

Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Zoom

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 3 February 2021

Meeting time: 13.30

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This meeting was held in a virtual format, with Members joining by video-conference.

1 Questions to the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs

The item started at 13.30

The first 8 questions were asked. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister after question 2.

2 Questions to the Minister for Housing and Local Government

The item started at 14.16

The first 8 questions were asked. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister after question 2.

3 Topical Questions

No Topical Questions were submitted.

4 90 Second Statements

The item started at 15.15

David Rees made a statement on – World Cancer day (4 February).

Helen Mary Jones made a statement on – Jonny Clayton, the Welshman from Pontyberem, Master of the darts world.

Andrew RT Davies made a statement on – A tribute to Captain Sir Tom Moore.



5 Debate on the Culture, Welsh Language and Communications Report: Turn up the volume: Inquiry into the live music industry

The item started at 15.21

NDM7575 [Bethan Sayed \(South Wales West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the report of the Culture, Welsh Language and Communications Committee, Turn up the volume: an inquiry into the live music industry, [laid](#) in the Table Office on 17 December 2020.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

6 Welsh Conservatives debate – Support for palliative care during the pandemic

The item started at 15.50

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM7581 [Mark Isherwood \(North Wales\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes that the Office of National Statistics recorded 37,403 deaths in Wales in 2020.
2. Acknowledges the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on those providing end-of-life care and those who are terminally ill and their loved ones, particularly given coronavirus restrictions on visits to hospitals, hospices and care homes.
3. Recognises the vital importance of high quality palliative care and bereavement support services under such circumstances.
4. Notes the Royal College of Nurses Wales's concerns regarding nurses being exhausted, stressed and near burnout due to the pandemic and the additional pressure of providing end-of-life care.
5. Calls on the Welsh Government to:

- a) keep under review the guidance associated with visits to hospitals, hospices and care homes, so that families and operators are able to enable safe and compassionate contact during end-of-life care;
- b) ensure that those who are approaching the end of their lives, as well as their loved ones, have access to high-quality care and emotional support;
- c) significantly increase financial support for palliative care and bereavement support services in the next financial year to meet the increased, and more complex needs arising from the pandemic; and
- d) implement a long-term plan to support nurses and care staff to deal with post-traumatic stress and mental health issues caused by the increased requirement for palliative care.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
41	0	12	53

The motion without amendment was agreed.

7 Plaid Cymru debate – Funding for the National Library

The item started at 16.23

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM7580 [Sian Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Regrets that, with no increased financial support from the Welsh Government, the National Library of Wales will be forced to cut jobs and severely curtail services.
2. Calls on the Welsh Government to urgently review the insufficient funding allocated to the National Library in the Welsh Government's draft budget for 2021–2022 and to provide the National Library with a sustainable funding settlement that will both protect the workforce of today and allow the library to expand its vital work for the future.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
25	0	28	53

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes that the National Library of Wales is currently undergoing a consultation process and that the Welsh Government remains in continuous discussion with them to assess every option available.

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
28	9	16	53

Amendment 1 was agreed.

In accordance with Standing Order 12.23 (iii) amendment 2 tabled to the motion has not been selected.

Amendment 3 [Mark Isherwood \(North Wales\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes the authoritative evidence provided in the tailored review commissioned by the Welsh Government that the National Library does not currently receive the level of funding required to deliver its core services.

[National Library of Wales: Tailored review of the National Library of Wales](#)

A vote was taken on amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
25	0	28	53

Amendment 3 was not agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM7580 [Sian Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes that the National Library of Wales is currently undergoing a consultation process and that the Welsh Government remains in continuous discussion with them to assess every option available.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
37	2	14	53

The motion as amended was agreed.

8 Voting Time

In accordance with Standing Order 12.18, at 17.03 proceedings were suspended to allow a technical break before voting time.

The item started at 17.07

9 Short Debate

The item started at 17.11

NDM7577 [Suzy Davies \(South Wales West\)](#)

Why don't we love international languages?

Reflections on learning international languages in Wales and the role of the modern foreign languages student mentoring project.

Votes Summary

The meeting concluded at 17.36

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 14.30, Tuesday, 9 February 2021