

Concise Minutes – Economy, Trade, and Rural Affairs Committee

Meeting Venue:

Video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Thursday, 25 November 2021

Meeting time: 09.30 – 13.02

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Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Paul Davies MS (Chair) Hefin David MS Luke Fletcher MS Vikki Howells MS Samuel Kurtz MS Sarah Murphy MS
Witnesses:	Aled Jones, NFU Cymru Gareth Parry, Farmers' Union of Wales (FUW) Rachel Sharp, Wildlife Trusts Wales Arfon Williams, RSPB Creighton Harvey, Afonydd Cymru Rhys Evans, Nature Friendly Farming Network
Committee Staff:	Lara Date (Second Clerk) Robert Lloyd-Williams (Deputy Clerk)



	Aled Evans (Legal Adviser) Elfyn Henderson (Researcher)
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1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

1.1 There were no apologies or substitutions

Samuel Kurtz MS declared an interest as a director of the charity Wales Federation of Young Farmers Clubs

2 Paper(s) to note

2.1 Letter from Chair of Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee to the Minister for Finance and Local Government

2.1.1 The letter was noted by the Committee

2.2 Letter from Chair Children, Young People and Education Committee

2.2.1 The letter was noted by the Committee

2.3 Letter from the Minister for Economy

2.3.1 The letter was noted by the Committee

2.4 Letter from the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd

2.4.1 The letter was noted by the Committee

2.5 Letter from the Minister for Education and Welsh Language

2.5.1 The letter was noted by the Committee

2.6 Letter from the Minister for Economy

2.6.1 The letter was noted by the Committee

3 Review of The Water Resources (Control of Agricultural Pollution) (Wales) Regulations 2021 – Farming Unions

3.1 Farming Union witnesses answered questions from Committee Members

4 Review of The Water Resources (Control of Agricultural Pollution) (Wales) Regulations 2021 – Environmental organisations

4.1 Environmental organisation witnesses answered questions from Committee Members

4.2 It was agreed the Chair would write to the witnesses to seek written answers to questions not reached

5 Priorities for the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee – Environmental organisations

5.1 Environmental organisation witnesses answered questions from Committee Members

5.2 Arfon Williams, RSPB Cymru to provide further information on agricultural support examples from other parts of the UK

5.3 The Chair would write to the witnesses to seek written answers to questions on monitoring environmental impacts of agricultural schemes

6 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(ix) to resolve to exclude the public for the remainder of the meeting

6.1 The Committee agreed the motion

7 Private

7.1 Members considered the evidence heard during the session