

Agenda – Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee room 4 Tŷ Hywel
and video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: 24 April 2024

Meeting time: 09.30

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Hybrid

Private pre-meeting (09.15–09.30)

Public meeting (09.30–11.50)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions, and declarations of interest

(09.30)

2 Restoration of opencast mining sites – evidence session 1

(09.30–10.10)

(Pages 1 – 22)

Carl Banton, Operations Director – The Coal Authority

Attached Documents:

Research brief – Restoration of opencast mining sites

Paper – Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council

Paper – The Coal Authority

Break (10.10–10.15)



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3 Restoration of opencast mining sites – evidence session 2

(10.15–11.00)

(Pages 23 – 27)

Daniel Therkelsen, Campaigner – The Coal Action Network

Haf Elgar, Director – Friends of the Earth Cymru

Attached Documents:

Paper – The Coal Action Network

Break (11.00–11.05)

4 Restoration of opencast mining sites – evidence session 3

(11.05–11.50)

(Pages 28 – 36)

Marcus Bailie, Campaigner – Extinction Rebellion Cymru

David Kilner, Campaign Coordinator – Climate Cymru

Attached Documents:

Paper – Extinction Rebellion Cymru

Paper – Climate Cymru

5 Papers to note (11.50)

5.1 The Environment and Rural Affairs (Revocation and Consequential Provision) Regulations 2024

(Pages 37 – 38)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd to the Chair in relation to the Environment and Rural Affairs (Revocation and Consequential Provision) Regulations 2024

5.2 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2024–25

(Pages 39 – 41)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair of the Finance Committee to the Chair in relation to the Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2024–25

5.3 Wind farm project at Mynydd Maen

(Pages 42 – 44)

Attached Documents:

Letter from Matt Davies to the Chair in relation to the Windfarm farm project Mynydd–Maen Mountain

Response from the Chair to Matt Davies in relation to the Windfarm farm project Mynydd–Maen Mountain

5.4 The Carbon Budget Delivery Plan

(Pages 45 – 47)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Secretary of State for Energy Security & Net Zero to The Rt. Hon. Philip Dunne MP, Clerk of the Environmental Audit Committee in relation to the Carbon Budget Delivery Plan

5.5 Decarbonisation of housing

(Pages 48 – 49)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair of the Vale of Glamorgan Council’s Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee to the Chair in relation to Changes to the target date for public sector homes to reach net zero

5.6 Performance of Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water

(Pages 50 – 63)

Attached Documents:

Response – Welsh Government

Response – Ofwat

Response – Natural Resources Wales

Response – Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water

- 6 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (vi) and (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of today's meeting**
(11.50)

Private meeting (11.50–12.20)

- 7 Consideration of evidence received under items 2, 3 and 4**

- 8 Consideration of draft report on Natural Resources Wales – 2023–24**

(Pages 64 – 83)

Attached Documents:

Draft report on Natural Resources Wales – Annual Scrutiny 2023–24

- 9 Consideration of the Committee's forward work programme – Summer 2024**

(Pages 84 – 89)

Attached Documents:

Forward work programme