

European and External Affairs Committee

Minutes EUR(2) 03-06

Meeting date: 6 April 2006

Meeting time: 9.30-11.25

Meeting venue: National Assembly for Wales, Cardiff Bay

Assembly Members in Attendance

Assembly Member	Constituency
Sandy Mewies (Chair)	Delyn
Rosemary Butler	Newport West
Jeff Cuthbert	Caerphilly
Mike German	South Wales East
Christine Gwyther	Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire
Ieuan Wyn Jones	Ynys Môn
Rhodri Morgan	Cardiff West
Rhodri Glyn Thomas	Carmarthen East and Dinefwr

Officials in Attendance

Name	Job Title
Gary Davies	Head of European and External Affairs Division
Des Clifford	European and External Affairs Division
Jeff Andrews	European Special Advisor
Anna Daniel	Members Research Service
Gwyn Griffiths	Assembly Parliamentary Service – Legal Advisor

Others in Attendance

Name	Representing	Agenda item(s)
Andy Klom	Head of the European Commission Office in Wales	
Stephen Brooks	Policy & Advocacy Officer Oxfam Cymru	3
Jeff Williams	National Secretary, Christian Aid/ Cymorth Cristnogol	3
James Maiden	Co-ordinator of the Welsh International Sector Networks	3

Committee Service

Chris Reading	Clerk
Sarah Bartlett	Deputy Clerk

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

1.1 Apologies were received from the Jonathan Morgan AM, Nick Bourne AM, Jonathan Evans MEP, Glenys Kinnock MEP, Eluned Morgan MEP and Rose D’Sa.

1.2 There were no declarations of interest.

1.3 A verbatim record of the meeting is available.

1.4 The Chair noted that it had been intended to consider an update from various UK Government departments on the Lisbon strategy but that this had been postponed at short notice, and would be considered at a future meeting. Therefore, this meeting would finish by about 11:30am.

Item 2: Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising

Paper: EUR(2) 02-06 - Minutes of meeting held on 9 March

Paper: EUR(2) 03-06 - Action Outstanding

2.1 The Minutes of the meeting held on 9 March were agreed as a true record.

2.2 One Members requested more information on the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association's (CPA) involvement with schools. The Clerk agreed to write to the Chair of the CPA requesting this information.

2.3 The Chair agreed that an item on global citizenship and democracy would be scheduled into the Committee's forward work programme

2.4 Andy Klom agreed to provide a paper to the Committee summarising how education of young people concerning Europe is addressed in the rest of the EU.

2.5 The Chair noted that a long outstanding item on the 'action list' – concerning the cost of applying for EU funding for higher education research – had been received and would be circulated to Members.

2.6 The Chair thanked Rosemary Butler for reports recently submitted from the Committee of the Regions.

Item 3: Wales Overseas Agencies Group

Paper: EUR(2) 03-06 (p.1)

Actions Point:

- The Wales Overseas Agencies Group agreed to provide the Committee with information on the extent to which 'fair trade' principles are incorporated in local authority procurement policies in Wales.

Item 4: First Minister's Report

Paper: EUR(2) 03-06 (p.2)

4.1 The First Minister introduced his report.

Actions Point:

- The Clerk agreed to circulate the link to Members on the Spring Summit.
- The First Minister agreed to circulate the Community Strategic Guidelines for cohesion once they have been agreed.

Item 5: Update from Members of the Committee of the Regions

5.1 There was nothing to report.

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