

Sustainability Committee

Minutes (SC(3)-01-09)

Date: 22 January 2009

Time: 13:00 - 15:00

Venue: Committee Room 3, Senedd

Assembly Members in Attendance

Mick Bates (Chair), Montgomeryshire

Alun Davies, Mid and West Wales

Lesley Griffiths, Wrexham

Darren Millar, Clwyd West

Brynle Williams, North Wales

Leanne Wood, South Wales Central

Committee Service

Virginia Hawkins, Clerk

Meriel Singleton, Deputy Clerk

Others in Attendance

Huw Thomas, National Farmers Union Cymru

Dai Davies, National Farmers Union Cymru

Rhian Nowell-Phillips, Farmers Union Wales

Julian Salmon, Country Land and Business Association

Derek Holliday, Country Land and Business Association

Simon Neale, Environment Agency

Roger Wade, Environment Agency

Item 1: Introduction, Apologies and Substitutions

1.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Lorraine Barrett, Rhodri Glyn Thomas and Karen Sinclair.

Item 2 : Inquiry into Carbon Reduction in Wales: Evidence Session on Land Use

2.1 The Chair welcomed Huw Thomas, Dai Davies, Rhian Nowell-Phillips, Julian Salmon, and Derek Holliday to the meeting and invited them to make some opening remarks on Carbon Reduction via Land Use. Members questioned the witnesses.

2.2 The National Farmers Union Cymru agreed to provide further information on what the barriers were regarding livestock diet; the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs research projects in Aberystwyth; information from Austria on the charges for renewable energy and the Australian study on the intensive grassland sector.

Item 3 : Inquiry into Carbon Reduction in Wales: Evidence Session on Land Use

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Item 4 : Consideration of the Subordinate Legislation Committee Inquiry into Scrutiny of Subordinate Legislation and Delegated Powers

4.1 Mick Bates agreed to draft a response to this inquiry

Item 5: Papers to Note

5.1 The Committee noted the following papers:

Response from Minister to questions on Carbon Reduction via Energy Production

Further Evidence from RSPB Cymru

Further Evidence from BWEA Cymru