

Concise Minutes – Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3 – Senedd

Meeting date: Thursday, 7 February
2019

Meeting time: 09.02 – 12.20

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Attendance

| Category | Names |
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| Assembly Members: | Mike Hedges AM (Chair) Gareth Bennett AM Andrew RT Davies AM John Griffiths AM Llyr Gruffydd AM Jenny Rathbone AM Joyce Watson AM |
| Witnesses: | Annie Smith, RSPB Arfon Williams, RSPB Anthony Geddes, Confor Rachel Lewis–Davies, NFU Cymru Charlotte Priddy, Farmers' Union of Wales |
| Committee Staff: | Marc Wyn Jones (Clerk) Elizabeth Wilkinson (Second Clerk) |



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| | Lowri Jones (Deputy Clerk) Katy Orford (Researcher) Katie Wyatt (Legal Adviser) |
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1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting.
- 1.2 Apologies were received from Helen Mary Jones AM.
- 1.3 Joyce Watson AM declared she is a member of RSPB.
- 1.4 Andrew RT Davies AM referred the Committee to his registered interest in relation to this matter.

2 Consideration of Biodiversity – Public Goods Scheme: evidence session with environmental organisations

- 2.1 The Committee received evidence from Arfon Williams and Annie Smith.

3 Consideration of Biodiversity – Public Goods Scheme: evidence session with representatives of land managers and users

The Committee received evidence from Anthony Geddes, Rachel Lewis–Davies and Charlotte Priddy.

4 Paper(s) to note

- 4. The Committee noted the papers under item 4.
 - 4.1 **Correspondence from the First Minister of Wales to the Llywydd regarding the scrutiny of Brexit – related legislation**
 - 4.2 **Correspondence from the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs to the Chair regarding the Legislative Consent Memorandum for the UK Fisheries Bill**

5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (vi) to resolve to exclude the public from items 6 and 7 of today's meeting

- 5.1 The Committee resolved to exclude the public for items 6 and 7 of today's meeting.

6 Biodiversity – Public Goods Scheme: consideration of oral evidence

6.1 The Committee considered the evidence received under items 2 and 3.

7 Legislative Consent Memorandum for the UK Fisheries Bill: consideration of draft report

7.1 The Committee agreed its report, subject to minor amendments.