

Concise Minutes – Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3 – Senedd

Meeting date: Wednesday, 14 June 2017

Meeting time: 09.30 – 12.32

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Jayne Bryant AM Siân Gwenllian AM Vikki Howells AM Huw Irranca-Davies AM David Melding AM Jenny Rathbone AM Simon Thomas AM
Witnesses:	Lesley Griffiths AM, Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs Graham Rees, Welsh Government Andy Fraser, Welsh Government Martin Bishop, Confor David Edwards, Tilhill Forestry Hamish MacLeod, BSW Timber
Committee Staff:	Martha Da Gama Howells (Second Clerk) Louise Andrewartha (Deputy Clerk)



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	Wendy Dodds (Researcher) Elfyn Henderson (Researcher)
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1 Informal private session: Inquiry into the use of snares in Wales – discussion of draft report

In accordance with Standing Order 17.22, Simon Thomas was appointed temporary Chair.

The Committee discussed the draft report.

2 Informal private session: Inquiry into the management of Marine Protected Areas in Wales – oral briefing

There was an oral briefing on the inquiry into the management of Marine Protected Areas.

3 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

Huw Irranca-Davies declared that a family member has begun working for Natural Resources Wales on a temporary contract.

4 Inquiry into the management Marine Protected Areas in Wales – oral evidence session with the Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs

The Cabinet Secretary and her officials responded to questions from Members.

The Cabinet Secretary agreed to provide the Committee with the following information:

Correspondence sent from the Cabinet Secretary to Relevant Authority Groups (RAGs) in May 2017.

Minutes of the meetings of Groups under the Marine Transition Programme.

5 Inquiry into forestry and woodland policy in Wales – oral evidence from industry representatives

The witnesses introduced themselves and responded to questions from Members.

Due to time restrictions, the Committee agreed to write to the witnesses following the session to ask them further questions.

6 Papers to note

The Committee noted the papers.

6.1 Letter from Welsh Government on badger removal

6.2 Letter from Welsh Government on the MPA Management Steering Group