

Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 24 October 2018

Meeting time: 13.30

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Nominations for committee chair (5 mins)

The item started at 13.30

The Deputy Presiding Officer invited nominations for the Chair of Finance Committee, in accordance with Standing Order 17.2F.

Rhun ap Iorwerth nominated Llyr Gruffydd. As there was only one nomination and no objections to the nomination, the Deputy Presiding Officer declared that Llyr Gruffydd was elected as Chair of the Finance Committee.

1 Questions to the Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Transport

The item started at 13.31

The first 7 questions were asked. Question 6 was answered by the Minister for Culture, Tourism and Sport. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Cabinet Secretary after question 2.

2 Questions to the Counsel General

The item started at 14.24

All 5 questions were asked.



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3 Topical Questions

The item started at 14.44

To ask the Cabinet Secretary for Energy, Planning and Rural Affairs

Llyr Gruffydd (North Wales): Will the Cabinet Secretary confirm whether her comments in the Farmers Guardian on 18 October, in which she stated that she will not consider maintaining some form of direct payment for farmers, even if the majority of respondents to Brexit and our Land requested it, is the Welsh Government's position?

4 90 Second Statements

The item started at 14.55

Leanne Wood made a statement on – A campaign for justice against sexual harassment and abuse.

Neil McEvoy made a statement on – The war in Yemen.

Motions to elect Members to committees – Plaid Cymru

The item started at 14.58

In accordance with Standing Order 12.24 it was agreed to group the following motions for debate, and in accordance with Standing Order 12.40 it was agreed to group the votes on the motions.

Voting on the motions under this item was deferred until voting time

NDM6836 – [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 17.14, elects Rhun ap Iorwerth (Plaid Cymru) as a Member of the Finance Committee in place of Steffan Lewis (Plaid Cymru).

NDM6837 – [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 17.14, elects Leanne Wood (Plaid Cymru) as a Member of the Petitions Committee in place of Rhun ap Iorwerth (Plaid Cymru).

NDM6838 – [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 17.14, elects Llyr Gruffydd (Plaid Cymru) as a Member of the Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee in place of Dai Lloyd (Plaid Cymru).

NDM6839 – [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 17.14, elects Bethan Sayed (Plaid Cymru) as a Member of the Economy, Infrastructure and Skills Committee in place of Adam Price (Plaid Cymru).

NDM6840 – [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 17.14, elects Sian Gwenllian (Plaid Cymru) as a Member of the Children, Young People and Education Committee in place of Llyr Gruffydd (Plaid Cymru).

NDM6841 – [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 17.14, elects Leanne Wood (Plaid Cymru) as a Member of the Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee in place of Bethan Sayed (Plaid Cymru).

NDM6842 – [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 17.14, elects Helen Mary Jones (Plaid Cymru) as a Member of the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee in place of Rhun ap Iorwerth (Plaid Cymru).

NDM6843 – [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 17.14, elects Dai Lloyd (Plaid Cymru) as a Member of the Culture, Welsh Language and Communications Committee in place of Sian Gwenllian (Plaid Cymru).

NDM6844 – [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 17.14, elects Helen Mary Jones (Plaid Cymru) as a Member of the Standards of Conduct Committee in place of Llyr Gruffydd (Plaid Cymru).

NDM6845 – [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 17.14, elects Llyr Gruffydd (Plaid Cymru) in place of Adam Price (Plaid Cymru) as alternate member of the Standards of Conduct Committee.

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
47	0	3	50

The motions were agreed.

Motion to elect a Member to a committee – UKIP

The item started at 14.59

Voting on the motion under this item was deferred until voting time

NDM6846 – [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 17.14, elects Neil Hamilton (UKIP) in place of Michelle Brown (UKIP) as alternate member of the Standards of Conduct Committee.

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
13	3	34	50

The motion was not agreed.

5 Debate on the Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee Report on its Inquiry into Low Carbon Housing: The Challenge

The item started at 15.00

NDM6832 [Mike Hedges \(Swansea East\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the report of the Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee, 'Low Carbon Housing: the Challenge', which was [laid](#) in Table Office on 2 August 2018.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

6 Debate on the Culture, Welsh Language and Communications

Committee report: Hitting the Right Note: Inquiry into funding for and access to music education

The item started at 15.32

NDM6833 [Bethan Sayed \(South Wales West\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the report of the Culture, Welsh Language and Communications Committee, 'Hitting the Right Note – Inquiry into funding for and access to music education', which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 14 June 2018

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

7 Plaid Cymru debate – Climate Change

The item started at 16.20

Voting on the motion and amendments under this item was deferred until Voting Time.

