

Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 30 March 2022

Meeting time: 13.30

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This meeting will be held in a hybrid format, with some Members in the Senedd Chamber and others joining by video-conference.

The Llywydd has determined that, in accordance with Standing Order 34.14A–D, Members will be able to vote from any location by electronic means.

1 Questions to the Minister for Climate Change

The item started at 13.30

The first 8 questions were asked. The Deputy Minister for Climate Change answered questions on behalf of the Minister. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Deputy Minister after question 2.

2 Questions to the Minister for Education and Welsh Language

The item started at 14.20

The first 9 questions were asked. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister after question 2.

3 Topical Questions

The item started at 15.04

Answered by the Minister for Health and Social Services



RUSSELL GEORGE

Will the Minister make a statement on the Grange Hospital's declaration of a black alert last night?

Answered by the Minister for Economy

RHUN AP IORWERTH

Will the Minister make a statement on the announcement that Orthios has been placed in administration and the impact of that on the 120 local jobs?

4 90 Second Statements

The item started at 15.31

Mark Isherwood made a statement on – World Autism Awareness Week, runs from March 28–April 3.

Hefin David made a statement on – British Science Week 2022 (which took place last week), celebrating the achievements of apprentices in the STEM subject areas including those who have studied at further education colleges including Coleg y Cymoedd which has a major campus in The Member's constituency.

Buffy Williams made a statement on – The Rhian Griffiths Forget Me Not Fund.

Motion to Elect Members to a Committee

The item started at 15.36

NNDM7978 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 17.14, elects:

1. Peredur Owen Griffiths (Plaid Cymru) as a Member of the Standards of Conduct Committee in place of Heledd Fychan (Plaid Cymru);
2. Natasha Asghar (Welsh Conservatives) as a Member of the Standards of Conduct Committee in place of Andrew RT Davies (Welsh Conservatives), and

3. Sam Rowlands (Welsh Conservatives) in place of Natasha Asghar (Welsh Conservatives) as alternate member of the Standards of Conduct Committee.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

5 Debate on the Equality and Social Justice Committee report: Minding the future: The childcare barrier facing working parents

The item started at 15.37

NDM7970 [Jenny Rathbone \(Cardiff Central\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the Equality and Social Justice Committee report 'Minding the future: the childcare barrier facing working parents', [laid](#) on 28 January 2022.

Note: The response from the Welsh Government to the report was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 23 March 2022.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

6 Welsh Conservatives Debate – Supporting pharmacists

The item started at 16.35

NDM7971 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Recognises the vital work pharmacists have undertaken throughout the pandemic, as well as their crucial role in supporting primary and secondary care.
2. Welcomes the new National Clinical Community Pharmacy Service coming into force on 1 April 2022.
3. Is concerned by results from the Royal Pharmaceutical Society's 2021 Workforce Wellbeing Survey, which shows that nine out of 10 respondents were at high risk of burnout and one in three had considered leaving the profession altogether.

4. Calls on the Welsh Government to:

- a) urgently reduce bureaucracy by introducing e-prescriptions and providing access to medical records;
- b) ensure dedicated protected learning time within working hours for wellbeing and study;
- c) invest in the pharmacy workforce to train more pharmacy staff and upskill existing staff.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

7 Plaid Cymru Debate – High-risk tips

The item started at 17.25

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM7972 [Sian Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes that more than 300 tips are known to be classed as high risk, and the increased rainfall associated with climate change could further destabilise tips across the valleys.
2. Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure that high-risk tips are made safe by:
 - a) asking local authorities to release information about where high-risk tips are located;
 - b) insisting that the UK Government provides funding to repurpose, reclaim and remediate tips;
 - c) installing early-warning systems wherever possible;
 - d) reinstating the land reclamation grant to help deal with risks on tips.

3. Calls on the Welsh Government to publish a national plan of action to help regenerate the areas surrounding the tips.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
12	0	40	52

The motion without amendment not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

Add as new point after point 1 and renumber accordingly:

Recognises that coal-tip safety is a devolved competence.

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
14	0	38	52

Amendment 1 was not agreed.

Amendment 2 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

Delete point 2 and replace with:

Calls on the Welsh Government to:

- a) publish information on the exact locations of high-risk tips;
- b) install early-warning systems for high-risk tips, where possible;
- c) create a new coal tip supervisory authority to establish a new safety regime, conduct risk assessments and tip management plans;
- d) formalise agreements between owners, land users and the coal tip supervisory authority to act in an emergency.

A vote was taken on amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
14	0	38	52

Amendment 2 was not agreed.

Amendment 3 [Lesley Griffiths \(Wrexham\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to engage local communities to inform the approach to future tip management and tip reclamation taking full advantage of opportunities for job creation, training and upskilling and securing wider benefits.

A vote was taken on amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
52	0	0	52

Amendment 3 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

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4. Calls on the Welsh Government to engage local communities to inform the approach to future tip management and tip reclamation taking full advantage of opportunities for job creation, training and upskilling and securing wider benefits.

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52	0	0	52

The motion as amended was agreed.

In accordance with Standing Order 12.18, at 18.12 proceedings were suspended to allow a technical break before Voting Time.

8 Voting Time

The item started at 18.14

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9 Short Debate

The item started at 18.19

NDM7969 [Adam Price \(Carmarthen East and Dinefwr\)](#)

Motor neurone disease and access to treatment and facilities in Wales

The meeting concluded at 18.41

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 26 April 2022