

Rural Development Sub-committee

Minutes (RDC(3)-10-08)

Date: 11 June 2008

Time: 9:08 - 10:52

Venue: Committee Room 3, Senedd, Cardiff Bay

Assembly Members in Attendance

Alun Davies (Chair), Mid and West Wales
Lorraine Barrett, Cardiff South and Penarth
Mike German, South Wales East
Alun Ffred Jones, Arfon
Brynle Williams, North Wales

Committee Service

Claire Morris, Clerk
Joanne Clinton, Deputy Clerk

Others in attendance

Professor David Reynolds, Professor of Education, University of Plymouth
Professor Glen Bramley, Professor of Urban Studies, Heriot-Watt University (via video-link)

Item 1: Introduction, Apologies and Substitutions

1.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Mick Bates, for whom Mike German attended as substitute.

Item 2: Inquiry into provision of education in rural Wales and the reorganisation of schools in rural Wales

2.1 The Chair welcomed Professor David Reynolds to the meeting and invited him to outline the main points in his research on 'Small Schools Closure: New Evidence'. Members questioned the witness.

The meeting was suspended between 10:00 and 10:05 to set up a video-link.

Item 3: Inquiry into provision of education in rural Wales and the reorganisation of schools in rural Wales

3.1 The Chair welcomed Professor Glen Bramley to the meeting via video-link and invited him to outline the main points in his research on 'Alternative Resource Allocation Models for Local Services in Wales'. Members questioned the witness.

3.2 The Clerk would circulate copies of the Estyn reports referred to by Professor Bramley in his evidence.