

Rural Development Sub-Committee

Minutes : RDC(3)-10-10 : 7 July 2010

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Time: 9.00 - 11.30

Venue: Committee Room 3, Senedd

Assembly Members in attendance

Rhodri Glyn Thomas, Carmarthen East and Dinefwr

Kirsty Williams, Brecon and Radnorshire

Brynle Williams, North Wales

Joyce Watson, Mid and West Wales

Witnesses

Cllr Hywel Eifion Jones, Anglesey County Council (via video link)

William Davies, Anglesey County Council (via video link)

Hugo Van Rees, Powys County Council

Nigel Baldwin, Powys County Council

Dylan Morgan, NFU Cymru

Stephen Alderman, NFU Cymru

David Williams, FUW

Nick Fenwick, FUW

George Dunn, Tenants Farmers Association

Rhys Evans, YFC Wales

Ian Whitehead, University of Plymouth

Nick Millard, Bruton Knowles, Gloucester

Committee Staff

Aled Elwyn Jones, Clerk

Meriel Singleton, Deputy Clerk

Item 1 Introduction, Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed Committee Members and members of the public. No apologies had been received.

Item 2: Inquiry into Local Authority Farms - evidence gathering Paper: RDC(3)-10-10(p.1) (p.2)

2.1 The Committee took evidence from Eifion Jones, Williams Davies, Hugo Van Rees and Nigel Baldwin as part of their inquiry into Local Authority Farms.

2.2 The Committee agreed to write to the witnesses with requests for further information.

Item 3: Inquiry into Local Authority Farms - evidence gathering Paper: RDC(3)-10-10(p.3) (p.4)

3.1 The Committee took evidence from Dylan Morgan, Stephen Alderman, David Williams and Nick Fenwick as part of their inquiry into Local Authority Farms.

3.2 The Committee agreed to write to the witnesses with requests for further information

Item 4: Inquiry into Local Authority Farms - evidence gathering Paper: RDC(3)-10-10(p.5) (p.10)

4.1 The Committee took evidence from George Dunn and Rhys Evans as part of their inquiry into their inquiry into Local Authority Farms.

Item 5: Inquiry into Local Authority Farms - evidence gathering Paper: RDC(3)-10-10(p.6)

5.1 The Committee took evidence from Ian Whitehead and Nick Millard as part of their inquiry into their inquiry into Local Authority Farms.

6: Motion under Standing Order 10.37 to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting for Item 7 and 8

6.1 The Chair moved a motion, under Standing Order 10.37(vi), to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting, to discuss matters relating to the reports it intends to publish.

6.2 The Committee agreed to the motion

7: Inquiry into Reform of Common Agricultural Policy: Consideration of Draft Report

7.1 The Committee agreed the report.

8: Rural Development Sub-Committee: Annual Report

8.1 The Committee agreed the report.

9: Papers Noted

9.1 The Committee noted the following papers:

RDC(3)-10-10 : Paper 7 Inquiry into Local Authority Farms Evidence from Carmarthenshire County Council

RDC(3)-10-10 : Paper 8, Paper to Note : Further Evidence from CLA on Reform of Common Agriculture Policy

RDC(3)-10-10 : Paper 9, Paper to Note : Rural Development sub-Committee Timetable

RDC(3)-10-10 : Paper 11, Paper to Note : Evidence from Association of Chief Estate Surveyors

RDC(3)-10-10 : Paper 12, Paper to Note : Rural Development Sub-committee Inquiry into Local Authority Farms in Wales: Terms of Reference