

Common Agricultural Policy Task and Finish Group

Meeting Venue: **Young Farmers' Building, Royal Welsh Winter Fair**

Meeting date: **Monday, 28 November 2011**

Meeting time: **10:30 – 13:00**

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Concise Minutes:

Assembly Members:

Vaughan Gething (Chair)
Dafydd Elis-Thomas
Rebecca Evans
Llyr Huws Gruffydd
William Powell
Antoinette Sandbach

Witnesses:

Ed Bailey, President, National Farmers' Union Cymru
Mary James, Director, National Farmers' Union Cymru
Dylan Morgan, Deputy Director, National Farmers' Union Cymru
Emyr Jones, President, Farmers' Union of Wales
Nick Fenwick, Director of Agricultural Policy, Farmers' Union of Wales
Rhian Nowell-Phillips, Deputy Director of Agricultural Policy, Farmers' Union of Wales
Sue Evans, Policy Director, Country Land and Business Association
Dylan Jones, Chairman, Wales Young Farmers Clubs
Marc Jones, Rural Affairs Committee Chairman, Wales Young Farmers Clubs
Kay Lewis, Rural Development Officer, Wales Young Farmers Clubs
Johnny Humphries, Country Land and Business Association
Ben Underwood, Country Land and Business Association

Committee Staff:

Naomi Stocks (Clerk)
Leanne Hatcher (Deputy Clerk)

1. Introductions, apologies and substitutions

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed Assembly Members, witnesses and members of the public to the meeting at the Royal Welsh Winter Fair.
- 1.2 There were no apologies or substitutions.
- 1.3 The Chair thanked the Young Farmers' Clubs for allowing the meeting to be held in their building.

2. Inquiry into proposed reforms to the Common Agricultural Policy: Evidence from the National Farmers' Union Cymru (NFU) and the Farmers' Union of Wales (FUW)

- 2.1 The Committee took evidence from the National Farmers' Union and the Farmers' Union of Wales.

3. Inquiry into proposed reforms to the Common Agricultural Policy: Evidence from the Country Land and Business Association (CLA) and Wales Young Farmers Clubs

- 3.1 The Committee took evidence from the Country Land and Business Association and Wales Young Farmers Clubs.

4. Inquiry into proposed reforms to the Common Agricultural Policy: 'Open Mic' Session for members of the public to give their views on the CAP proposals

- 4.1 The Committee held an 'open mic' session where members of the public asked questions and give their views on the CAP proposals.
- 4.2 In response to a question from Roger Davies regarding taxation on privately owned land, the Research Service agreed to prepare a short note.
- 4.3 William Powell asked for a briefing note on the different agri-environment schemes across the 27 States of the European Union.

5. Papers to Note

5.1 Inquiry into proposed reforms to the Common Agricultural Policy: Additional Evidence from the Soil Association

- 5a.1 The Group noted correspondence from the Deputy Minister and the Soil Association.

Transcript

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