

# Concise Minutes – Economy, Trade, and Rural Affairs Committee

Meeting Venue:

Hybrid – Committee room 1&2 Senedd  
and video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Wednesday, 9 November  
2022

Meeting time: 09.31 – 12.14

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## Hybrid

### Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Paul Davies MS (Chair) Luke Fletcher MS Vikki Howells MS Samuel Kurtz MS Sarah Murphy MS
Witnesses:	Ian Andrew, British Pest Control Association (BPCA) Glynn Evans, British Association for Shooting and Conservation Rachel Evans, Countryside Alliance John Hope, National Pest Technicians Association (NPTA) Billie-Jade Thomas, League Against Cruel Sports Simon Wild, National Anti Snaring Campaign Dr Ludivine Petetin, Cardiff University David Bowles, RSPCA Cymru



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**Welsh Parliament**

	<p>Dr Mary Dobbs, Maynooth University</p> <p>Collin Willson, British Veterinary Association</p>
Committee Staff:	<p>Lara Date, Clerk</p> <p>Sarah Bartlett, Deputy Clerk</p> <p>Ceri Thomas, Committee Support Officer</p> <p>Katie Wyatt, Legal Services</p> <p>Gruffydd Owen, Legal Adviser</p> <p>Masudah Ali, Legal Adviser</p> <p>Katy Orford, Researcher</p>

## **1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest**

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting.

1.2 Apologies were received from Hefin David MS, there was no substitute.

1.3 Samuel Kurtz MS declared he was a director of the Wales Federation of Young Farmers Clubs and Chair of the cross-party group on shooting and conservation.

## **2 Paper(s) to note**

2.1 The papers were noted.

**2.1 Letter from the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd**

**2.2 Letter from the Minister for Economy**

**2.3 Letter from the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd**

**2.4 Letter from the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd**

**2.5 Letter from the Chair of the Petitions Committee**

**2.6 Letters to the Minister for Climate Change**

### **3 Agriculture (Wales) Bill: Evidence session 7**

3.1 The Committee heard evidence from the RSPCA Cymru, Wales League Against Cruel Sports, the National Anti-Snaring Campaign and the British Veterinary Association

### **4 Agriculture (Wales) Bill: Evidence session 8**

4.1 The Committee heard evidence from the British Association for Shooting and Conservation, the Countryside Alliance, British Pest Control Association and the National Pest Technicians Association.

4.2 The Countryside Alliance agreed to provide minutes from meetings with the RSPCA.

### **5 Agriculture (Wales) Bill: Evidence session 9**

5.1 The Committee heard evidence from Dr Ludivine Petetin and Dr Mary Dobbs.

### **6 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(ix) to resolve to exclude the public for the remainder of the meeting**

6.1 The motion was agreed.

### **7 Private**

7.1 The Committee considered the evidence it had heard during the previous evidence sessions.