

Petitions Committee

Meeting Venue: **Committee Room 1 – Senedd**

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Concise Minutes:

Assembly Members:

William Powell (Chair)
Russell George
Joyce Watson
Elin Jones

Witnesses:

Committee Staff:

Naomi Stocks (Clerk)
Kayleigh Driscoll (Deputy Clerk)

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1. Introduction, apologies and substitutions

The Chair welcomed everyone to the Committee. There were no apologies.

2. New petitions

2.1 P-04-469 Remove the Right-To-Buy Regional Price Cap

The Committee considered the petition for the first time and agreed to write to the Minister for Housing and Regeneration seeking his views on the petition.

2.2 P-04-470 Against the nationalisation of Cardiff Airport

The Committee considered the petition for the first time and agreed to write to the First Minister seeking his views on the petition and asking when the business case and due diligence work will be made available.

2.3 P-04-471 Mandatory Welsh legislation to ensure Defibrillators in all public places

2.3 The Committee considered the petition for the first time and agreed to write to:

- The Minister for Health and Social Services;
- Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA);
- Fire and Rescue Services across Wales;
- Police Forces across Wales
- One Voice Wales; and
- British Retail Consortium seeking their views on the petition.

2.4 P-04-472 Make the MTAN law

The Committee considered the petition for the first time and agreed to:

- write to the Minister for Housing and Regeneration seeking his views on the petition; and
- take oral evidence.

2.5 P-04-473 Wind Farm Public Inquiry Financial Support

The Committee considered the petition for the first time and agreed to write to;

- the Minister for Housing and Regeneration; and
- Powys County Council seeking their views on the petition.

The Chair and Russell George declared an interest as Councillors of Powys County Council.

2.6 P-04-474 Support for NHS chaplaincy services

The Committee considered the petition for the first time and agreed to:

- group the petition with P-04-457 for consideration, while taking note of the opposing positions taken by each of the petitions;
- write to the Minister for Health and Social Services making him aware of the petition and to seek his views on the possibility of extending chaplaincy services to other care settings; and
- take oral evidence.

3. Updates to previous petitions

3.1 P-04-421 Oppose Trident moving to Wales

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and in light of the UK and Welsh Government stating that no consideration has been given to moving Trident, agreed to close the petition.

3.2 P-04-366 Closure of Aberystwyth Day Centre

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to write to Ceredigion Council asking that the Cabinet share the independent review findings with the Committee, and what actions will be taken as a result of the review.

3.3 P-04-408 Child and Adolescent Eating Disorder Service

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

- the Minister for Health and Social Services highlighting the concerns of both BEAT Cymru and the petitioner;
- the Chair of the Cross Party for eating disorders asking for her views on the petition; and
- dependant on capacity, possibly take oral evidence.

3.4 P-04-413 Maternity Services in the Cynon Valley

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to seek the petitioner's views on the correspondence from Cwm Taf Local Health Board.

3.5 P-04-448 Improve Sexual health services for Western Vale

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to:

- write to Cardiff and Vale UHB requesting further details on the timeframe for the review into sexual health services; and
- revisit the petition once the review has been completed to consider the implications for sexual health services in the Western Vale.

3.6 P-04-449 Bridgend Princess Of Wales – Save Our Services – Stop the Downgrade!

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to;

- seek the petitioner's views on the correspondence from Abertawe Bro Morgannwg Local Health Board; and
- await the publication of the service plans for South Wales.

3.7 P-04-452 Equal Rights for Tube-fed Youngsters

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to;

- undertake further work on the petition if the Children and Young People's Committee do not;

- write to the Minister for Health and Social Services highlighting the problems facing the petitioner, and the difficulties raised by Caerphilly Council; and
- write to Caerphilly Council with more details of the petitioner's case.

3.8 P-04-457 The Charitable Chaplaincy Campaign

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to;

- group the petition with P-04-474 for consideration;
- write to the Minister for Health and Social Services highlighting the petitioner's concerns and asking if his views differ from his predecessor;
- write to the NHS Confederation to seek their views on the petition and to ask if they are aware of any data about the take-up of chaplaincy services; and
- take oral evidence.

3.9 P-04-418 Naming the A470 'Prif Ffordd Tywysog Owain Glyndwr'

In light of the lack of response from the petitioner the Committee agreed to close the petition.

3.10 P-04-435 Wales & Border Railways Franchise 2018 to be Operated on a Not-for-Dividend Basis

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to:

- seek the petitioner's views on the ministerial correspondence; and
- write to the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport making her aware of the petition.

3.11 P-04-446 Business Rate Relief for Welsh Charity Shops

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to await the Minister's decision.

3.12 P-04-441 Gwaith i Gymru – Work for Wales

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

- Collegau Cymru;
- National Training Federation of Wales; and
- Careers Wales seeking their views on the petition.

3.13 P-04-458 Keep Further Education in the Public Sector

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to write to the Minister for Education and Skills highlighting the petitioner's concerns that his correspondence did not address the first point of the petition.

3.14 P-03-144 Guide Dogs for the Blind – Shared Space

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to await the consideration of the Active Travel (Wales) Bill by the Enterprise and Business Committee.

3.15 P-04-447 Campaign for Statue of Henry VII in Pembroke

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

- Pembroke Castle Trust and Pembroke Town Council seeking their views on the petition; and
- the Minister for Culture and Sport to seek more information on the development of the Interpretation Plans for later Middle Ages.

3.16 P-04-344 Freshwater East Public Sewer

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and because the petition aims have been met, agreed to close the petition.

3.17 P-04-406 Against Proposed MCZ zones in North Wales

3.18 P-04-411 Petition Against Marine Conservation Zones in Pembrokeshire

3.19 P-04-415 Support for Designation of Highly Protected Marine Conservation Zones

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to;

- share with the Minister for Natural Resources and Food the petitioner's responses, highlighting that both sides have significant concerns about the consultation process, and ask what lessons have been learnt for future consultation exercises; and
- await the findings of the MCZ Task and Finish Group.

3.20 P-04-419 Wind Farm Moratorium

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to write to the Minister for Housing and Regeneration, sharing the petitioner's information and asking if consideration can be given to the issues highlighted.

3.21 P-04-428 Alternative energy for street lighting

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to seek the petitioner's views on the WLGA's response.

3.22 P-04-363 Town Centre Improvement Scheme for Fishguard

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

- the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport highlighting the Council's concerns about the link road scheme; and

- the Minister for Housing and Regeneration to ask how the new regeneration framework will assist with bringing forward improvements, such as those being called for in Fishguard.