

Concise Minutes – Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee

Meeting Venue:

Video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Thursday, 3 March 2022

Meeting time: 09.15 – 16.00

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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:	Peter Bingham, Ofgem Tom Glover, RWE Renewables UK Limited Dr John Goold, Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC) Graham Halladay, Western Power Distribution Dan McCallum, Awel Aman Tawe and Egni Co-op Sarah Merrick, Ripple Energy Jon O'Sullivan, EDF Renewables UK Liam O'Sullivan, SP Energy Networks Robert Proctor, Community Energy Wales



	<p>Karema Randall, Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC)</p> <p>Huub den Rooijen, The Crown Estate</p> <p>Will Henson, Institute of Welsh Affairs</p> <p>Rhys Wyn Jones, Renewable UK Cymru</p>
Committee Staff:	<p>Marc Wyn Jones (Clerk)</p> <p>Elizabeth Wilkinson (Second Clerk)</p> <p>Andrea Storer (Deputy Clerk)</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.

2 Renewable energy generation in Wales – evidence session 1

2.1 The Committee heard evidence from representatives of the Institute of Welsh Affairs, RenewableUK Cymru, and Community Energy Wales.

2.2 In accordance with Standing Order 17.24A, Jenny Rathbone MS made a declaration of relevant interest.

3 Renewable energy generation in Wales – evidence session 2

3.1 The Committee heard evidence from representatives of Ofgem, Western Power Distribution, and SP Energy Networks.

4 Renewable energy generation in Wales – evidence session 3

4.1 The Committee heard evidence from representatives of The Crown Estate, and the Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC).

5 Renewable energy generation in Wales – evidence session 4

5.1 The Committee heard evidence from representatives of RWE Renewables UK Ltd, Awel Aman Tawe and Egni Co-op, Ripple Energy, and EDF Renewables UK.

6 Papers to note

6.1 The papers were noted.

6.1 Renewable energy generation in Wales

6.2 Phytosanitary Conditions (Amendment) Regulations 2022

6.14 Green Recovery Group

6.4 Common Frameworks: Ozone Depleting Substances (ODS) and Fluorinated Greenhouse Gases (F-Gases)

6.5 UK and Devolved Administration COP 26 and COP 27 meeting

6.6 Welsh Government Roads Review

6.7 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the UK Government, the Welsh Government, Senedd Cymru and Ofcom

6.8 Sixth Senedd priorities

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

7.1 The motion was agreed.

8 Renewable energy generation in Wales – consideration of evidence heard under items 2,3,4 and 5

8.1 Members considered the evidence heard under items 2,3,4 and 5.

9 Annual scrutiny of Natural Resources Wales: consideration of the Committee's draft report

9.1 The Committee discussed and agreed its draft report, subject to a minor amendment.

10 Sewage discharges from storm overflows: consideration of the Committee's draft report

10.1 The Committee discussed and agreed its draft report.

11 Public Transport post-Covid: consideration of engagement proposal

11.1 The Committee considered and agreed the proposed strategy for engaging with the public on public transport post-Covid.