

Sustainability Committee

Minutes (SC(3)-14-08)

Date: 25 June 2008

Time: 9:00 - 11:10

Venue: Committee Room 3

Assembly Members in Attendance

Mike German (Chair), South Wales East
Lorraine Barrett, Cardiff South and Penarth
Alun Davies, Mid and West Wales
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
Annette Stafford, Deputy Clerk

Others in attendance

Kevin Mowbray, Head of Secretariat, Welsh Energy Research Centre
Professor Stuart JC Irvine, Chair of Opto-electronic Materials Chemistry, University of Wales, Bangor
Miles Willis, Marine Renewable Energy, University of Wales, Swansea
Ian Draisey, Head of Marketing, Dulas Ltd

Item 1: Introduction, Apologies and Substitutions

1.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Mick Bates and Karen Sinclair. Mike German attended the meeting as substitute for Mick Bates.

Item 2: Inquiry into carbon reduction in Wales: evidence session on energy production

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2.1 The Chair welcomed to the meeting Kevin Mowbray, Professor Stuart JC Irvine, Miles Willis (who was standing in for Dr Ian Masters) and Ian Draisley. Alex Lambie, Chief Executive Officer of the Welsh Power Group Ltd, who had also been invited was not present. The witnesses outlined the main points in their paper. Members questioned the witnesses.

2.2 Professor Irvine agreed to provide a copy of WERC's response to the Routemap Wales.

2.3 The Chair asked the witnesses to invite Alex Lambie to send in a written response to the questions addressed, if he so wished.

2.4 Professor Irvine offered to let the Committee have any further information they wished and invited any requests for this to be directed in the first instance to Kevin Mowbray.

Item 3: Inquiry into carbon reduction in Wales: scoping paper on energy production

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3.1 Due to lack of time, the scoping paper was rescheduled to the next Committee meeting.

Item 4: Paper to note: report on Committee fact-finding visit to Germany and Austria, as part of the carbon reduction inquiry

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4.1 Due to lack of time, this will also be an agenda item at the next meeting.