

Minutes – Business Committee

Meeting Venue:

Presiding Officer's office, 4th floor – Tŷ

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Meeting date: 19 March 2019

Meeting time: 08.30 – 08.44

Private

Attendance

Category	Names
Committee Members:	Ann Jones AM Deputy Presiding Officer, (Chair) Rebecca Evans AM Darren Millar AM Rhun ap Iorwerth AM Neil Hamilton AM
Committee Staff:	Aled Elwyn Jones (Clerk)
Others in attendance	Manon Antoniazzi, Chief Executive & Clerk of the Assembly Siwan Davies, Director of Assembly Business Siân Wilkins, Head of Chamber and Committee Service Gwion Evans, Head of the Llywydd's Private Office Elin Roberts, Policy Adviser to the Llywydd Helen Carey, Welsh Government



1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

2 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes for the meeting were agreed by the Committee for publication.

3 Organisation of Business

3.1 This Week's Business

Tuesday

- Following the attacks in Christchurch and Utrecht, the Deputy Presiding Officer will say a few words at the start of Plenary today and will invite Members to join her in observing a moment's silence.
- Voting Time for items other than the Stage 3 will take place after the last item of business.
- There will be a 10 minute break before Stage 3 proceedings begin.

Wednesday

- All voting will take place before the short debate.

3.2 Three Week Timetable of Government Business

Business Committee noted the 3 Week Timetable of Government Business.

3.3 Three Week Timetable of Assembly Business

Business Committee determined the organisation of Assembly business and agreed to schedule the following items of business:

Wednesday 1 May 2019 –

- Debate on the Public Accounts Committee report: The Welsh Government's relationship with Pinewood (60 mins)
- Debate on the External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee report: Wales' future relationship with Europe and the World (60 mins)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)

3.4 Member Debates – selection of motion for debate

Member Debate – selection of motion for debate

- Business Managers selected the following motion for debate on 27 March:

NNDM6990

Andrew RT Davies

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To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes:

a) the importance of rugby to the people of Wales, the economic benefits the game delivers, and its special place in the fabric of communities across our nation;

b) the financial and structural challenges currently facing rugby in Wales;

c) the potential ramifications of the Welsh Rugby Union's 'Project Reset' on professional rugby and the regional structure in Wales, and on the additional community and grassroots services the regions currently provide; and

d) the strong concerns voiced by fans regarding a potential merger of the Ospreys and Scarlets' regions.

2. Calls on the Welsh Government to work with the Welsh Rugby Union and regional/club partners to protect rugby in Wales and develop a sustainable long-term model for the game at a regional and grassroots level.

Supporters:

Huw Irranca-Davies

Bethan Sayed

Mohammad Ashgar

Jayne Bryant

Hefin David

Suzy Davies

Janet Finch-Saunders

Mike Hedges

Dai Lloyd

Lynne Neagle

David Rees

4 Legislation

4.1 Legislative Consent Memorandum on the River Authorities and Land Drainage Bill

Business Managers noted that the Plenary debate is proposed to take place on 30 April for 15 minutes, and that this allows for 3 sitting weeks of committee scrutiny instead of the usual 6 weeks, due to UK Parliamentary timelines.

Business Managers agreed to refer the LCM to the Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee, with a reporting deadline of 25 April.

4.2 Timetable for consideration of the Children (Abolition of Defence of Reasonable Punishment) (Wales) Bill – CYPE response

Business Managers confirmed their in principle decision of 5 March to refer the Bill to the Children, Young People and Education Committee for Stage 1 consideration with a reporting deadline of 19 July. Business Managers agreed a deadline of 8 November 2019 for Stage 2 committee proceedings.

5 Committees

5.1 CLA request for additional meeting slot

Business Managers agreed the request.

6 AOB

Petitions Committee

Business Committee agreed to invite UKIP to fill the vacancy on the Petitions Committee. Neil Hamilton stated that the UKIP Group needed to have a general discussion on the allocation of their committee places, before nominating a member to fill the vacancy on the Petitions Committee.

Committee for the Scrutiny of the First Minister

Business Managers agreed to table a motion to elect Janet Finch-Saunders as a member of the Scrutiny of the First Minister Committee in place of David Rowlands. The motion will be added to tomorrow's Plenary agenda.

Next Week's Agenda

The Deputy Presiding Officer informed Business Managers that papers on the Collation of Guidance and on Standing Orders for Consolidation Bills will be on the agenda for next week.