

# Concise Minutes – Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee

Meeting Venue:

Hybrid: Committee room 4 Tŷ Hywel  
and video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Thursday, 8 June 2023

Meeting time: 09.30 – 13.00

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## Hybrid

### Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Heledd Fychan MS (Chair) (In place of Llyr Gruffydd MS) Janet Finch–Saunders MS Huw Irranca–Davies MS Delyth Jewell MS Jenny Rathbone MS Joyce Watson MS
Witnesses:	Dr Jonathan Davies, Brecon Beacons National Park Authority Dr Richard Unsworth, Project Seagrass – Swansea University Annie Smith, RSPB Dr Katie Medcalf, Environment Systems Dr Tim Pagella, Bangor University Chloe Wenman, Marine Conservation Society
Committee Staff:	Marc Wyn Jones (Clerk) Elizabeth Wilkinson (Second Clerk)



	Andrea Storer (Deputy Clerk) Katy Orford (Researcher)
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## **1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions, and declarations of interest**

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting.

## **2 Biodiversity and the nature emergency – evidence session 1**

2.1 In accordance with Standing Order 17.24A, Joyce Watson MS made a declaration of relevant interest.

2.2 The Committee received evidence from representatives of Wales Environment Link, and the National Park Authorities in Wales.

## **3 Biodiversity and the nature emergency – evidence session 2**

3.1 The Committee received evidence from Dr Katie Medcalf, Dr Tim Pagella, and Dr Richard Unsworth.

## **4 Papers to note**

4.1 The papers were noted.

**4.1 The Environmental Protection (Single-use Plastic Products) (Wales) Bill**

**4.2 Plenary debate on the Committee's annual report on the National Infrastructure Commission for Wales—2022–23**

**4.3 Climate Cymru priorities**

**4.4 Ffos-y-Fran opencast coal mine**

**4.5 Net Zero, Energy and Climate Change Inter-Ministerial Group**

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

5.1 The motion was agreed.

## **6 Biodiversity and the nature emergency – consideration of evidence received under items 2 and 3**

6.1 Members considered the evidence received under items 2 and 3.

## **7 Consideration of the Committee's draft report on the Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill**

7.1 The Committee considered and agreed its draft report.

## **8 The Environment (Air Quality and Soundscapes) (Wales) Bill – technical briefing from Welsh Government officials**

8.1 The Committee received a technical briefing from Welsh Government officials.