room 1 & 2, Senedd

Assembly Members in Attendance

Alun Davies, Mid and West Wales
Mick Bates, Montgomeryshire
Rhodri Glyn Thomas, Carmarthen East and Dinefwr
Brynle Williams, North Wales
Jenny Randerson, Cardiff Central
Joyce Watson, Mid and West Wales

Others in Attendance

Professor Terry Marsden, Cardiff University
Professor Kevin Morgan, Cardiff University
Nic Lampkin, Director, Organic Centre Wales, and Chair, Welsh Organic Strategy Group
Delyth Davies, Menter a Busnes
Helen Davies, National Sheep Association Cymru
John Davies, NFU Cymru
Wyn Williams, Dunbia
Rees Roberts, Hybu Cig Cymru
Lorraine Howells, Farmers Union Wales
Stephen Shearman, Farmers' Markets in Wales
John Griffiths, Dairy Development Centre
Katie Palmer, FSA Welsh Food Advisory Committee

Committee Service

Claire Morris, Clerk
Meriel Singleton, Deputy Clerk

1: Introduction, Apologies and Substitutions

1.1 The Chair welcomed everybody to the meeting.

2: Inquiry into Production and Promotion of Welsh Food

2.1 The Chair invited Professor Terry Marsden and Professor Kevin Morgan to make some opening remarks regarding the key drivers for the production and promotion of Welsh Food.

2.2 The Chair invited comments from around the table.

2.3 The Committee agreed to write to the Minister requesting information on any evaluations of argi-environmental schemes, undertaken in the last 10 years.