

Petitions Committee

Meeting Venue: **Stiwt Theatre, Wrexham**

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Meeting date: **Monday, 2 July 2012**

Meeting time: **10:00 – 11:50**

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Concise Minutes:

Assembly Members:

William Powell (Chair)
Russell George
Bethan Jenkins
Joyce Watson

Witnesses:

Poppy Thomas, Coleg Llandrillo
Kayleigh Stone, Coleg Llandrillo
Jenny Taylor, Coleg Llandrillo
Richard Williams, Coleg Llandrillo
Darren Millar
Myrddin Davies, Stiwt Theatre
Liz Doyland, CAIS Ltd
Clive Wolfendale, CAIS Ltd

Committee Staff:

Abigail Phillips (Clerk)
Sarita Marshall (Deputy Clerk)

1. Introduction, apologies and substitutions

There were no apologies.

2. P-04-361 Free Bus Passes for Students under 25, and in Full-time Education

2.1P-04-361 Free Bus Passes for Students under 25, and in Full-time Education – Oral Evidence Session

The students answered questions from the Committee.
The students agreed to share the details of their proposal for financing the free bus passes, as well as the survey undertaken on the proposal.

2.2P-04-361 Free Bus Passes for Students under 25, and in Full-time Education – Consideration of Evidence

The Committee agreed to:
Consider the petition again, once the requested information has been received;
Write to Leighton Andrews enclosing the information.

3. P-04-381 Restoration for North Wales Hospital

3.1P-04-381 Restoration for North Wales Hospital – Oral Evidence Session

The witnesses answered questions from the Committee.

3.2P-04-381 Restoration for North Wales Hospital – Consideration of Oral Evidence

4. New petitions

4.1P-04-402 Council Prayers

The Committee considered the petition for the first time and agreed to:
Take legal advice on the matter and consider it again at the next meeting;
Write to the Minister on the subject, enclosing the evidence received.

4.2P-04-403 Saving Plas Cwrt yn Dre/Old Parliament House for the Nation

The Committee considered the petition for the first time and agreed to:
Write to the Minister on the subject of the petition;
Refer the petitioner to the Heritage Bill that the Minister for Housing, Regeneration and Heritage will be bringing forward and encourage them to engage in that process.

4.3P-04-404 Aberporth Unmanned Aerial Vehicle

The Committee considered this petition for the first time and agreed to write to the First Minister on the subject.

4.4P-04-405 Medieval manuscript The Laws of Hywel Dda

The Committee considered this petition for the first time.
Bethan Jenkins stated that she has publicly supported the subject of the petition.
The Committee agreed to follow-up on the Chair's letter to the Minister on the subject.

4.5P-04-406 Against Proposed MCZ zones in North Wales

The Committee considered this petition for the first time and agreed to:
Write to the Minister on the subject of the petition;
Urge the petitioners to engage in the consultation being held on the marine conservation zone proposals.

5. Updates to previous petitions

5.1P-04-335 The Establishment of a Welsh Cricket Team

The Committee considered correspondence in relation to this petition and agreed to:
Refer the matter to the Cross-party Group on Sport;
Schedule a Plenary debate on the issue and then close the petition.

5.2P-03-085 Surgeries in Flintshire

The Committee considered correspondence in relation to this petition and agreed to:
Summarise the actions taken by the Committee and forward to the relevant constituency and regional AMs, indicating the Committee's support and asking that AMs continue to support the petitioners at local level;
Close the petition.

5.3P-03-221 Improved NHS Chiropody Treatment

The Committee considered correspondence in relation to this petition and agreed to:
Relay the petitioner's comments to the Minister;
Then close the petition.

5.4P-03-222 National Osteoporosis Society

The Committee considered correspondence in relation to this petition and agreed to write to the petitioners to ask whether they are satisfied with the Minister's response on the subject and, if so, close the petition.

5.5P-03-318 Cross Border Maternity Services

The Committee considered correspondence relating to this petition and agreed to write to the petitioners to let them know that the Committee feels it has progressed the petition as far as it can and that, unless they can suggest an alternative way forward, the Committee will close the petition.

5.6P-04-366 Closure of Aberystwyth Day Centre

The Committee considered correspondence in relation to this petition and agreed to write to the Leader of Ceredigion County Council setting out the Committee's concerns and areas it feels should be prioritised. This would include a review of the new service provision by an external body, which the Council Leader has indicated would be welcomed.

5.7P-04-369 Against the proposed Cardiff to Newport Coastal Path

The Committee considered correspondence in relation to this petition.
Joyce Watson declared an interest as a member of the RSPB.

The Committee agreed to close the petition, given that the assessments carried out and the steps taken are supported by the RSPB.

5.8P-04-378 Extend the Gower Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

The Committee considered correspondence from the Countryside Council for Wales relating to this petition.

The Committee agreed to:

Write to the Minister outlining its concerns about the information received in the correspondence;

Keep the Environment and Sustainability Committee apprised of the situation;

Request details of the timeline for the Environment Bill, which the Gower Society could engage in;

Keep the Gower Society President and Chair apprised of the Committee's actions.

5.9P-04-360 Penylan Not Spot Petition

The Committee considered correspondence in relation to this petition.

Given that BT have confirmed that the 'go live' date for the relevant exchange is December 2012, the Committee agreed to close the petition.

5.10 P-04-364 Fibre Optic for Rural Areas

The Committee considered correspondence from the Minister for Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science in relation to this petition. In light of the Minister's letter, the Committee agreed to close the petition.

6. Paper to Note

6.1P-04-341 Waste and Incineration

The paper was noted.

The Chair thanked the Stiwt Theatre for hosting the meeting, as well as the clerking and wider team for their work.

TRANSCRIPT

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