

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

Meeting Venue:

Video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Thursday, 23 October
2025

Meeting time: 09.18 – 14.46

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Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Gareth Davies MS Heledd Fychan MS Llyr Gruffydd MS (In place of Delyth Jewell MS) Lee Waters MS
Witnesses:	Dr Emily Blackwell, University of Bristol Rebekah Humphreys, University of Wales Trinity St David Professor Andrew Knight, University of Winchester Dr Ellie Wigham, Scottish Animal Welfare Commission Mark Bird, Greyhound Board of Great Britain Katie Bennison, The Valley Greyhound Stadium Professor Madeleine Campbell, Greyhound Board of Great Britain Simon Franklin, Racecourse Promoters' Association Richard Brankley, Sports Information Services



	<p>Anna Jeffrey, Individual</p> <p>Mike Burton, Individual</p> <p>Robert Hartshorn, Caerphilly County Borough Council</p> <p>Zoe Phillips, Animal Licensing Wales</p>
Committee Staff:	<p>Richard Thomas (Clerk)</p> <p>Lowri Barrance (Deputy Clerk)</p> <p>Manon Huws (Legal Adviser)</p> <p>Andrew Minnis (Researcher)</p>

1 Motion to elect a temporary Chair under Standing Order 17.22 for this meeting

1.1 The Clerk opened the meeting.

1.2 Heledd Fychan MS was elected as temporary Chair for this meeting, in place of Delyth Jewell MS.

2 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

2.1 The temporary Chair welcomed the Members to the meeting.

2.2 Apologies were received from Delyth Jewell MS, Alun Davies MS and Mick Antoniw MS. Llyr Gruffydd MS attended as a substitute for Delyth Jewell MS.

3 Prohibition of Greyhound Racing (Wales) Bill – Stakeholder evidence session with Academics

3.1 The Committee held an evidence session with a panel of academic stakeholders on the Prohibition of Greyhound Racing (Wales) Bill.

4 Prohibition of Greyhound Racing (Wales) Bill – Stakeholder evidence session with Greyhound racers

4.1 The Committee held an evidence session with a panel of stakeholders from the Greyhound Racing industry as part of its consideration of the Prohibition of Greyhound Racing (Wales) Bill.

5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from items 6 and 10 of this meeting, and for the start of the meeting on 6 November 2025

5.1 The motion was agreed.

6 Prohibition of Greyhound Racing (Wales) Bill – Consideration of the evidence received

6.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

7 Prohibition of Greyhound Racing (Wales) Bill – Stakeholder evidence session with dog trainers

7.1 The Committee held an evidence session with dog trainers as part of its consideration of the Prohibition of Greyhound Racing (Wales) Bill.

7.2 Apologies were received from Malcolm Tams.

7.3 Due to technical difficulties Anna Jeffrey was only present for the start of the meeting, and Steve Howard was unable to contribute.

8 Prohibition of Greyhound Racing (Wales) Bill – Stakeholder evidence session with local authorities and enforcement

8.1 The Committee held an evidence session with stakeholders from local authorities and enforcement.

9 Papers to note

9.1 The papers were noted.

9.1 Cymraeg for all?

9.2 Prohibition of Greyhound Racing (Wales) Bill

9.3 Welsh Government international relations

10 Prohibition of Greyhound Racing (Wales) Bill – Consideration of the evidence received

10.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.