

# Environment and Sustainability Committee

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Meeting Venue: **Committee Room 3 – Senedd**

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Meeting date: **Thursday, 29 March 2012**

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Meeting time: **09:35 – 11:20**

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## Concise Minutes:

### Assembly Members:

**Dafydd Elis-Thomas (Chair)**  
**Mick Antoniw**  
**Rebecca Evans**  
**Russell George**  
**Vaughan Gething**  
**Llyr Huws Gruffydd**  
**Julie James**  
**William Powell**  
**David Rees**

### Witnesses:

**Prof Kevin Anderson, The Tyndall Centre**  
**Dr John Broderick, The Tyndall Centre**  
**Councillor Stephen Churchman, Nuclear Free Local Authorities Welsh Forum**  
**John Harrison, Environment Agency Wales**  
**Dave Jones, Environment Agency Wales**

### Committee Staff:

**Alun Davidson (Clerk)**  
**Catherine Hunt (Deputy Clerk)**  
**Graham Winter (Researcher)**  
**Nia Seaton (Researcher)**

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## 1. Introductions, apologies and substitutions

1.1 Apologies were received from Antoinette Sandbach. There were no substitutions.

1.2 The Committee agreed to re-arrange the order of business as Horizon Nuclear Power were unable to attend the meeting as planned.

## **2. Motion under Standing Order 17.42(vi) to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting for item 3**

2.1 The Committee resolved to exclude the public from item 3.

## **3. Inquiry into the Business Case for the Single – Draft letter to the Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development**

3.1 The Committee agreed the content of its letter to the Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development, and that it should be in the format of a covering letter and a report as an attachment. The Committee also agreed that the report should be laid before the Assembly.

## **4. Consent Motion for the British Waterways Board (Transfer of Functions) Order**

4.1 The Committee agreed to write to the Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development to seek clarity as to why the UK Government had decided to transfer the functions of the public corporation, British Waterways to a charitable trust known as the Canal and River Trust over the other options available.

## **5. Inquiry into energy policy and planning in Wales – Evidence on Nuclear energy**

5.1 The witness from Horizon Nuclear Power was unable to attend the meeting as planned.

5.2 Councillor Stephen Churchman responded to questions from members of the Committee on energy policy and planning in Wales in relation to nuclear energy.

5.3 Councillor Churchman agreed to provide written information to the Committee on net savings achieved through investing in energy efficiency.

5.4 The Committee agreed that the Chair should write to Kevin McCullough as the Chair of Horizon Nuclear Power to seek written answer to its questions on nuclear energy.

## **6. Inquiry into energy policy and planning in Wales – Evidence on unconventional gas**

6.1 The witnesses responded to questions from members of the Committee on energy policy and planning in Wales in relation to unconventional gas.

## **7. Papers to note**

7.1 The Committee noted the minutes of the meeting held on 15 March.

7.1 Inquiry into energy policy and planning in Wales – Paper from the Petitions Committee on TAN 8 rapporteur visit

7.2 The Committee noted the paper from the Petitions Committee.

## **Transcripts**

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