

Concise Minutes – Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee

Meeting Venue:

Video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Thursday, 9 December 2021

Meeting time: 09.15 – 15.30

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Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Llyr Gruffydd MS (Chair) Janet Finch–Saunders MS Huw Irranca–Davies MS Delyth Jewell MS Jenny Rathbone MS Joyce Watson MS
Witnesses:	Sean Clement, WWF Rhian Jardine, Natural Resources Wales Mary Lewis, Natural Resources Wales Jasmine Sharp, Natural Resources Wales Clare Trotman, Marine Conservation Society Emily Williams, Wales Environment Link Sue Burton, Pembrokeshire Marine Special Area of Conservation



	<p>Dr Richard Unsworth, Project Seagrass – Swansea University</p> <p>Claire Stephenson, RSPB Cymru</p> <p>David Jones, Blue Gem Wind</p> <p>Jess Hooper, Marine Energy Wales</p>
Committee Staff:	<p>Marc Wyn Jones (Clerk)</p> <p>Elizabeth Wilkinson (Second Clerk)</p> <p>Andrea Storer (Deputy Clerk)</p> <p>Lorna Scurlock (Researcher)</p>

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions, and declarations of interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting.

1.2 The Chair stated that if for any reason he dropped out of the meeting, the Committee agreed that Delyth Jewell MS would become Temporary Chair.

1.3 In accordance with Standing Order 17.24A, Jenny Rathbone MS, and Joyce Watson MS, made declarations of relevant interests.

2 Marine environment management – evidence session 1: Natural Resources Wales

2.1 The Committee heard evidence from representatives of Natural Resources Wales.

3 Marine environment management – evidence session 2: marine energy developers

3.1 The Committee heard evidence from representatives of Blue Gem Wind and Marine Energy Wales.

4 Marine environment management – evidence session 3: marine planning and Marine Protected Areas (MPAs)

4.1 The Committee heard evidence from representatives of RSPB Cymru; Marine Conservation Society; and Wales Environment Link.

5 Marine environment management – evidence session 4: blue carbon and Marine Protected Areas (MPAs)

5.1 The Committee heard evidence from representatives of WWF Cymru; Marine Conservation Society; Project Seagrass, and, the Pembrokeshire Marine Special Area of Conservation (SAC) Officer.

6 Papers to note

6.1 The papers were noted.

6.2 Members agreed to write to the Minister for Climate Change regarding papers listed under item 6.5.

6.1 Climate adaptation

6.2 Sewage discharges

6.3 Common Frameworks

6.4 UK Environment Bill

6.5 Future Wales: the national plan 2040 – renewable energy policies

6.6 Velindre Cancer Centre

6.7 Sewage discharges

6.8 Climate adaptation

6.9 Flooding in Rhondda Cynon Taf

7 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (vi) and (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting

7.1 The motion was agreed.

8 Marine environment management – consideration of evidence heard under items 2,3,4 and 5

8.1 Members considered the evidence heard during evidence sessions 2,3, 4 and 5.

9 Consideration of the Committee's draft report on priorities for the Sixth Senedd

9.1 The Committee discussed and agreed its draft report.

10 Consideration of the Committee's Forward Work Programme

10.1 The Committee discussed and agreed its Forward Work Programme.