

# Sustainability Committee

## Minutes (SC(3)-05-07)

**Date:** 11 October 2007

**Time:** 9.30 - 12:30

**Venue:** Committee Room 3, Senedd, Cardiff Bay

### Assembly Members in Attendance

Mick Bates (Chair), Montgomeryshire  
Lorraine Barrett, Cardiff South and Penarth  
Alun Davies, Mid and West Wales  
Alun Ffred Jones, Arfon  
Darren Millar, Clwyd West  
Karen Sinclair, Clwyd South  
Brynle Williams, North Wales  
Leanne Wood, South Wales Central

### Committee Service

Virginia Hawkins, Clerk  
Joanne Clinton, Deputy Clerk

### Others in Attendance

Gordon James, Director, Friends of the Earth  
  
Peter Jones, RSPB Cymru for Wales Environment Link  
Tim Helweg-Larsen, Zero Carbon Britain

### Item 1: Introduction, Apologies and Substitutions

1.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Lesley Griffiths.

### Item 2: Inquiry into carbon reduction in Wales

**Paper: SC(3)-05-07 (p.1)**

2.1 The Chair welcomed Gordon James to the meeting and invited him to introduce Friends of the Earth Cymru written submission to the residential section of the Committee's inquiry into carbon reduction in Wales.

2.2 The witness agreed to provide the Committee with a web link to information on the actual number of new buildings inspected, together with clarification on the experience of Scotland regarding Combined Heat and Power (CHP) power stations. The witness was also asked to provide information on the use of council tax rebates for households installing cost-effective energy efficiency measures.

2.3 The Chair welcomed Peter Jones to the meeting and invited him to introduce the Wales Environment Link submission to the residential section of the Committee's inquiry into carbon reduction in Wales.

### Item 3: Consideration of petition PO61(GR) on the Coal M TAN

**Paper: SC(3)-05-07 (p.4)**

3.3 The Chair introduced a paper on petition PO61(GR) on the Coal M TAN and invited comments from Members. The Committee agreed to write to the Minister requesting an update on the publication date of the Coal M TAN and seeking clarification as to whether the timescale would allow the Committee to input to the content of the final M TAN if necessary.

### Item 4: Inquiry into carbon reduction in Wales

**Paper: SC(3)-05-07 (p.3)**

4.1 The Chair welcomed Tim Helweg-Larsen to the meeting and gave apologies on behalf of Peter Harper, who had transport difficulties on the day.

4.2 Tim Helweg-Larsen introduced the written submission from the Centre for Alternative Technology to the residential section of the Committee's inquiry into carbon reduction in Wales.

4.3 The Committee agreed to write to Peter Harper seeking a written submission in relation to questions raised by the Committee at the meeting.