

Concise Minutes – Petitions Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 1 – Senedd

Meeting date: Tuesday, 29 November
2016

Meeting time: 09.21 – 09.44

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Mike Hedges AM (Chair) Gareth Bennett AM Neil McEvoy AM
Witnesses:	
Committee Staff:	Graeme Francis (Clerk) Kayleigh Driscoll (Deputy Clerk) Kath Thomas (Deputy Clerk)

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1 Introduction, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Chair noted that Janet-Finch Saunders was not expected to be present for the start of the meeting.



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2 New petitions

2.1 P-05-719 Welsh Assembly Funding of Services

The Committee considered the petition for the first time and agreed to close the petition on the basis that it is not the Committee's role to suggest to third sector organisations that they seek funding from the Welsh Government.

The Committee also agreed to write to the petitioner suggesting that he may wish to share the Cabinet Secretary's letter with any organisations he feels would benefit from information about funding from the Welsh Government or local authorities.

3 Updates to previous petitions

3.1 P-05-713 The Wildlife Warriors

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to write to:

- Keep Wales Tidy to ask for their reflections on the petition and the suggestions made by the petitioners, including whether elements of the Wildlife Warriors proposal could be incorporated into Eco Schools; and
- the petitioners, sharing information that the Cabinet Secretary has provided about a new project, Bee Friendly/Caru Gwenyn.

3.2 P-05-715 A Ban on the Manufacture, Sale and Use of Snares in Wales

The Committee noted that the Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee is holding a scrutiny session on the use of snares on 30 November 2016.

The Committee agreed to await an update following the scrutiny session and consider the petition at a future meeting, alongside an expected update from the Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs.

3.3 P-04-519 Abolition of Park Homes Sales Commission

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to write to the Cabinet Secretary to ask if he or his officials would be willing to meet with the petitioners to discuss their concerns, and the possible alternative actions suggested by the research.

3.4 P-04-481 Close the Gap for deaf pupils in Wales

Mike Hedges declared the following interest under Standing Order 17.24A: He has a particular interest in the issues raised by the petition as his sister is profoundly deaf.

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to write to the Cabinet Secretary for Education to set out some of the background to the petition and ask for the Welsh Government's views on the proposals for action identified by the petitioner.

3.5 P-04-594 Cilmeri Community Council Appeal for The Prince Llywelyn Monument

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to request an update from the petitioner on the development of the signs.

3.6 P-04-475 Wanted – Buses for Meirionnydd

See agreed action under item 3.8.

3.7 P-04-513 Save the Wrexham/Barmouth X94 bus service

See agreed action under item 3.8.

3.8 P-04-515 Increase Funding for Welsh Bus Services

The Committee considered the history of the petitions and agreed to write to the petitioners to seek an update on the latest situation.

4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting for the following business:

The motion was agreed.

5 P-04-668 Support Yearly Screening for Ovarian Cancer (CA125 blood test) – Private Discussion under 17.42 (vi)

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to draw together the history of the Committee's consideration of the issue and report to the Assembly before closing the petition.