

# Sustainability Committee

## Minutes (SC(3)-03-09)

**Date:** 12 February 2009

**Time:** 13:00 - 15:00

**Venue:** Committee Room 3, Senedd

### Assembly Members in Attendance

Mick Bates (Chair), Montgomeryshire  
Lorraine Barrett, Cardiff South and Penarth  
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

Becky Favager, Environment Agency Wales  
Andy Schofield, Environment Agency Wales  
Mary Lewis, Countryside Council for Wales  
Susan Gubbay, Countryside Council for Wales  
Annie Smith, RSPB  
Lynsey Dodds, WWF  
Jane Davidson, Minister for Environment, Sustainability and Housing  
Gerry Quarrell, Welsh Assembly Government  
Louise George, Welsh Assembly Government

### Item 1 : Introduction, Apologies and Substitutions

1.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Lesley Griffiths, Alun Davies, Rhodri Glyn Thomas and Karen Sinclair.

### Item 2 : Inquiry into the implications of the Marine Bill for Wales

2.1 The Chair welcomed Becky Favager, Andy Schofield, Mary Lewis, and Susan Gubbay to the meeting and invited them to make some opening remarks on the implications of the Marine Bill for Wales. Members questioned the witnesses.

2.2 Mary Lewis agreed to provide further detail on the impact of Climate Change and the All Wales Coastal Path

### Item 3 : Inquiry into the implications of the Marine Bill for Wales

3.1 The Chair welcomed Annie Smith and Lynsey Dodds to the meeting and invited them to make some opening remarks on the implications of the Marine Bill for Wales. Members questioned the witnesses.

3.2 Annie Smith agreed to provide further detail on the RSPB's position on the improvement of public access to the coast.

### Item 4 : Inquiry into the implications of the Marine Bill for Wales

4.1 The Chair welcomed Jane Davidson and her officials to the meeting and invited the Minister to make some opening remarks on the implications of the Marine Bill for Wales. Members questioned the Minister.

4.2 The Minister agreed to provide further legal clarification on the relationship between a National Planning Statement and Marine Planning Statement, and whether a Marine Planning Statement could be considered of National importance. The Minister also agreed to provide clarification on the legal difference between in accordance with and have regard to.