

Plenary

Meeting date:
Wednesday, 13 June 2012

Meeting time:
13:30

Cynulliad
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Cymru

National
Assembly for
Wales



Votes and Proceedings

(71)

Election of a temporary Deputy Presiding Officer

Sandy Mewies was elected as temporary Deputy Presiding Officer.

1. Questions to the Minister for Finance and Leader of the House

The item started at 13:30.

Questions 1, 5–11 and 13–15 were asked. Questions 2, 3, 4 and 12 were withdrawn.

2. Questions to the Minister for Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science

The item started at 14:14.

Questions 1, 4, 5 and 7–14 were asked. Questions 2, 3, 6 and 15 were withdrawn. Question 5 was answered by the Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Food, Fisheries and European Programmes.

3. Motions to elect Members to committees

The item started at 14:50.

NDM5010 Rosemary Butler (Newport West)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 17.14, elects Rebecca Evans (Labour) as a member of the Children and Young People Committee in place of Keith Davies (Labour).

NDM5011 Rosemary Butler (Newport West)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 17.14, elects Keith Davies (Labour) as a member of the Environment and Sustainability Committee in place of Rebecca Evans (Labour).

The motions were agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

4. Debate on the Environment & Sustainability Committee's report on the Single Environment Body

The item started at 14:50.

NDM5008 Dafydd Elis-Thomas (Dwyfor Meirionnydd)

The National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the report of the Environment and Sustainability Committee on its Inquiry into the business case for a single environment body which was laid in the Table Office on 27 April 2012.

Note: The response by the Welsh Government was laid on 1 June 2012

The Motion was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

5. Welsh Conservatives Debate

The item started at 15:30.

Voting on the motion and amendments under this item was deferred until Voting Time.

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM5007 William Graham (South East Wales)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Regrets that successive Welsh Governments have failed to maximise the potential of EU funds;
2. Expresses concern that lessons have not been learnt by the failure of previous spending rounds of European funding and the Welsh Government has never commissioned a full review of previous projects; and
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to work with Welsh universities, voluntary and private sector organisations in developing a business case to maximise the impact of future European Spending projects in Wales.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
9	0	34	43

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 – Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Delete point 1 and replace with:

'Notes the use that successive Welsh Governments, local authorities, the private sector, Higher Education and the third sector have made of EU funds.'

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
30	0	13	43

Amendment 1 was agreed.

Amendment 2 – Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Delete point 2 and renumber accordingly.

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
30	0	13	43

Amendment 2 was agreed.

Amendment 3 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

After 'previous projects' insert 'and calls on the Welsh Government to conduct such a review'.

As amendment 2 was agreed, amendment 3 was deselected.

Amendment 4 – Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

In point 3 delete all after 'developing' and replace with 'an innovation strategy which will inform the EU's Horizon 2020 programme for the next round of funding'.

Information on EU's Horizon 2020 programme can be found on the following link:
http://ec.europa.eu/research/horizon2020/index_en.cfm?pg=home&video=none

A vote was taken on Amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
30	0	13	43

Amendment 4 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM5007 William Graham (South East Wales)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the use that successive Welsh Governments, local authorities, the private sector, Higher Education and the third sector have made of EU funds.
2. Calls on the Welsh Government to work with Welsh universities, voluntary and private sector organisations in developing an innovation strategy which will inform the EU's Horizon 2020 programme for the next round of funding.

Information on EU's Horizon 2020 programme can be found on the following link:
http://ec.europa.eu/research/horizon2020/index_en.cfm?pg=home&video=none

For	Abstain	Against	Total
30	0	13	43

The motion as amended was agreed.

6. Plaid Cymru Debate

The item started at 16:26.

Voting on the motion and amendments under this item was deferred until Voting Time.

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM5003 Jocelyn Davies (South East Wales)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Welcomes the ideas for pooling resources and working together to strengthen local economies as set out in 'A Greenprint for the Valleys.'
2. Calls on the Welsh Government to explore ways of developing a specific programme for revitalising communities thereby ensuring that they have a viable and sustainable economic future.

'A Greenprint for the Valleys' can be found on the following link:
<http://www.english.plaidcymru.org/greenprint-for-the-valleys/>

For	Abstain	Against	Total
8	0	35	43

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 – Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

Delete point 1.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
26	0	17	43

Amendment 1 was agreed.

Amendment 2 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Delete point 1 and replace with:

Acknowledges that 'A Greenprint for the Valleys' recognises the poor economic situation of the South Wales Valleys.

As amendment 1 was agreed, amendment 2 was deselected.

Amendment 3 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Supports the development of a 'Valleys metro' for the Valleys Lines which will help revitalise communities in the South Wales Valleys.

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
43	0	0	43

Amendment 3 was agreed.

Amendment 4 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets that 'A Greenprint for the Valleys' is not comprehensive in its examination of how to develop the private sector in the South Wales Valleys.

A vote was taken on Amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
35	0	8	43

Amendment 4 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM5003 Jocelyn Davies (South East Wales)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Calls on the Welsh Government to explore ways of developing a specific programme for revitalising communities thereby ensuring that they have a viable and sustainable economic future.

'A Greenprint for the Valleys' can be found on the following link:

<http://www.english.plaidcymru.org/greenprint-for-the-valleys/>

2. Supports the development of a 'Valleys metro' for the Valleys Lines which will help revitalise communities in the South Wales Valleys.

3. Regrets that 'A Greenprint for the Valleys' is not comprehensive in its examination of how to develop the private sector in the South Wales Valleys.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
43	0	0	42

The motion as amended was agreed.

Voting Time

Voting Time started at 17:24.

7. Short Debate

The item started at 17:27.

NDM5004 Sandy Mewies (Delyn): Heritage – our past and future

Ensuring that local communities in Wales can play a part in securing their heritage now and in the future.

The meeting concluded at 17:50.

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13:30, Tuesday, 19 June 2012