

Minutes – Business Committee

Meeting Venue:

Presiding Officer's office, 4th floor – Tŷ

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Meeting date: 2 February 2016

Meeting time: 08.30 – 08.34

Private

Attendance

Category	Names
Committee Members:	David Melding (Chair) Paul Davies Jane Hutt Elin Jones Aled Roberts
Committee Staff:	Aled Elwyn Jones (Clerk)
Others in attendance	Craig Stephenson, Director of Commission Services Siân Wilkins, Head of Chamber and Committee Service Peter Greening, Welsh Government Christopher Warner, Head of Policy and Legislation Committee Service



1 Apologies & announcements

Apologies were received from the Presiding Officer. The Deputy Presiding Officer chaired in her absence.

2 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes were noted by the Committee for publication.

3 Organisation of Business

3.1 This Week's Business

On Tuesday, the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport would be making a statement on Tata Steel.

Business Managers noted that all votes in relation to the Historic Environment (Wales) Bill on Tuesday and all votes in relation to the Nurse Staffing Levels (Wales) Bill on Wednesday would take place during Stage 3 proceedings.

Business Managers noted that on both Tuesday and Wednesday, voting on all other items of business will take place before Stage 3 proceedings begin.

3.2 Three week timetable of Government Business

Business Committee noted the 3 Week Timetable of Government Business.

3.3 Three week timetable of Assembly Business

Business Committee determined the organisation of business and agreed to schedule the following items of business:

Wednesday 2 March 2016 –

- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)
- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)

- Time allocated to the Welsh Liberal Democrats (60 mins)

3.4 Individual Member Debate: Selection of Motion for Debate

Business Committee selected the two tabled motions for debate.

Wednesday 10 February 2015

- **NNDM5942**

Julie Morgan (Cardiff North)

Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Darren Millar (Clwyd West)

Aled Roberts (North Wales)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Deplores the number of bank branch closures in Wales, and in particular the frequency of closures even when the bank branch may be the last bank in the area.
2. Calls on banks to consider the impact of bank branch closures on urban and rural communities and individuals, especially older people and small businesses before final decisions on closures are made.
3. Calls on banks to carry out meaningful consultation, including local community organisations, pensioner organisations and business groups before final closure decisions, especially when the bank branch concerned is the only one remaining in the area.

4. Calls on the UK Government, the Welsh Government and the Financial Conduct Authority to ensure that they take the impact of bank branch closures into account when formulating their respective policies on financial services, economic development, and financial regulation.

Wednesday 9 March 2015

- **NNDM4945**

Eluned Parrott (South Wales Central)

Angela Burns (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire)

Bethan Jenkins (South Wales West)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Regrets that each year in Wales between 300 and 350 people die from suicide, with latest figures showing that it is the leading cause of death for 20–34 year olds.

2. Recognises that people with a diagnosed mental health condition are at particular risk, with an estimated 90 per cent of people who attempt or die by suicide having one or more mental health condition.

3. Believes that more needs to be done to encourage people to talk openly about suicide and suicidal feelings, to raise awareness and help ensure that nobody is left to feel they are suffering alone.

4. Calls on the Welsh Government to:

- a) improve the collection of data to identify those most at risk;

- b) ensure follow-up support for people attending A&E after self-harm or a suicide attempt;

- c) provide more effective signposting for listening and advocacy services;

- d) look at the delivery of projects such as the Calm Zone in Liverpool who are providing cutting edge advice in an age appropriate way that appeals to young people, and other national and international examples of best practice; and

- e) assess support available for families of individuals with mental ill-health.

4 Standing Orders

4.1 Miscellaneous changes to Standing Orders

As a consequence of the programme of Standing Order revisions agreed by the Business Committee in May 2014, Business Managers considered a paper setting out proposed miscellaneous changes to Standing Orders 26, 18 and 30A.

Business Managers agreed to consult with their groups and return to the paper at the meeting on 23 February 2016.