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM6835 [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the report of the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.
2. Notes the report's conclusion that governments must take urgent and far-reaching action by 2030 in order to limit global warming to a maximum of 1.5 degrees celsius.
3. Notes that the Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee has found that the Welsh Government is likely to fail to reach its targets for reducing carbon dioxide emissions by 2020.
4. Calls on the Welsh Government to report back to the Assembly on what significant action it will take in response to the report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change:

5. Believes that those actions should include:

- a) a fracking ban in Wales;
- b) abandoning the M4 black route plan and investing in more sustainable solutions to solve M4 capacity problem in the area;
- c) a significant increase in investment in retrofitting housing and strengthening building regulations to achieve the objective of near-zero energy buildings; and
- d) establishing a national energy company to help achieve the goal of generating as much electricity as is consumed in Wales from renewable energy by 2035, investing profits in better services and prices for clients.

6. Calls on the Welsh Government, the National Assembly for Wales and other public organisations in Wales to be part of the global movement to disinvest in fossil fuels.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
11	1	38	50

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 – [Julie James \(Swansea West\)](#)

Delete point 3 and replace with:

Notes the evidence that shows the challenges for Wales in delivering the Environment (Wales) Act 2016 commitments of at least 80 per cent emission reductions by 2050.

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
28	12	10	50

Amendment 1 was agreed.

Amendment 2 – [Neil McEvoy \(South Wales Central\)](#)

Insert as new point after point 3:

Opposes the use of nuclear power as a means to combat climate change

A vote was taken on amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
1	8	41	50

Amendment 2 was not agreed.

Amendment 3 – [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

Delete point 5 and replace with:

5. Welcomes the Welsh Conservatives' white paper, 'Liveable Cities', which puts forward proposals to mitigate the causes and effects of climate change including:

- a) making Cardiff the UK's first carbon-neutral capital city;
- b) installing air pollution monitors in all schools and nurseries in Wales;
- c) introducing a smart-homes initiative to support micro and neighbourhood energy schemes that want to generate, store and transport their own energy;
- d) committing to a target of 20 per cent urban tree canopy cover by 2030;
- e) incentivising and encouraging green roofs on commercial developments in Wales;
- and
- f) introducing a green card which will give free bus travel to all 16–24 year olds in Wales.

A vote was taken on amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
10	4	36	50

Amendment 3 was not agreed.

Amendment 4 – [Julie James \(Swansea West\)](#)

Delete point 5 and replace with:

Notes Welsh Government action to date on climate change including:

- a) setting interim targets and carbon budgets for Wales and development of the first low-carbon delivery plan.
- b) publication of draft petroleum extraction policy for consultation.
- c) recently announced plans for a new £5 billion rail service which will lead to a 25 per cent reduction in carbon emissions on the Wales and Borders network and plans to develop a new Wales Transport Strategy that can support an integrated, multi-modal and low-carbon transport network across Wales.
- d) invested more than £240 million in the Welsh Government Warm Homes programme, which includes Nest and Arbed, improving the energy efficiency of more than 45,000 homes and agreed further investment of £104 million for the period 2017–2021.
- e) having commenced a review of part L of the building regulations to increase the required energy efficiency of new homes.
- f) setting a target for 70 per cent of Welsh electricity consumption from renewables by 2030, with a range of Welsh Government actions supporting an increase to 48 per cent in 2017.

A vote was taken on amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
28	12	10	50

Amendment 4 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM6835 [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the report of the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.
2. Notes the report's conclusion that governments must take urgent and far-reaching action by 2030 in order to limit global warming to a maximum of 1.5 degrees celsius.

3. Notes the evidence that shows the challenges for Wales in delivering the Environment (Wales) Act 2016 commitments of at least 80 per cent emission reductions by 2050.

4. Calls on the Welsh Government to report back to the Assembly on what significant action it will take in response to the report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change:

5. Notes Welsh Government action to date on climate change including:

a) setting interim targets and carbon budgets for Wales and development of the first low-carbon delivery plan.

b) publication of draft petroleum extraction policy for consultation.

c) recently announced plans for a new £5 billion rail service which will lead to a 25 per cent reduction in carbon emissions on the Wales and Borders network and plans to develop a new Wales Transport Strategy that can support an integrated, multi-modal and low-carbon transport network across Wales.

d) invested more than £240 million in the Welsh Government Warm Homes programme, which includes Nest and Arbed, improving the energy efficiency of more than 45,000 homes and agreed further investment of £104 million for the period 2017–2021.

e) having commenced a review of part L of the building regulations to increase the required energy efficiency of new homes.

f) setting a target for 70 per cent of Welsh electricity consumption from renewables by 2030, with a range of Welsh Government actions supporting an increase to 48 per cent in 2017.

6. Calls on the Welsh Government, the National Assembly for Wales and other public organisations in Wales to be part of the global movement to disinvest in fossil fuels.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
37	3	10	50

The motion as amended was agreed.

8 Voting Time

The item started at 17.32

9 Short Debate

The item started at 17.36

NDM6834 [Bethan Sayed \(South Wales West\)](#)

Fake News: How do you spot it, how do you beat it?

The meeting concluded at 18.01

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 6 November 2018