

Concise Minutes – Petitions Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 1 – Senedd

Meeting date: Tuesday, 1 November
2016

Meeting time: 09.00 – 10.18

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Mike Hedges AM (Chair) Gareth Bennett AM Janet Finch-Saunders AM Neil McEvoy AM
Witnesses:	
Committee Staff:	Graeme Francis (Clerk) Kayleigh Driscoll (Deputy Clerk) Kath Thomas (Deputy Clerk) Lisa Salkeld (Legal Adviser)

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1 Introduction, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were no apologies.



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2 New petitions

2.1 P-05-714 Include a Mynachdy and Talybont Station as Part of the Cardiff Metro Proposal

The Committee considered the petition for the first time and agreed to await the views of the petitioner on the Government's response before determining how to progress the petition.

2.2 P-05-716 Free Train Transport for school pupils with Arriva Trains Wales

The Committee considered the petition for the first time and agreed to write to the Arriva Trains Wales to make them aware of the petition and seek their views on the issues raised, including the petitioner's concern over safety on the platform at Treorchy station.

3 Updates to previous petitions

3.1 P-05-691 A Fair Deal for Forest Rallying in Wales

Janet Finch-Saunders declared the following relevant interest under Standing Order 17.24A:

- She is in support of the petition and has signed it.

The Committee considered correspondence from the petitioner and Natural Resources Wales and agreed to congratulate the petitioners on the successful outcome of their campaign and close the petition.

3.2 P-04-687 Review of Scalping in Cardigan Bay

The Committee considered correspondence and a written statement published by the Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs, and agreed to seek the petitioner's views on the statement before determining how to progress the petition.

3.3 P-04-485 Abuse of casual contracts in Further Education

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to provide the petitioner with a copy of the recently produced guidance on the use of non-guaranteed hours arrangements and seek her views on this.

3.4 P-04-676 Establish a Welsh Language Champion in our Communities in Wales

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to write to the Minister for Lifelong Learning and Welsh Language to seek his views on the First Minister's recognition of the potential scope for community and town councils to consider appointing a Welsh language champion.

3.5 P-05-694 School Times an Hour Later

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to await the views of the petitioner before deciding whether to take any further action.

3.6 P-04-674 Say NO to Dyfed

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to congratulate the petitioners on the successful outcome of their campaign and close the petition.

3.7 P-04-681 Allow Public Recording of Local Government Meetings

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to write to the Cabinet Secretary to ask if, and how, he intends to progress the previously planned provision to make it compulsory for Local Authorities to broadcast meetings.

3.8 P-04-539 Save Cardiff Coal Exchange

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to await the outcome of the Applications currently with Cadw and the developer's conservation plan, and the subsequent views of the petitioner, before deciding whether to take any further action.

3.9 P-04-664 Develop Tynton Farm as a Visitor and Information Centre

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and, given the petitioner's view that the opportunity to achieve the aims of the petition has now been lost, agreed to close the petition and thank the petitioner for engaging in the petitions process.

3.10 P-05-698 Rename Cardiff Int. Airport to Princess Diana International Airport

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to close the petition, given that Cardiff Airport clearly state that their advice to the Welsh Government is to retain the name Cardiff Airport.

4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting for the following business:

The motion was agreed.

5 Review of the National Assembly for Wales Petitions System

The Committee considered recommendations on the Review of the National Assembly for Wales Petitions System.