

Concise Minutes – Petitions Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee room 3

Meeting date: Monday, 6 February 2023

Meeting time: 14. – 15.00

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Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Jack Sargeant MS (Chair) Rhys ab Owen MS Luke Fletcher MS Joel James MS Buffy Williams MS
Witnesses:	
Committee Staff:	Gareth Price (Clerk) Mared Llwyd (Second Clerk) Kayleigh Imperato (Deputy Clerk)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of Interest

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies were received from Joel James for the public part of the meeting due to reasons beyond his control.



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2 New Petitions

2.1 P-06-1306 More protection for ancient & veteran trees in Wales. Old Trees can be relocated. Stop The Chop

The Committee considered the petition and agreed to keep it open pending the discussion that is due to take place on the Agriculture (Wales) Bill in plenary on 7 February.

2.2 P-06-1315 Stop outsourcing at the Plas Menai National Outdoor Centre for Wales

Jack Sargeant MS declared the following relevant interest under Standing Order 17.24A:

The petitioner is known to him.

The Committee considered the petition and noted the petitioner states in his correspondence that the outsourcing of Plas Menai to Legacy Leisure took effect from 1 February and he understands the Committee are unable to do any more work on the issue.

In light of this Members agreed to close the petition and thank the petitioner for raising awareness of the issue.

2.3 P-06-1316 Rename Wales to her original name, Cymru

The Committee considered the petition and given the Government's clear and firm position to continue to refer to our nation in both its official languages Members agreed to close the petition and thank the petitioner.

2.4 P-06-1320 Allocate additional funding to Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council to ensure its sustainability

Luke Fletcher MS declared the following relevant interest under Standing Order 17.24A:

He has met with the petitioner on a few occasions.

The Committee considered the petition and agreed to keep it open until the final budget and Local Government settlement is published.

2.5 P-06-1323 We request that the Welsh Government purchase St David's Hall as a national resource for Wales

The Committee considered the petition and agreed to await the Welsh Government's initial response on the petition and Cardiff Council's public consultation report.

The Chair also noted a similar petition on the issue that was launched on the Change.org website and collected 21,790 signatures.

3 Updates to previous petitions

3.1 P-06-1314 Insulate all Welsh homes against both the heat and the cold...introduce grants that are open to all!

The Committee considered the petition and agreed to write to the Minister for Climate Change with a number of questions that have arisen from the Committee's recent engagement on the issue.

3.2 P-06-1209 Create a national list of all unpaid carers in Wales

The Committee considered the petition and agreed to keep it open pending the Ministerial Advisory Group meeting which is due to take place in March/April this year, and ask the Welsh Government for an update following this.

3.3 P-06-1240 Improve health services for people with epilepsy living in Wales

The Committee considered the petition and agreed to write to the Deputy Minister for Social Services and seek her views on the report published by Epilepsy Action Cymru.

Members also thanked and congratulated the petitioner for raising awareness of the issue.

3.4 P-06-1242 Improve Endometriosis Healthcare in Wales

The Committee considered the petition and agreed to keep the petition open and reconsider it when the Women's Health Plan is developed and published. Members also noted how inspirational the petitioner Beth Hales has been with her campaigning and engagement on this issue.

3.5 P-06-1247 We call on the Welsh Government to lead the way by supporting trials of a four-day week in Wales

The Committee considered the petition and agreed to revisit it when the Welsh Government's response to the Committee's report and recommendations is received.

3.6 P-06-1287 Investigate C&V UHB's refusal to keep north Penarth's surgery, allocating patients to distant GPs

The Committee considered the petition and agreed to reconsider it when Members have had chance to consider the correspondence from the petitioner.

3.7 P-06-1288 Deliver Magor and Undy Walkway Station, part of the Burns Delivery Programme, as a quick win

The Committee considered the petition and agreed to revisit it in six months and review the progress made.

3.8 P-06-1294 Don't leave metastatic breast cancer patients in Wales behind

The Committee considered the petition and agreed to write to the Minister for Health and Social Services seeking an update on the Wales Cancer Network meeting which took place in January and to ask for further clarification on some key issues raised. The Committee also noted that the petitioner has inspired them as she fights for better support for others, like her, who develop metastatic breast cancer, despite her own health challenges.

3.9 P-06-1303 Create, fund and sustain sufficient affordable nursery and childcare places for all working parents

The Committee considered the petition and agreed to write back to the Deputy Minister for Social Services asking what assessment has been made of the most recent Childcare Sufficiency Assessments, and what do they reveal about the state of childcare provision in Wales.

3.10 P-06-1304 To review the emergency temporary housing policy which impacts our communities

The Committee considered the petition and agreed to keep it open pending the publication of the Local Government and Housing Committee inquiry on homelessness and the Welsh Government's response to it.

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

The motion was agreed.

5 Petitions Data

Daf ap Iorweth gave an overview on the analysis of petitions data.

6 Draft report – P-06-1161 Routine collection and publication of data of how many babies/children return to their care experienced parents care at the end of a Parent and Child Placement

The draft report was agreed.