

Concise Minutes – Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee

Meeting Venue:

Video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Thursday, 19 November 2020

Meeting time: 13.30 – 17.10

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Mike Hedges MS (Chair) Janet Finch-Saunders MS Llyr Gruffydd MS Jenny Rathbone MS Joyce Watson MS
Witnesses:	Professor Alastair Driver, Rewilding Britain Jerry Langford, Woodland Trust Arfon Williams, RSPB Cymru Clive Faulkner, Montgomeryshire Wildlife Trust Hilary Kehoe, Nature Friendly Farming Network Siân Stacey, Summit to Sea Project Elwyn Vaughan, COPA Committee Dafydd Morris Jones, COPA Committee
Committee Staff:	Marc Wyn Jones (Clerk)



	Elizabeth Wilkinson (Second Clerk) Andrea Storer (Deputy Clerk) Katy Orford (Researcher) Lorna Scurlock (Researcher)
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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.

1.4 Apologies were received from Neil Hamilton MS.

2 Introductory briefing by Rewilding Britain

2.1 The Committee received a briefing from Prof Driver, Rewilding Britain on biodiversity and rewilding.

2.2 Members asked questions and discussed key issues identified from the briefing.

3 Biodiversity and Rewilding: Evidence session 1 – Environmental Sector

3.1 The Committee heard evidence from Montgomeryshire Wildlife Trust, Nature Friendly Farming Network, Woodland Trust, Summit to Sea, and the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) Cymru.

4 Biodiversity and Rewilding: Evidence session 2: COPA (Cymunedau Oll Pumlumon a'r Ardal) Committee

4.1 The Committee heard evidence from the COPA (Cymunedau Oll Pumlumon a'r Ardal) Committee.

5 Paper(s) to note

5.1 The paper was noted.

5.1 Biodiversity and Rewilding: Evidence paper from Farmers' Union Wales

6 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (vi) and (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting

6.1 The motion was agreed.

7 Biodiversity and Rewilding: Consideration of evidence received under items 2, 3 and 4

7.1 Members considered the evidence heard under items 2,3 and 4.

8 National Development Framework for Wales: Consideration of the Committee's draft report

8.1 The Committee discussed and agreed its draft report, subject to a few amendments.