

Concise Minutes – Petitions Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee room 1

Hybrid

Meeting date: Monday, 24 June 2024

Meeting time: 14.00 – 14.50

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Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Rhys ab Owen MS Luke Fletcher MS Peter Fox MS Rhianon Passmore MS
Witnesses:	
Committee Staff:	Gareth Price (Clerk) Mared Llwyd (Second Clerk) Kayleigh Imperato (Deputy Clerk)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

Acting temporary Chair, Rhianon Passmore MS welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies were received from Committee Chair Jack Sargeant MS.



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2 New Petitions

2.1 P-06-1419 Revoke Wales' National Transport Delivery Plan 2022 to 2027

The Committee considered the petition and noted the clear response from the Cabinet Secretary stating that the National Transport Delivery Plan will not be scrapped and expressing the rationale for the approach. He also noted that it was subject to public consultation and there is a current listening exercise regarding roads. In light of this Members agreed that their options to take this forward are limited, and therefore noted the petitioners' strong views, closed the petition and thanked the petitioner.

2.2 P-06-1427 Create a sustainable traffic plan for the Rhiangoll Valley

The Committee considered the petition and noted the Cabinet Secretary's clear response stating that there will be no change to the speed limit until the guidance has been updated to reflect the current policy and the review of the trunk road network speed limits.

Members acknowledged the villagers' concerns and agreed to write back to the Cabinet Secretary for North Wales and Transport asking for the timescale of the Go Safe data review on the A479 by officials and when and where they will be published.

2.3 P-05-1440 Establish a Welsh under 18 gender service in Wales for Welsh children and young people asap

The Committee considered the petition and agreed to write back to the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care in six months' time asking for an update on progress made including further developments regarding a satellite option in Wales. Members also wanted to provide the petitioner with a further opportunity to ask questions.

2.4 P-06-1455 Protect the junior departments of the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama from closure

The Committee considered the petition and agreed to write to the Chair of the Finance Committee to ask whether the petition can be highlighted during their forthcoming budget priority debate.

Given the concerns regarding the impact on culture, children and young people's opportunities and potential economic impact, Members also agreed to highlight the petition to the;

- Cabinet Secretary for Education;
- Cabinet Secretary for Culture and Social Justice; and
- the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Welsh Language.

Members also agreed to request a debate in plenary.

3 Updates to previous petitions

3.1 P-06-1330 We call on the Welsh Government to reject their proposals for a council tax revaluation

The Committee considered the petition and noted that the Welsh Government has given a clear steer on its next steps, and the delayed timescale. Given that there have been two fairly comprehensive Welsh Government consultations, and there will be a Senedd election before any radical change goes live it's not clear what more the Committee could do to take the petition further. In light of this Members agreed to close the petition and thank the petitioner.

3.2 P-06-1358 Review the inadequate funding for Schools in Wales

The Committee considered the petition and agreed to:

- share the correspondence received by the Unions with the Chair of the Finance Committee;
- encourage the unions, and original petitioners to take part in the Finance Committee's consultation on the 25-26 budget in the autumn; and in doing so
- close the petition and thank the petitioner.

3.3 P-06-1367 Fund the removal of quarry rocks and the restoration of sand and groynes to Llandudno North Shore

The Committee considered the petition and noted the debate that took place in the Chamber on 20 March.

Members agreed that the petitioners succeeded in ensuring a thorough debate was held in the Senedd and had the opportunity to challenge the Minister and be given a detailed explanation of the reasons why this can't be done. In light of this Members agreed to close the petition and thank the petitioner and all those who campaigned to restore sand on north shore in Llandudno.

3.4 P-06-1378 We want farm subsidies to be extended to small scale and market gardeners

The Committee considered the petition and agreed to write to the Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs to establish whether small scale and market gardeners are represented on the Round table discussions and if not, how are their views being sought.

3.5 P-06-1404 Increase clarity and rights for people on direct payments or WILG to live independently

The Committee considered the petition and agreed to write to the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care for further clarity on the guidance being developed on the control and spending of direct payments and the role of third party intermediates or advocate within this system.

3.6 P-06-1407 We want the Welsh Government to rescind and remove the disastrous 20mph law

The Committee noted the strength of feeling regarding this issue as highlighted by the numbers in support of this petition. Members noted that the issue has been debated in the Senedd on 22 May, and the petitioner's dissatisfaction with the Welsh Government's change of approach and listening exercise.

In light of the change of approach and Welsh Government's stance, it is clear that concerns regarding individual roads should be made to the relevant local authority. Therefore, Members agreed to close the petition and thank the petitioner.

3.7 P-06-1412 We want the Welsh Government to keep the excellent 20mph law

The Committee noted the debate that took place in the Senedd on 22 May and the Welsh Government's change of approach and listening exercise. However, the 20mph policy will remain with concerns regarding individual roads being considered by the relevant local authority. Therefore, Members agreed to close the petition and thank the petitioner.