

# Petitions Committee

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Meeting Venue: **Committee Room 1 – Senedd**

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Meeting date: **Tuesday, 29 November 2011**

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Meeting time: **09:34 – 10:58**

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## Concise Minutes:

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### Assembly Members:

**William Powell (Chair)**  
**Russell George**  
**Joyce Watson**  
**Rhodri Glyn Thomas**

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### Witnesses:

**Lesley Griffiths, Minister for Health and Social Services**  
**Andrew Walker, Head of Capital, Estates and Facilities**  
**Andrea Nicholas-Jones, Head of Older People Strategy**  
**Alison Strode, Therapy Adviser for Wales**  
**Lisa Dunsford, Deputy Director – Primary Care**

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### Committee Staff:

**Abigail Phillips (Clerk)**  
**Helen Roberts (Legal Advisor)**  
**Rhodri Wyn Jones (Deputy Clerk)**  
**Andrew Minnis**

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## 1. Introduction, apologies and substitutions

Apologies were received from Bethan Jenkins. Rhodri Glyn Thomas attended as a substitute.

## 2. New petitions

### 2.1P-04-344 Freshwater East Public Sewer

The Chair thanked the clerking team for their swift processing of the petition.

The Committee agreed to:  
Await response from the Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development;  
Write to Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water.

### **2.2P-04-345 Rail and Bus Links between Aberystwyth and Carmarthen**

The Committee agreed to await the responses from the Minister for Local Government and Communities, and await the consultation response which will close on 6 January 2012.

### **2.3P-04-346 Free Childcare for 3-4 Year Olds in Wales**

The Committee agreed to:  
Await the response from the Minister for Education and Skills;  
Write to the Welsh Local Government Association and to the Children's Commissioner for Wales, seeking their views on the issue; and  
Issue a targeted consultation.

### **2.4P-04-347 Property and Asset Review**

The Committee agreed to:  
Await the response from the Minister for Finance and the Leader of the House;  
Write to Peter Black AM, Assembly Commissioner with responsibility for the Assembly Estate and facilities.

### **2.5P-04-348 Recycling Targets for Health Boards**

The Committee agreed to:  
Await the response from the Minister for Health and Social Services;  
Write to the Local Health Boards seeking their views on the issue.

### **2.6P-04-349 Welsh-medium Provision – Caerphilly**

The Committee agreed to write to the Minister for Education and Skills seeking his views on the petition.

### **2.7P-04-350 Retain the services of Sporttrain in Rhondda and Cardiff**

The Committee agreed to:  
Await the response from the Minister for Education and Skills;  
Seek the views of the partners involved, including Local Councillors and Community Leaders; Communities First; the Police; and the Local Safeguarding Boards)  
Copy the constituency and regional Assembly Members into this correspondence.

## **3. Updates to previous petitions**

### **3.1P-03-263 List Stradey Park**

It was clarified that it was not the Stradey Park pitch which was subject to the 'Village Green' application as was stated in the update report, but an area in the wider Stradey Park estate.

The Committee agreed to await the outcomes of the Cadw consultation, due in April 2012;

Write to the developers to seek their views.

### **3.2P-03-306 Save Barry Theatre**

The Committee agreed to close the petition.

### **3.3P-04-335 The Establishment of a Welsh Cricket Team**

The Committee agreed:

To send a reminder letter to the Minister for Housing, Regeneration and Heritage asking for his views on the petition;

That the clerking team should draw up a list of possible invitees to a round table discussion on the issue;

To write to sport bodies not included in the call for evidence to seek their views on the petition.

### **3.4P-03-313 The Animal Welfare (Breeding of Dogs) (Wales) Regulations 2011**

The Committee agreed to:

Keep the petition open until the revised regulations are issued;

Notify the petitioners that although there is little more that the Committee can do at this stage, it will return to the issue when the regulations have been issued.

### **3.5P-04-333 Stop neglect and abandonment of horses and ponies by enforcement of microchipping laws**

The Committee agreed to write to the Cross-Party Group on the Horse, asking them to consider this petition.

## **4. Minister for Health and Social Services – oral evidence session**

Minister for Health and Social Service, Lesley Griffiths AM

Andrew Walker, Head of Capital Estates and Facilities, Welsh Government

Andrea Nicholas-Jones, Head of Older People Strategy, Welsh Government (P-03-221 Improved NHS Chiropody Treatment)

Alison Stroud, Therapy Adviser for Wales (P-03-221 Improved NHS Chiropody Treatment)

Lisa Dunsford, Deputy Director – Primary Care, (P-03-222 National Osteoporosis Society)

### **4.1P-03-136 Parking in Heath and Birchgrove**

Joyce Watson declared an interest in that her daughter works at University Hospital of Wales.

The Minister answered questions from the Committee on this issue.

Due to time constraints, the Committee decided to consider the Minister's evidence at its next meeting in order to give full consideration to all three petitions.

### **4.2P-03-221 Improved NHS Chiropody Treatment**

The Minister answered questions from the Committee on this issue.

Due to time constraints, the Committee decided to consider the Minister's evidence at its next meeting in order to give full consideration to all three petitions.

### **4.3P-03-222 National Osteoporosis Society**

The Minister answered questions from the Committee on this issue. Due to time constraints, the Committee decided to consider the Minister's evidence at its next meeting in order to give full consideration to all three petitions.

## **5. Papers to Note**

Papers on the following petitions were noted.

**5.1P-03-156 Sleep Apnoea**

**5.2P-03-205 Keep Abergavenny Livestock Market**

**5.3P-03-144 Guide Dogs for the Blind – Shared Space**

## **Transcript**

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