

# Rural Development Sub-Committee

## Minutes (RDC(3)-01-10)

**Date:** 14 January 2010

**Time:** 13:00 - 15:00

**Venue:** Committee Room 3, Senedd

### Assembly Members in Attendance

Mick Bates, Montgomeryshire

Joyce Watson, Mid and West Wales

Rhodri Glyn Thomas, Carmarthen East & Dinefwr

Brynle Williams, North Wales

### Committee Service

Aled Elwyn Jones, Clerk

Meriel Singleton, Deputy Clerk

### Others in Attendance

Ed Bailey NFU Cymru

Dylan Morgan NFU Cymru

.Peter Hewson Association of Independent Meat Suppliers

Don Thomas Welsh Lamb and Beef Productions

Sion Aron Jones Hybu Cig Cymru

Gwyn Howells Hybu Cig Cymru

### 1: Election of a New Chair

1.1 The Clerk requested nominations for Chair. Rhodri Glyn Thomas was nominated and elected. Joyce Watson did not agree with the appointment.

### 2: Introduction, Apologies and Substitutions

The Chair welcomed everybody to the meeting and thanked Alun Davies for the work he had undertaken as Chair of the Committee. The Committee agreed to write to Alun to thank him for his work.

### 3: Inquiry into Animal Welfare and Meat Hygiene: Evidence Session

3.1 The Chair welcomed .Ed Bailey and Dylan Morgan from the NFU Cymru to the meeting. Members questioned the witnesses.

### 4: Inquiry into Animal Welfare and Meat Hygiene: Evidence Session

4.1 The Chair welcomed .Peter Hewson from the Association of Independent Meat Suppliers to the meeting. Members questioned the witnesses.

4.2 Peter Hewson agreed to provide further information on cost savings that could be achieved by outsourcing meat inspection.

### 5: Inquiry into Animal Welfare and Meat Hygiene: Evidence Session

5.1 The Chair welcomed .Don Thomas from Welsh Lamb and Beef Productions to the meeting. Members questioned the witnesses.

### 6: Inquiry into Animal Welfare and Meat Hygiene: Evidence Session

6.1 The Chair welcomed Sion Aron Jones and Gwyn Howells from Hybu Cig Cymru to the meeting. Members questioned the witnesses.