

Concise Minutes – Economy, Trade, and Rural Affairs Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee room 5 – Tŷ Hywel
and video conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Thursday, 13 June 2024

Meeting time: 09.34 – 13.27

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Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Paul Davies MS (Chair) Hefin David MS Cefin Campbell MS (In place of Luke Fletcher MS) Samuel Kurtz MS
Witnesses:	Huw Irranca-Davies MS, Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs Dr Richard Irvine, Welsh Government David Jones, Blue Gem Wind Jane Lancaster, Prospect Nisreen Mansour, Wales TUC Gian Marco Currado, Welsh Government Wendy Weber, Pembrokeshire College
Committee Staff:	Rob Donovan, Clerk Lara Date, Second Clerk



	Evan Jones, Deputy Clerk Ceri Thomas, Committee Support Officer Lucy Morgan, Researcher Katy Orford, Researcher Gareth Thomas, Researcher
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1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions, and declarations of interest

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 1.2 Apologies were received from Vikki Howells MS, Jenny Rathbone MS and Luke Fletcher MS. Cefin Campell MS attended as a substitute.
- 1.3 Samuel Kurtz MS declared he was an honorary member of the British Veterinary Association.

2 Papers to note

- 2.1 The Committee noted the papers.

2.1 Sustainable Farming Scheme

2.2 The Animal Welfare (Livestock Exports) Enforcement Regulations 2024

2.3 The Ivory Act (Meaning of “Ivory” and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2024

2.4 Tata Steel UK

2.5 Development Bank of Wales inquiry: Response to the submission from Mr Andrew Ling

2.6 Future of Welsh Steel

2.7 Green Economy inquiry: Follow up questions from the Committee meeting on 22 May 2024

2.8 Hybu Cig Cymru

3 Green Economy inquiry – Panel 7 – Case Study 2 – Pembrokeshire

3.1 The Committee heard evidence from Pembrokeshire College and Blue Gem Wind on the green economy.

3.2 Blue Gem Wind agreed to share the findings of a lessons-learned workshop with National Resources Wales on the consenting process for the Erebus project.

4 Green Economy inquiry – Panel 8 – Trade Unions

4.1 The Committee heard evidence from Prospect and the TUC on the green economy.

4.2 Prospect agreed to provide a report to the Committee regarding the delivery of clean power and what is being done to meet the skills challenges and to provide a link to information on the WJEC’s new Sustainability in Action qualification.

5 General Ministerial scrutiny – Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs

5.1 The Committee heard evidence from the Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs.

5.2 The Committee agreed to write to Welsh Government with the questions not reached on Fisheries.

6 Inquiry: Welsh Government’s proposals for a Sustainable Farming Scheme (SFS)

6.1 The Committee heard evidence from the Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs on the Sustainable Farming Scheme.

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

7.1 The Committee agreed the Motion to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting.

8 Consideration of evidence following the meeting

8.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

9 Development Bank of Wales: Consider key issues

9.1 The Committee considered the key issues paper.

10 Correspondence on Committee Remits

10.1 The Committee considered the correspondence.