

Rural Development Sub-Committee

Minutes (RDC(3)-07-09)

Date: 20 May 2009

Time: 9:30- 12:00

Venue: Committee Room 3, 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

Committee Service

Claire Morris, Clerk

Meriel Singleton, Deputy Clerk

Others in Attendance

Stephen Shearman, Farmers' Markets in Wales

Steve Garrett, Riverside Community Market Association

Simon Michaels, Localfoodshop

Maia Riley, Capper Ltd

Justin Baird Murray, Wales Tourism Alliance

David Chapman, Wales Tourism Alliance

John Glasby, Bluestone Leisure Ltd

Gary Chappell, the Co-operative

Michael Ash-Edwards, the Co-operative

Allison Lloyd, ASDA

John White, ASDA

Mark Grant, Tesco

Felix Gummer, Tesco

1: Introduction, Apologies and Substitutions

1.1 The Chair welcomed everybody to the meeting.

2: Inquiry into Production and Promotion of Welsh Food - Evidence Session

2.1 The Chair welcomed Stephen Shearman, Steve Garrett, Simon Michaels and Maia Riley to the meeting and invited them to make some opening remarks. Members questioned the witnesses.

3: Inquiry into Production and Promotion of Welsh Food - Evidence Session

3.1 The Chair welcomed Justin Baird Murray, David Chapman, and John Glasby to the meeting and invited them to make some opening remarks. Members questioned the witnesses.

4: Inquiry into Production and Promotion of Welsh Food - Evidence Session

4.1 The Chair welcomed Gary Chappell, Michael Ash-Edwards, Allison Lloyd, John White, Mark Grant, and Felix Gummer to the meeting and invited them to make some opening remarks. Members questioned the witnesses

4.2 Witnesses agreed to provide the further information on the location of their milk processors.

4.3 Gary Chappell agreed to provide further information on the rate paid to dairy farmers per litre of milk and on the Co-operatives experience on direct contracts.