

Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 8 May 2024

Meeting time: 13.30

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This meeting was held in a hybrid format, with some Members in the Senedd Chamber and others joining by video-conference.

1 Questions to the Cabinet Secretary for Housing, Local Government and Planning

The item started at 13.30

The first 8 questions were asked. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Cabinet Secretary after question 2.

2 Questions to the Cabinet Secretary for Education

The item started at 14.28

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3 Debate – Stage 4 of the Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Bill

The item started at 15.15

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

NDM8576 [Mick Antoniw \(Pontypridd\)](#)



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Welsh Parliament

To propose that the Senedd in accordance with Standing Order 26.47:

Approves the [Senedd Cymru \(Members and Elections\) Bill](#)

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
43	0	16	59

The motion was agreed.

4 Topical Questions

No Topical Questions were accepted

5 90 Second Statements

The item started at 15.46

Julie Morgan made a statement on – A Purple Plaque for Dorothy Miles, widely regarded as a pioneer of BSL poetry, in her hometown of Rhyl (26 April).

Lee Waters made a statement on – Tribute to Professor David Marquand, former MP and academic.

Heledd Fychan made a statement on – Gŵyl Mabon – the Rhondda's first Welsh-language music festival, which took place in Treorchy (4 May).

6 Debate on the Equality and Social Justice Committee report – How we must all play our part: a public health approach to halting the epidemic in gender-based violence

The item started at 15.51

NDM8569 [Jenny Rathbone \(Cardiff Central\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the Equality and Social Justice Committee report, 'How we must all play our part: a public health approach to halting the epidemic in gender-based violence', which was [laid](#) on Monday 15 January 2024.

Note: The response of the Welsh Government to the report was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 30 April 2024.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

7 Debate on petition P-06-1392 – Reform of the additional learning needs Code of Wales 2021

The item started at 16.40

NDM8567 [Jack Sargeant \(Alyn and Deeside\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the petition '[P-06-1392 Reform of the additional learning needs Code of Wales 2021](#)', which received 15,160 signatures.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

8 Plaid Cymru Debate – Coal tip and open cast mine remediation

The item started at 17.31

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM8570 [Heledd Fychan \(South Wales Central\)](#)

To propose that this Senedd:

1. Notes:

a) that Wales has 40 per cent of the residual coal tips of the UK, which are a legacy of the exploitation of Wales's natural resources;

b) that increased rainfall and extreme weather has the potential to further destabilise these tips; and

c) the anxiety caused for residents who live near disused tips, open cast mines and other post-industrial sites.

2. Regrets that the UK Government refuses to provide funding to support the long-term remediation and repurposing of disused tips, open cast mines and other post-industrial sites.

3. Calls on the Welsh Government to urgently introduce legislation to establish a new body to set up a fit-for-purpose remediation programme for disused tips, open cast mines and other post-industrial sites.

4. Calls on the UK Government to urgently provide the necessary additional funding for the inspection and maintenance regime and bear the long-term financial responsibility for making disused tips, open cast mines and other post-industrial sites safe through proper remediation.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
12	0	45	57

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

In sub-point 1 (a), delete 'the exploitation of Wales's natural resources' and replace with 'Wales's industrial heritage'.

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
16	0	41	57

Amendment 1 was not agreed.

Amendment 2 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

In point 2, delete 'regrets that the UK Government refuses' and replace with 'believes that the UK Government should continue to work with the Welsh Government'.

A vote was taken on amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
16	0	41	57

Amendment 2 was not agreed.

Amendment 3 [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#)

Delete point 3 and replace with:

Notes that Welsh Government has made available over £44 million to local authorities to maintain and improve coal tip safety since 2022, has introduced a regular monitoring system for Category C and D tips, and will introduce new modern legislation for disused tips in the autumn.

A vote was taken on amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
30	0	27	57

Amendment 3 was agreed.

Amendment 4 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

Delete point 4.

A vote was taken on amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
16	0	41	57

Amendment 4 was not agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

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For	Abstain	Against	Total
41	0	16	57

The motion as amended was agreed.

9 Voting Time

The item started at 18.25

10 Short Debate

The item started at 18.30

NDM8568 [Alun Davies \(Blaenau Gwent\)](#)

Soaring high: reintroducing the white-tailed eagle to Wales.

The meeting concluded at 18.52

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 14 May 2024