

# Sustainability Committee

## Minutes (SC(3)-08-08)

**Date:** 24 April 2008

**Time:** 12:30 - 13:30

**Venue:** Committee Room 2, Senedd

### Assembly Members in Attendance

Mike German (Temporary Chair), South Wales East  
Alun Davies, Mid and West Wales  
Janice Gregory, Ogmore  
Lesley Griffiths, Wrexham  
Alun Ffred Jones, Arfon  
Darren Millar, Clwyd West  
Brynle Williams, North Wales  
Leanne Wood, South Wales Central

### Committee Service

Virginia Hawkins, Clerk  
Joanne Clinton, Deputy Clerk

### Others in attendance

Tegryn Jones, Chief Executive, Keep Wales Tidy  
Gill Bell, Welsh Officer, Marine Conservation Society

### Item 1: Election of Temporary Chair

1.1 Under Rule 10.18 of Standing Orders, Mike German was elected as Temporary Chair for meetings that Mick Bates was unable to attend up until the end of the current Assembly term in July 2008.

### Item 2: Introduction, Apologies and Substitutions

2.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Mick Bates, Lorraine Barrett and Karen Sinclair. Mike German attended the meeting as substitute for Mick Bates and Janice Gregory attended as substitute for Lorraine Barrett.

### Item 3: Consideration of petition P-03-063, calling for a ban on plastic bags

#### Paper: SC(3)-08-08 (p1)

3.1 The Chair introduced a paper and associated correspondence in relation to petition P-03-063, calling for a ban on plastic bags.

3.2 The Committee agreed that the Chair should ask the Minister for Environment, Sustainability and Housing to confirm progress of the Environmental Protection and Waste Management Legislative Competence Order. The Committee further agreed to seek legal advice on the various options available for tackling the issue of plastic bags.

3.3 Subject to the outcome of discussions with the Minister, the Committee agreed to conduct a review on the petition. Members were invited to submit potential witnesses for the review to the Clerk.

### Item 4: Consideration of petition P-03-063, calling for a ban on plastic bags

#### Papers: SC(3)-08-08 (p2) and (p3)

4.1 The Chair welcomed to the meeting Tegryn Jones from Keep Wales Tidy and Gill Bell from the Marine Conservation Society and invited them to introduce their written submissions. Members questioned the witnesses.