

# Rural Development Sub-Committee

## Minutes (RDC(3)-02-07)

**Meeting date: Wednesday 25 July 2007**

**Meeting time: 10.00am - 12.05am**

**Meeting venue: National Assembly for Wales' Building, Royal Welsh Showground, Builth Wells**

### Assembly Members in Attendance

Alun Davies (Chair), Mid and West Wales

Mick Bates, Montgomeryshire

Brynle Williams, North Wales

### Committee Service

Kathryn Jenkins, Clerk

Daniel Collier, Deputy Clerk

### Others in Attendance

Dai Davies - President - NFU Cymru (Item 2)

Mary James Deputy Director and Head of Policy - NFU Cymru (Item 2)

Steve James - NFU Cymru representative on the TB Action Group (Item 2)

Brian Walters - Vice President - Farmers' Union of Wales (Item 2)

Nick Fenwick - Director of Agricultural Policy - Farmers' Union of Wales (Item 2) Julian Salmon - Regional Director, Wales - CLA (Item 2)

Paddy Rooney - CLA Welsh Executive Committee representative on the TB Action Group (Item 2)

Rhydian Rees -YFC Rural Affairs Committee Chair (Item 2)

### Item 1: Introduction and Apologies

1.1 The Chair welcomed the Sub-Committee and members of the public to the meeting, noting how pleased he was that the Committee was holding the Assembly's first Committee meeting at the Royal Welsh Show on this, the first anniversary of the "Government of Wales Act 2006 "receiving Royal Assent"." The Chair stated that Elin Jones would cease to be a Member of the Sub-Committee following her appointment as Minister for Rural Affairs.

### Item 2: Evidence to the Committee for their inquiry into Bovine TB in Wales

**Paper: RDC(3)-02-07(p.1), RDC(3)-02-07(p.2), RDC(3)-02-07(p.3)**

2.1 The Committee welcomed Dai Davies, President - NFU Cymru; Mary James, Deputy Director and Head of Policy - NFU Cymru; Steve James, NFU Cymru representative on the TB Action Group; Brian Walters, Vice President - Farmers' Union of Wales; Dr Nick Fenwick, Director of Agricultural Policy - Farmers' Union of Wales; Julian Salmon, Regional Director - Wales CLA; Paddy Rooney, CLA representative on the TB Action Group; Rhydian Rees - YFC Rural Affairs Committee Chair. The witnesses outlined the key points in their papers. 2.2 The Committee scrutinised the witnesses on their evidence. 2.3 Following further evidence taking and scrutiny of the Minister, the Committee proposes to publish its report in November. Committee Service  
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