

Concise Minutes – Petitions Committee

Meeting Venue: **Committee Room 3 –
Senedd**

Meeting date: Monday, 27 November
2023

Meeting time: 14.02 – 15.36

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Attendance

| Category | Names |
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| Members of the Senedd: | Jack Sargeant MS (Chair) Rhys ab Owen MS Joel James MS Peredur Owen Griffiths MS Buffy Williams MS Jayne Bryant MS |
| Witnesses: | Ffion Fairclough, Welsh Youth Parliament Member, Welsh Youth Parliament Kasia Tomsa, Welsh Youth Parliament Member, Welsh Youth Parliament Elin Hargrave, Senedd Education and Youth Engagement Bethan Roberts, Senedd Education and Youth Engagement |
| Committee Staff: | Gareth Price (Clerk) Mared Llwyd (Second Clerk) Kayleigh Imperato (Deputy Clerk) Masudah Ali (Legal Adviser) |



1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

2 P-06-1264 For school transport guaranteed for all comprehensive children

The Committee heard evidence from Ffion Fairclough WYPM – Member of the Senedd's Welsh Youth Parliament for Pontypridd, Kasia Tomsa WYPM – Member of the Senedd's Welsh Youth Parliament for Blaenau Gwent, Elin Hargrave – Senedd Education and Youth Engagement Officer and Bethan Roberts – Senedd Education and Youth Engagement Officer.

3 P-06-1343 Provide free public transport for all secondary school pupils

The Committee heard evidence from Ffion Fairclough WYPM – Member of the Senedd's Welsh Youth Parliament for Pontypridd, Kasia Tomsa WYPM – Member of the Senedd's Welsh Youth Parliament for Blaenau Gwent, Elin Hargrave – Senedd Education and Youth Engagement Officer and Bethan Roberts – Senedd Education and Youth Engagement Officer.

4 P-06-1346 Provide free and accessible public transport for under 18s in Wales to lower carbon emissions and boost growth

The Committee heard evidence from Ffion Fairclough WYPM – Member of the Senedd's Welsh Youth Parliament for Pontypridd, Kasia Tomsa WYPM – Member of the Senedd's Welsh Youth Parliament for Blaenau Gwent, Elin Hargrave – Senedd Education and Youth Engagement Officer and Bethan Roberts – Senedd Education and Youth Engagement Officer.

5 New Petitions

5.1 P-06-1361 Protect agency workers in the NHS

The Committee considered the petition and agreed to write back to the Minister and ask if any changes could be made to the code of practice to better protect agency staff.

In writing to the Minister the Committee agreed that it would close the petition, thank the petitioner and also direct the petitioner to contact the Ombudsman, NHS complaints system and their local Senedd Members to raise this issue.

5.2 P-06-1371 Re-open the railway stop in Nant-y-Derry Goytre Fawr to include us in the South Wales Metro

The Committee considered the petition and agreed to write to the UK Government to highlight the petition and ask if there's anything further that can be done from the perspective of the UK Government. In writing to the UK Government, the Committee agreed to thank the petitioner and close the petition.

5.3 P-06-1372 Save our fflecsi bwcabus service

The Committee discussed the petition when considering the evidence session relating to the other transport petitions. Members agreed to include this petition as part of a plan for a wider round table discussion with the bus industry to look at public transport and local bus services.

5.4 P-06-1374 Bring Wales in line with England by allowing landowners 60 days tent and campervan camping a year

The Committee considered the petition and agreed to write back to the Minister to ask the further questions raised by the petitioner including when the outcome of the consultation on permitted development will be published.

5.5 P-06-1376 Welsh Government to stop basic income pilot payments to unaccompanied asylum-seekers

The Committee considered the petition and concluded that Members have already made their views clear on the issue of Universal Basic Income in their report [A UBI Pilot for Wales](#). The Committee therefore agreed that there was no further action to be taken closed the petition.

6 Updates to previous petitions

6.1 P-06-1184 Immediately ban the use of toxic lead in all ammunition in Wales... lead is killing our wildlife!

Joel James MS declared the following relevant interest under Standing Order 17.24A:

He is a member of the British Association for Shooting and Conservation

The Committee considered the petition and noted the consultation which has taken place on lead in ammunition under the UK Reach process. It agreed to await the conclusion of the further consultation on the draft socioeconomic analysis before taking any further action.

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

The Committee considered the petition and agreed to write back to the Deputy Minister in order to seek clarification about the statement about verifying the status of unpaid carers.

6.3 P-06-1337 Sycharth, the home of Owain Glyndwr, should be bought to safeguard the site for future generations

The Committee considered the petition and expressed their disappointment in the response from Powys County Council to the Committee's letter requesting directional signage to the site. Members concluded however that there was nothing further the Committee could do and agreed to thank the petitioner for submitting the petition and close the petition.

In closing the petition the Committee also agreed that it would write back to Powys County Council to express their disappointment and frustration at the response received.

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

The Motion was agreed.

8 Discussion of evidence – P-06-1264 For school transport guaranteed for all comprehensive children / P-06-1343 Provide free public transport for all secondary school pupils / P-06-1346 Provide free and accessible public transport for under 18s in Wales to lower carbon emissions and boost growth

The Committee discussed the evidence heard and agreed that it would hold a one-day round table discussion in the new year with relevant stakeholders regarding bus services.