

Concise Minutes – Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport, and International Relations Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3, Senedd

Meeting date: Thursday, 28 November
2024

Meeting time: 09.30 – 14.24

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Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Delyth Jewell MS (Chair) Mick Antoniw MS Hannah Blythyn MS (In place of Alun Davies MS) Rhun ap Iorwerth MS (In place of Heledd Fychan MS) John Griffiths MS (In place of Lee Waters MS)
Witnesses:	Richard Collier-Keywood, Welsh Rugby Union (WRU) Abi Tierney, Welsh Rugby Union (WRU) Jack Sargeant MS, Minister for Culture, Skills and Social Partnership Ruth Meadows, Welsh Government Paul Kindred, Welsh Government Jason Thomas, Welsh Government Efa Gruffudd Jones, Welsh Language Commissioner Osian Llywelyn, Welsh Language Commissioner



Committee Staff:	Rhys Morgan (Clerk)
	Haidee James (Second Clerk)
	Tanwen Summers (Deputy Clerk)
	Samiwel Davies (Legal Adviser)
	Osian Bowyer (Researcher)
	Robin Wilkinson (Researcher)
	Madelaine Phillips (Researcher)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting of the Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport, and International Relations Committee.

1.2 The Chair formally welcomed Mick Antoniw MS and thanked Carolyn Thomas MS for her work on the Committee.

1.3 Apologies were received from Laura Anne Jones MS, and Alun Davies MS. Apologies were also received from Heledd Fychan MS, and Lee Waters MS who were representing the Committee at a meeting of the Children, Young People and Education Committee, to consider the Welsh Language and Education (Wales) Bill. Hannah Blythyn MS substituted for Alun Davies MS; Rhun ap Iorwerth MS substituted for Heledd Fychan MS; and John Griffiths MS substituted for Lee Waters MS.

2 Allegations surrounding the Welsh Rugby Union: Evidence session with the Welsh Rugby Union

2.1 The Committee heard evidence from representatives of the Welsh Rugby Union.

2.2 Apologies were received from Nigel Walker.

3 Ministerial scrutiny: Evidence session with the Minister for Culture, Skills & Social Partnership

3.1 The Committee heard evidence from the Minister for Culture, Skills & Social Partnership.

3.2 The Committee agreed to write to the Minister on matters relating to the evidence session.

4 Paper(s) to note

4.1 The papers were noted.

5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from items 6, 7, and 9 of this meeting

5.1 The Motion was agreed.

6 Allegations surrounding the Welsh Rugby Union: Consideration of evidence

6.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

7 Ministerial scrutiny: Consideration of evidence

7.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

8 Scrutiny of the Welsh Language Commissioner: Evidence session with the Welsh Language Commissioner

8.1 The Committee heard evidence from the Welsh Language Commissioner.

9 Scrutiny of the Welsh Language Commissioner: Consideration of evidence

9.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.