

Plenary

Meeting date:
Wednesday, 16 January 2013

Meeting time:
13:30

Cynulliad
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National
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Wales



Votes and Proceedings

(106)

1. Questions to the Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development

The item started at 13.30

Questions 1–7, 9–12 and 14–15 were asked. Question 8 was withdrawn. Question 13 was not asked.

2. Questions to the Minister for Housing, Regeneration and Heritage

The item started at 14.18

Questions 1–5, 7–9 and 11 were asked. Questions 6 and 10 were withdrawn.

Urgent Question

The item started at 15.04

Ieuan Wyn Jones (Ynys Môn): Will the Minister make a statement on the future of Welsh Country Foods in Gaerwen, and the 350 jobs at the plant.

3. Motion to elect a Member to a committee

The item started at 15.17

NDM5140 Rosemary Butler (Newport West)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 17.14, elects Bethan Jenkins (Plaid Cymru) as a member of the Children and Young People Committee in place of Jocelyn Davies (Plaid Cymru).

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

4. Debate on the Environment and Sustainability Committee's short report on Coastal Protection in Wales

The item started at 15.17

NDM5136 Dafydd Elis-Thomas (Dwyfor Meirionnydd)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the report of the Environment and Sustainability Committee on its inquiry into coastal protection in Wales which was laid in the Table Office on 22 October 2012.

Note: The response of the Welsh Government to the report was laid in the Table Office on 9 January 2013.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

5. Debate on the Children and Young People Committee's Inquiry into Adoption

The item started at 15.52

NDM5133 Christine Chapman (Cynon Valley)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the report of the Children and Young People Committee on the inquiry into Adoption, which was laid in the Table Office on 8 November 2012.

Note: The response by the Welsh Government was laid on 9 January 2013.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

6. Welsh Conservatives Debate

The item started at 16.51

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM5134 William Graham (South Wales East)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the severe flooding which affected the whole of Wales in 2012 causing devastation to communities throughout Wales.

2. Recognises the excellent work of the emergency services and the strength of community spirit in tackling the effects of severe flooding.

3. Recognises the importance of a cross–portfolio approach to flood and coastal erosion management in Wales.

4. Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure that development on floodplains is reviewed as a central element of the Planning Bill.

5. Further calls on the Welsh Government to provide assurances that the new Natural Resources Wales body will effectively manage and support all efforts to tackle flooding in Wales.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
12	0	39	51

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Insert at the end of point 1:

'and expresses regret that as our climate changes and sea levels rise, the scale and frequency of such events will inevitably increase'

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
51	0	0	51

Amendment 1 was agreed.

Amendment 2 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Insert at the end of point 3:

'and the benefit of local knowledge in devising effective land management practices, to reduce the incidence of flooding'

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
50	0	0	50

Amendment 2 was agreed.

Amendment 3 – Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Insert as new point 4 and re-number accordingly:

Calls on the Welsh Government to support the setting up of a Flood Forum for Wales.

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
25	0	26	51

Amendment 3 was not agreed.

Amendment 4 – Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

In point 4, delete all after ‘reviewed as’ and insert ‘part of its planning policy’

A vote was taken on Amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
46	0	5	51

Amendment 4 was agreed.

Amendment 5 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Insert at the end of point 4:

‘and that Technical Advice Note (TAN) 15 is urgently revised to bring it in line with current policy and legislation’

A vote was taken on Amendment 5:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
25	0	26	51

Amendment 5 was not agreed.

Amendment 6 – Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Add new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to press the UK Government to negotiate a revised Statement of Principles on flooding with insurance companies as the current Statement of Principles expires on 30 June 2013.

A vote was taken on Amendment 6:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
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51	0	0	51
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Amendment 6 was agreed.

Amendment 7 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at the end of the motion:

Regrets the decision by the Welsh Government to rule out a public inquiry into the recent flooding in Denbighshire.

A vote was taken on Amendment 7:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
25	0	26	51

Amendment 7 was not agreed.

Amendment 8 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at the end of the motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to actively engage with and submit evidence to the independent investigation being commissioned by Denbighshire Council into the recent flooding.

A vote was taken on Amendment 8:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
25	0	26	51

Amendment 8 was not agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

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1. Notes the severe flooding which affected the whole of Wales in 2012 causing devastation to communities throughout Wales and expresses regret that as our climate changes and sea levels rise, the scale and frequency of such events will inevitably increase.
2. Recognises the excellent work of the emergency services and the strength of community spirit in tackling the effects of severe flooding.

3. Recognises the importance of a cross–portfolio approach to flood and coastal erosion management in Wales and the benefit of local knowledge in devising effective land management practices, to reduce the incidence of flooding.

4. Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure that development on floodplains is reviewed as part of its planning policy.

5. Further calls on the Welsh Government to provide assurances that the new Natural Resources Wales body will effectively manage and support all efforts to tackle flooding in Wales.

6. Calls on the Welsh Government to press the UK Government to negotiate a revised Statement of Principles on flooding with insurance companies as the current Statement of Principles expires on 30 June 2013.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
51	0	0	51

The motion as amended was agreed.

Voting Time

The item started at 17.55

7. Short Debate

The item started at 17.59

NDM5135 Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales):

The importance of retaining level 3 neonatal care in North Wales

A debate highlighting the threat to the level 3 Neonatal care service to parents in North Wales, and the potential impact on families and children in North Wales.

8. Short Debate – postponed from 5 December

The item started at 18.23

NDM5113 Ken Skates (Clwyd South):

The Nutritional Recession – The impact of rising food prices and shrinking budgets on the nutritional health of Wales

The meeting concluded at 18:43

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13:30, Tuesday, 22 January 2013