

# Concise Minutes – Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee

Meeting Venue:

Video conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Thursday, 26 November 2020

Meeting time: 13.30 – 17.00

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## Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Mike Hedges MS (Chair) Janet Finch-Saunders MS Llyr Gruffydd MS Neil Hamilton MS Jenny Rathbone MS Joyce Watson MS
Witnesses:	Jim Evans, Welsh Fisherman's Association Nick Fenwick, Farmers' Union of Wales Huw Thomas, NFU Cymru Jemma Bere, Keep Wales Tidy Michele Hunt, RSPB Cymru Alexander Phillips, WWF Cymru
Committee Staff:	Marc Wyn Jones (Clerk) Elizabeth Wilkinson (Second Clerk)



	Andrea Storer (Deputy Clerk) Katy Orford (Researcher)
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## **1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest**

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the virtual meeting of the Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee.

1.2 In accordance with Standing Order 34.19, the Chair stated that he had determined that the public were excluded from the Committee's meeting in order to protect public health.

1.3 The Chair stated that if for any reason he dropped out of the meeting, the Committee agreed that Jenny Rathbone MS would become Temporary Chair in accordance with Standing Order 17.22.

## **2 Covid-19 and European Union transition arrangements: Evidence Session 1 – Fisheries sector**

2.1 The Committee heard evidence from the Welsh Fisherman's Association.

## **3 Covid-19 and European Union transition arrangements: evidence session 2 – Agriculture sector**

3.1 The Committee heard evidence from Farmers' Union Wales (FUW) and National Farmers' Union (NFU) Cymru.

## **4 Covid-19 and European Union transition arrangements: evidence session 3 – Environmental sector**

4.1 The Committee heard evidence from Keep Wales Tidy, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) Cymru, and World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) Cymru.

## **5 Paper(s) to note**

5.1 The papers were noted.

**5.1 Correspondence from the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs in relation to the UK Fisheries Bill**

**5.2 Response from the Minister for Housing and Local Government to the letter from the Chair in relation to the Hazardous Substances Draft Framework**

**5.3 Correspondence from the Chair of the Culture, Welsh Language and Communications Committee to the Minister for Housing and Local Government in relation to the National Development Framework for Wales**

**5.4 Correspondence from the Llywydd to the Chair in relation to environmental governance**

**5.5 Correspondence from the Chair, Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee in relation to The Agricultural Products, Food and Drink (Amendment Etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020**

## **6 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (vi) and (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting**

6.1 The motion was agreed.

## **7 Covid-19 and European Union transition arrangements – consideration of evidence received under items 2,3 and 4**

7.1 Members considered the evidence heard under items 2, 3 and 4.

## **8 Consideration of the Committee's draft report into the Welsh Government's response to the February 2020 flooding in Wales**

8.1 The Committee discussed and agreed its draft report, subject to a minor amendment.