

Agenda – Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee room 4 Tŷ Hywel
and video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: 9 May 2024

Meeting time: 09.30

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Hybrid

Private pre-meeting (09.15–09.30)

Public meeting (09.30–14.25)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions, and declarations of interest

(09.30)

2 Restoration of opencast mining sites – evidence session 4

(09.30–10.40)

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Alyson Austin, resident, United Valleys Action Group – Merthyr Tydfil

Chris Austin, resident, United Valleys Action Group – Merthyr Tydfil

Sue Jordan, resident, former Cross-Valleys Group – Swansea

Owen Jordan, resident, former Cross-Valleys Group – Swansea

Gaynor Ball, resident, former Protecting and Conserving Together (PACT) – Margam

Suzanne De Celis, resident, former Protecting and Conserving Together (PACT) – Margam

Attached Documents:

Research brief – Restoration of opencast mining sites

Research brief – Scottish opencast mine restoration



Paper – Merthyr residents
Paper – Swansea residents
Paper – Margam residents
Appendix A – Merthyr residents
Appendix B – Merthyr residents
Appendix C – Merthyr residents
Appendix A – Swansea residents
Appendix B – Swansea residents
Appendix C – Swansea residents

Break (10.40–10.50)

3 Restoration of opencast mining sites – evidence session 5

(10.50–11.30)

Hugh Towns, Senior Manager Development & Enforcement – Carmarthenshire
County Council

Break (11.30–11.40)

4 Roadmap to Bus Reform – Technical briefing

(11.40–12.40)

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Lee Robinson, Executive Director for Regional Transport and Integration –
Transport for Wales

Robbie Thomas, Head of Bus Legislation – Welsh Government

Joseph Dooher, Head of Bus and Community Transport – Welsh Government

- [Welsh Government road map to bus franchising](#)

Attached Documents:

Research brief – Bus Franchising

Lunch break (12.40–13.25)

5 Roadmap to Bus Reform – evidence session with transport networks

(13.25–14.25)

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Stephen Rhodes, Director of Bus – Transport for Greater Manchester

Jason Prince, Director – Urban Transport Group

Attached Documents:

Paper – Urban Transport Group

Annex 1 – Urban Transport Group

Paper – Transport for Greater Manchester

6 Papers to note (14.25)

6.1 Restoration of opencast mining sites

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Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair to the Leader and the Chief Executive for Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council in relation to the Restoration of opencast mining sites

Letter from Merthyr Tydfil Heritage Trust to the Chair in relation to the Ffos y Fran opencast aftercare

6.2 Inter-Institutional Relations Agreement

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Attached Documents:

Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs to the Chair in relation to the Phytosanitary Conditions (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (“The Regulations”)

6.3 Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023

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Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair to the Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs in relation to Retained EU Law (REUL)

- 7 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (vi) and (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of today's meeting (14.25)**

Private meeting (14.25–14.45)

- 8 Consideration of evidence received under items 2 and 3**

- 9 Consideration of evidence received under items 4 and 5**

- 10 Consideration of draft letter on Committee remits**

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Attached Documents:

Draft letter on Committee remits