

# Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

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Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 22 June 2022

Meeting time: 13.30

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

### 1 Questions to the Minister for Climate Change

The item started at 13.30

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

### 2 Questions to the Minister for Education and Welsh Language

The item started at 14.27

Questions 1, 2 and 4 – 10 were asked. Question 3 was withdrawn. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister after question 2.

### 3 Topical Questions

No Topical Questions were accepted.

### 4 90 Second Statements

The item started at 14.56

Elin Jones made a statement on – Publication of *A Repertory of Welsh Manuscripts and Scribes c800–1800* by Dr Daniel Huws

Darren Millar made a statement on – Armed Forces Week (20–26 June)



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Peter Fox made a statement on – Motor Neurone Disease Awareness Day (21 June)

## **5 Debate on the Standards of Conduct Committee Report – Fourth Report to the Sixth Senedd under Standing Order 22.9**

The item started at 15.01

**NDM8034** [Vikki Howells \(Cynon Valley\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Considers the Report of the Standards of Conduct Committee – Fourth Report to the Sixth Senedd [laid](#) before the Senedd on 15 June 2022 in accordance with Standing Order 22.9.
2. Endorses the recommendation in the report.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

## **6 Member Debate under Standing Order 11.21(iv) – Empowering communities**

The item started at 15.05

**NNDM8018** [Mabon ap Gwynfor \(Dwyfor Meirionnydd\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes that Wales is home to thousands of local community groups, with hundreds running significant assets that make their communities better places to live.
2. Recognises the huge contribution community groups have made in supporting local people through the challenges of the pandemic.
3. Notes that the previous Welsh Government agreed with the Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee's recommendation that it should “develop a programme of empowering communities across Wales with the voluntary sector, acting as an enabling state for community action”.

4. Notes the important role that local authorities often play in ensuring community ownership of assets, and working in partnership with community groups and other organisations to ensure successful community venture.
5. Notes the recent IWA report, *Our Land: Communities and Land Use*, which finds that Welsh communities are the least empowered in Britain and calls for a major shake-up of community policy in Wales.
6. Further notes the Wales Cooperative Centre's recently published report, *Community ownership of land and assets: Enabling the delivery of community-led housing in Wales*.
7. Notes that Wales, unlike Scotland and England, has no legislation giving communities the right to buy local assets of community value.
8. Believes that enabling community groups to retain local buildings and land as community facilities and supporting them to develop active and engaged communities is key to building a more prosperous, equal and greener Wales.
9. Calls on the Welsh Government to:
  - a) coproduce a communities strategy to develop an enabling state for community action;
  - b) explore the legal options for establishing a community right to buy in Wales.

[Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee: Impact of COVID-19 on the voluntary sector](#)

[Our Land: Communities and Land Use](#)

[Community ownership of land and assets: Enabling the delivery of community-led housing in Wales](#)

#### **Co-submitters**

[Luke Fletcher \(South Wales West\)](#)

[Buffy Williams \(Rhondda\)](#)

## Supporters

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

[Carolyn Thomas \(North Wales\)](#)

[Heledd Fychan \(South Wales Central\)](#)

[Huw Irranca-Davies \(Ogmore\)](#)

[Janet Finch-Saunders \(Aberconwy\)](#)

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

[Joel James \(South Wales Central\)](#)

[Llyr Gruffydd \(North Wales\)](#)

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

[Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#)

[Peredur Owen Griffiths \(South Wales East\)](#)

[Rhys ab Owen \(South Wales Central\)](#)

[Sam Rowlands \(North Wales\)](#)

[Sarah Murphy \(Bridgend\)](#)

[Sioned Williams \(South Wales West\)](#)

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

## **7 Debate on the Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee report – Annual Report on Natural Resources Wales**

The item started at 15.49

**NDM8032** [Llyr Gruffydd \(North Wales\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee report: 'Annual Report on Natural Resources Wales', [laid](#) in Table Office on 23 March 2022.

Note: The response of the Welsh Government to the report was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 15 June 2022.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

## 8 Welsh Conservatives Debate – The transport network

The item started at 16.19

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

**NDM8033** [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Does not believe that the Welsh transport network is fit for purpose.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
15	10	27	52

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

**Amendment 1** [Lesley Griffiths \(Wrexham\)](#)

Delete all and replace with:

1. Believes Llwybr Newydd is a transport strategy for Wales that is fit for the climate emergency.
2. Calls on the UK Government to provide adequate funding to Wales for investment in the public transport network.

[Llwybr Newydd: The Wales Transport Strategy 2021](#)

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
27	0	25	52

Amendment 1 was agreed.

Amendment 2 [Sian Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Believes that rail infrastructure should be devolved to ensure Wales gets its fair share from projects such as HS2.

A vote was taken on amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
37	0	15	52

Amendment 2 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM8033 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

1. Believes Llwybr Newydd is a transport strategy for Wales that is fit for the climate emergency.
2. Calls on the UK Government to provide adequate funding to Wales for investment in the public transport network.
3. Believes that rail infrastructure should be devolved to ensure Wales gets its fair share from projects such as HS2.

[Llwybr Newydd: The Wales Transport Strategy 2021](#)

For	Abstain	Against	Total
27	10	15	52

The motion as amended was agreed.

## 9 Voting Time

In accordance with Standing Order 12.18, at 17.11 proceedings were suspended to allow a technical break before Voting Time.

The item started at 17.17

## 10 Short Debate

The item started at 17.22

**NDM8030** [Jenny Rathbone \(Cardiff Central\)](#)

School exclusion: more harm than good?

The meeting concluded at 17.44

**The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 28 June 2022**