

Concise Minutes – Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 5 – Tŷ Hywel

Meeting date: Thursday, 12 November 2020

Meeting time: 13.30 – 16.40

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Mike Hedges MS (Chair) Janet Finch-Saunders MS Llyr Gruffydd MS Neil Hamilton MS Jenny Rathbone MS Joyce Watson MS
Witnesses:	Sir David Henshaw, Natural Resources Wales Clare Pillman, Natural Resources Wales Ceri Davies, Natural Resources Wales Jeremy Parr, Natural Resources Wales Christianne Glossop, Chief Veterinary Officer, Welsh Government Lesley Griffiths MS Tim Render, Welsh Government



	Gian Marco Currado, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Marc Wyn Jones (Clerk) Elizabeth Wilkinson (Second Clerk) Andrea Storer (Deputy Clerk) Katy Orford (Researcher) Lorna Scurlock (Researcher)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the virtual meeting of the Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee.

1.2 In accordance with Standing Order 34.19, the Chair stated that he had determined that the public were excluded from the Committee's meeting in order to protect public health.

1.3 The Chair stated that if for any reason he dropped out of the meeting, the Committee agreed that Jenny Rathbone MS would become Temporary Chair in accordance with Standing Order 17.22.

2 Flooding in Wales – evidence session with Natural Resources Wales

2.1 The Committee heard evidence from Natural Resources Wales.

3 Covid-19 and Transition from the European Union: Scrutiny session with the Welsh Government

3.1 Members questioned the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs and her officials on the Welsh Government's response to date to the Covid-19 pandemic, and on European Union transition arrangements.

4 Paper(s) to note

4.1 The papers were noted.

- 4.1 **Response from the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs to the letter from the Chair regarding the UK Emissions Trading Scheme**
- 4.2 **Response from the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs to the letter from the Chair of 6 October following the 17 September scrutiny session**
- 4.3 **Correspondence to Dr Chris Llewelyn, Chief Executive, Welsh Local Government Association in relation to flooding**
- 4.4 **Correspondence from the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs to the Chair, Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee in relation to the UK Fisheries Bill**
- 4.5 **Response from the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs to the letter from the Chair in relation to the Agriculture (Model Clauses for Fixed Equipment) (Wales) Regulations 2019**
- 4.6 **Correspondence from the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs in relation to changes to the common frameworks which fall within the Minister's portfolio**
- 5 **Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (vi) and (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting**
 - 5.1 The motion was agreed.
- 6 **Flooding: Consideration of evidence received under item 2**
 - 6.1 Members considered the evidence heard under item 2.
- 7 **Covid-19 and Transition from the European Union: Consideration of evidence received under item 3**
 - 7.1 Members considered the evidence heard during the scrutiny session. They agreed to write to the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs to request further information on some of the issues raised during the session.

4.7 Correspondence from Rt Hon Mark Drakeford MS First Minister of Wales in relation to the 34th summit of the British–Irish Council