

# Environment and Sustainability Committee

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

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Meeting date: **Thursday, 12 December 2013**

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Meeting time: **09:35 – 13:35**

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## Concise Minutes:

### Assembly Members:

**Dafydd Elis-Thomas (Chair)**  
**Mick Antoniw**  
**Russell George**  
**Llyr Gruffydd**  
**Julie James**  
**Julie Morgan**  
**William Powell**  
**Antoinette Sandbach**  
**Joyce Watson**

### Witnesses:

**Gill Bell, Marine Conservation Society**  
**Gareth Clubb, Friends of the Earth Cymru**  
**Professor Peter Matthews, Natural Resources Wales**  
**Anne Meikle, WWF Cymru**  
**Professor Gareth Wyn Jones, Bangor University**  
**Dr Tim Peppin, Welsh Local Government Association**  
**Dr Emyr Roberts, Natural Resources Wales**  
**Neville Rookes, Welsh Local Government Association**  
**Rachel Sharp, Wildlife Trusts Wales**  
**Katie-jo Luxton, RSPB Cymru**  
**Professor Nick Pidgeon, Cardiff University**  
**Professor James Scourse, Climate Change Consortium of Wales**

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Committee Staff:

Alun Davidson (Clerk)  
Naomi Stocks (Second Clerk)  
Catherine Hunt (Deputy Clerk)  
Nia Seaton (Researcher)  
Chloe Corbyn (Researcher)

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## **1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions**

1.1 There were no apologies or substitutions.

## **2 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting for items 3, 8 and 9**

2.1 The Committee agreed the Motion.

## **3 Climate Change**

3.1 The witnesses responded to questions from members of the Committee.

## **4 Environment Bill – White Paper : Evidence from Natural Resources Wales**

4.1 Professor Matthews and Dr Roberts responded to questions from members of the Committee.

## **5 Environment Bill – White Paper : Evidence from Environment Groups**

5.1 The witnesses responded to questions from members of the Committee.

## **6 Environment Bill – White Paper : Evidence from the Welsh Local Government Association**

6.1 The witnesses responded to questions from members of the Committee.

## **7 Papers to note**

7.1 The Committee noted the minutes

### **Draft Budget 2014–2015 – Chair's report**

7.2 The Committee noted the report.

## **8 Inquiry into non native invasive species – draft letter to the Minister for Natural Resources and Food**

8.1 The Committee agreed the content of the letter and that it should be published as a committee report.

## **9 Control of Horses (Wales) Bill – Consideration of draft guidance**

9.1 The Committee agreed that Members would write to the Minister individually with their comments on the draft guidance.