

# Environment and Sustainability Committee

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Meeting Venue: **Medrus Conference Centre,  
Aberystwyth University**

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Meeting date: **Thursday, 20 February 2014**

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Meeting time: **10.00 – 13.00**

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## Concise Minutes:

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### Assembly Members:

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

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### Witnesses:

**Professor Iain Donnison, Institute of Biological,  
Environmental and Rural Sciences**  
**Gary Douch, Farming Connect**  
**Professor Janet Dwyer, Countryside and Community  
Research Institute**  
**Professor Jamie Newbold, Institute of Biological,  
Environmental and Rural Sciences**  
**Dr Shaun Russell, Wales Environment Research Hub**  
**Chris Short, Countryside and Community Research Institute**  
**Eirwen Williams, Menter a Busnes**

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### Committee Staff:

**Alun Davidson (Clerk)**  
**Catherine Hunt (Deputy Clerk)**  
**Elfyn Henderson (Researcher)**

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## TRANSCRIPT

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

1.1 Apologies were received from William Powell and Antoinette Sandbach. There were no substitutions.

### **2 Sustainable Land Management – Evidence from the Institute of Biological, Environmental and Rural Sciences (IBERS), Aberystwyth University**

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

### **3 Sustainable Land Management – Evidence from Farming Connect**

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

### **4 Sustainable Land Management – Evidence from Wales Environment Research Hub**

4.1 Dr Russell responded to questions from members of the Committee.

4.2 Dr Russell agreed to provide details of overseas development schemes.

### **5 Sustainable Land Management – Evidence from the Countryside and Community Research Institute (CCRI), University of Gloucestershire**

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

5.2 Professor Dwyer agreed to provide information on the role of the Welsh Government in relation to data collection.

### **6 Papers to note**

6.1 The Committee noted the minutes.

### **Inquiry into the Welsh Government's proposals for the M4 around Newport : Letter from the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport**

6.2 The Committee noted the letter.