

Environment and Sustainability Committee

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

Meeting date: **Thursday, 6 February 2014**

Meeting time: **09:30 – 13:55**

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Concise Minutes:

Assembly Members:

**Mick Antoniw
Russell George
Julie James
Julie Morgan
William Powell
Antoinette Sandbach
Joyce Watson**

Witnesses:

**Iwan Ball, WWF Cymru
Gill Bell, Marine Conservation Society
Gareth Cunningham, RSPB Cymru
Keith Davies, Natural Resources Wales
Sarah Dawson, Welsh Government
Jim Evans, Welsh Fisherman's Association
Neil Hemmington, Welsh Government
Sarah Horsfall, Seafish
Dr Kirsty Lindenbaum, Natural Resources Wales
Dion Thomas, Welsh Government
Rosemary Thomas, Welsh Government
James Wilson, Bangor Mussel Producers**

1 Motion under Standing Order 17.22 to elect temporary Chair

1.1 Mick Antoniw was elected temporary Chair in the absence of Dafydd Elis-Thomas.

2 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

2.1 Apologies were received from Dafydd Elis-Thomas and Llyr Gruffydd. There were no substitutions.

3 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting for item 4

3.1 The Committee agreed the Motion.

4 Draft Planning (Wales) Bill – Factual briefing from Welsh Government officials

4.1 The officials gave a presentation and responded to questions from members of the Committee.

4.2 The officials agreed to attend a further session with the Committee to continue the briefing.

5 Marine policy in Wales – Follow up : Evidence from Wales Environment Link

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

5.2 The witnesses agreed to provide further data on the damage caused to the marine environment as a result of the recent severe storms.

6 Marine policy in Wales – follow up : Evidence from the fishing industry

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

7 Marine policy in Wales – follow up : Evidence from Natural Resources Wales

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

7.2 Keith Davies agreed to provide further information on the number of NRW staff involved in the development of the national marine planning process and to clarify the reference to 'non recent population' in NRW's Article 17 report.

8 Papers to note

8.1 The Committee noted the minutes.

Letter from the Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee : Committees' consideration of Welsh Language

8.2 The Committee noted the letter.