

European and External Affairs Committee

Minutes EUR2 05-05

Meeting date: 16 June 2005

Meeting time: 9.00-12.30

Meeting venue: National Assembly for Wales, Cardiff Bay

Attendance

Sandy Mewies (Chair)	Delyn
Nick Bourne	Mid and West Wales
Rosemary Butler	Newport West
Jeff Cuthbert	Caerphilly
Christine Gwyther	Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire
Jonathan Morgan	South Wales Central
Rhodri Morgan	Cardiff West

Standing Invitees

Janet Davies AM	
Rose D' Sa	

Officials

Gary Davies	Head of European and External Affairs Division
Des Clifford	European and External Affairs Division
Jackie Brown	European and External Affairs Division
Liz Cassidy	European and External Affairs Division
Gwyn O Griffiths	Legal Advisor - Assembly Parliamentary Service

Others

		Agenda item (s)
Catherine Hester	Head of Oxfam Cymru	4
Steve Brooks	Oxfam Cymru	4
Robin Samuel	Senior Campaign Officer, Christian Aid	4
James Maiden	Welsh Centre for International Affairs	4
Martin Pollard	Council for Education in World Citizenship	5
Kate Wolstenholme	Council for Education in World Citizenship	5
Sheila Smith	UNA Exchange	5
Sam Powell	UNA Exchange	5
Cornelia Thomas	European Officer, Research Office, University of Wales, Bangor	6
Julie Williams	Swansea University	6
Andy Klom	Head of the European Commission Office in Wales	

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John Grimes	Clerk
Sarah Bartlett	Deputy Clerk

Item 1: Introduction, Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

1.1 Apologies had been received Jonathan Evans MEP, Glenys Kinnock MEP, Eluned Morgan MEP and Mike German AM.

1.2 The Chair noted that Janet Davies would substitute for Rhodri Glyn Thomas who had sent his apologies.

1.3 There were no declarations of interest.

1.4 The Chair thanked John Grimes, the Clerk of the Committee for his hard work and wished him all the best in his new role.

Item 2: Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising

Paper: EUR2 04-05 - Minutes of meeting held on 12 May

Paper: EUR2 05-05 - Action Outstanding

2.1 The Minutes of the meeting held on 12 May were agreed as a true record.

Item 3: First Minister's Report

Paper: EUR2 05-05 (p1)

Actions

The First Minister agreed to provide a note to the Committee on how they were going to ensure that the some of the young people selected for the Cardiff Youth Event where from diverse backgrounds.

[Action: First Minister]

In response to a question about Annex A of the report, the Chair said she would try to find out why the Treasury calculations were not based on 'resource accounting'. [Action: First Minister]

Item 4: Make Poverty History Wales

Paper: EUR2 05-05 (p2)

Action

The Chair agreed to write to the Business Minister to request that time be made available for a debate in plenary on the topics raised under this item. [Action: Chair/Clerk]

Item 5: Global Citizenship in Wales in Practice

Paper: EUR2 05-05 (p3)

EUR2 05-05 (p4)

Actions

The Council for Education in World Citizenship-Cymru agreed to provide the Committee a note on the philosophy for Children project. [Action: CEWC]

The UNA Exchange agreed to provide a note to Committee on the geographical statistics within Wales of their organisations activities. [Action: UNA Exchange]

Item 6: Framework Programme 7

Paper: EUR2 05-05 (p5)

EUR2 05-05 (p6)

Actions:

The First Minister agreed to provide the Committee with figures on the performance of UK regions beyond Wales in the last framework programme (FP5), where these are available. [Action: First Minister]

Item 7: EEAC Draft Annual Report and Draft Forward Work Programme

Paper: EUR2 05-05 (p7)

EUR2 05-05 (p8)

These were agreed without amendment.

The Chair agreed that the State Aid Road Map would be an item on the agenda at the next meeting. [Action Chair/Clerk]

Item 8: Update from Members of the Committee of the Regions

9.1 The Committee noted the oral update from Rosemary Butler.

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