

Concise Minutes – Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee

Meeting Venue:

Video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Thursday, 4 March 2021

Meeting time: 13.30 – 16.55

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Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Mike Hedges MS (Chair) Janet Finch-Saunders MS Llyr Gruffydd MS Neil Hamilton MS Jenny Rathbone MS
Witnesses:	Gwyn Howells, Hybu Cig Cymru Professor Terry Marsden, Cardiff University Pete Robertson, Food and Drink Federation (FDF) Cymru Rachel Sharp, Wales Environment Link Annie Smith, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) Cymru Arfon Williams, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) Cymru Clare Trotman, Marine Conservation Society
Committee Staff:	Marc Wyn Jones (Clerk)



	Elizabeth Wilkinson (Second Clerk) Andrea Storer (Deputy Clerk) Elfyn Henderson (Researcher) Katy Orford (Researcher)
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1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting.

1.2 In accordance with Standing Order 34.19, the Chair stated that he had determined that the public were excluded from the Committee's meeting in order to protect public health.

1.3 The Chair stated that if for any reason he dropped out of the meeting, the Committee agreed that Jenny Rathbone MS would become Temporary Chair in accordance with Standing Order 17.22.

1.4 Apologies were received from Joyce Watson MS.

2 Legacy work: nature recovery

2.1 The Committee heard evidence from representatives of Wales Environment Link (WEL), Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) Cymru, and the Marine Conservation Society (MCS).

3 Legacy work: food exports

3.1 The Committee heard evidence from Professor Marsden and representatives of Meat Promotion Wales, and the Food and Drink Federation (FDF) Cymru.

4 Papers to note

4.1 The papers were noted.

- 4.1 Correspondence from the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs regarding the Approved Country Lists (Animals and Animal Products) (Amendment) Regulations 2021**
- 4.2 Correspondence from the Minister for Housing and Local Government in relation to Future Wales – The National Plan 2040**
- 4.3 Correspondence from the Minister for Housing and Local Government regarding the British–Irish Council (BIC) Joint Housing and Spatial Planning Work Sectors Ministerial Meeting**
- 5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (vi) and (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting**
 - 5.1 The motion was agreed.
- 6 Legacy work: consideration of evidence heard under items 2 and 3**
 - 6.1 The Committee considered the evidence received under items 2 and 3.