

Sustainability Committee

Minutes (SC(3)-14-09)

Date: 15 July 2009

Time: 9:00 - 11:55

Venue: Committee Room 1 & 2, Senedd

Assembly Members in Attendance

Mick Bates (Chair), Montgomeryshire
Alun Davies, Mid and West Wales
Lorraine Barrett, Cardiff South and Penarth
Angela Burns, Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire
Rhodri Glyn Thomas, Carmarthen East and Dinefwr
Leanne Wood, South Wales Central

Committee Service

Virginia Hawkins, Clerk
Meriel Singleton, Deputy Clerk

Others in Attendance

Chris Mills, Environment Agency Wales
Ceri Davies, Environment Agency
Phil Pickersgill, Environment Agency
Paul Bates Assistant Chief Fire Officer
Tim Williams, Head of Asset Planning, Welsh Water
Dr Jean Venables, Association of Drainage Authorities
David Lowles, Lt Col FCMI Joint Regional Liaison Officer
Barrie Evans, HM Coastguard (Maritime and Coastguard Agency)
Bob Wilson, North Wales Police
Colin Williams, RNLI
Superintendent Martyn Hubbard, RSPCA
Tony Glover, Energy Network Association
George Whitworth, Internal Drainage Board
Nigel Brinn, WLGA
David Jones Welsh Ambulance Service
Sue Evans, Countryside Land Association
Bernard Llewellyn, National Farmers Union Cymru

Item 1: Introduction, Apologies and Substitutions

1.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Brynle Williams, Lesley Griffiths and Karen Sinclair.

Item 2: Inquiry into Flooding: Evidence Session

2.1 The Chair welcomed Chris Mills, Ceri Davies and Phil Pickersgill to the meeting and invited them to make some opening comments. Members questioned the witnesses.

Item 3: Inquiry into Flooding: Evidence Session

3.1 The Chair welcomed Paul Bates, Tim Williams, Dr Jean Venables, David Lowles, Barrie Evans, Bob Wilson, Colin Williams, Superintendent Martyn Hubbard, Tony Glover, George Whitworth, Nigel Brinn, David Jones, Sue Evans, and Bernard Llewellyn. Members questioned the witnesses.

Item 4: Access to Inland Water Inquiry: Agreement of Terms of Reference and Consultation letter

4.1 The Committee agreed the terms of reference and the consultation letter for the Access to Inland Water inquiry.

Item 5: Motion under Standing Order 10.37 to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting for Items 6, 7, 8 and 9

Item 6: Carbon Reduction from Land Use: Agreement of Report

6.1 The Committee approved the Carbon Reduction from Land Use report.

Item 7: Mainstreaming sustainability in Ministerial portfolios - 10 years of the statutory duty: Agreement of Report

7.1 The Committee approved the Mainstreaming sustainability in Ministerial portfolios - 10 years of the statutory duty report

Item 8: Rural Development Sub-Committee Inquiry into Production and Promotion of Welsh Food: Agreement of Report

8.1 The Committee approved the report from the Rural Development Sub-Committee's Inquiry into Production and Promotion of Welsh Food

Item 9: Discussion on the Annual Report of the Rural Development Sub-Committee

9.1 The Committee noted the annual report of the Rural Development Sub-Committee.

Item 10: Paper to note

10.1 The Committee noted the correspondence from the Minister on the Draft Flood and Water Management Bill.