



**Cynulliad Cenedlaethol Cymru
The National Assembly for Wales**

**Y Pwyllgor Materion Ewropeaidd ac Allanol
The European and External Affairs Committee**

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These proceedings are reported in the language in which they were spoken in the committee.
In addition, an English translation of Welsh speeches is included.

Aelodau'r pwyllgor yn bresennol
Committee members in attendance

Nick Bourne	Ceidwadwyr Cymreig Welsh Conservatives
Christine Chapman	Llafur Labour
Jeff Cuthbert	Llafur Labour
Nerys Evans	Plaid Cymru The Party of Wales
Michael German	Democratiaid Rhyddfrydol Cymru Welsh Liberal Democrats
William Graham	Ceidwadwyr Cymreig (yn dirprwyo ar ran David Melding) Welsh Conservatives (substitute for David Melding)
Val Lloyd	Llafur Labour
Sandy Mewies	Llafur (Cadeirydd y Pwyllgor) Labour (Committee Chair)
Rhodri Glyn Thomas	Plaid Cymru The Party of Wales

Swyddogion Gwasanaeth Seneddol y Cynulliad yn bresennol
Assembly Parliamentary Service officials in attendance

Anna Daniel	Pennaeth, Swyddfa UE Cynulliad Cenedlaethol Cymru Head, National Assembly for Wales EU Office
Gwyn Griffiths	Cynghorydd Cyfreithiol Legal Adviser
Olga Lewis	Dirprwy Glerc Deputy Clerk
Chris Reading	Clerc Clerk

Dechreuodd y cyfarfod am 1.59 p.m.
The meeting began at 1.59 p.m.

Ethol Cadeirydd
Election of the Chair

[1] **Mr Reading:** Good afternoon, everybody, and welcome to the first meeting of the European and External Affairs Committee. I am taking the chair to start with because we have not formally elected our Chair. For those of you who do not know me, I am Chris Reading, the committee clerk.

[2] Are there any nominations for Chair?

[3] **Nick Bourne:** I nominate Sandy Mewies.

[4] **Mr Reading:** Thank you. Do we have any other nominations? I see not. Therefore, there is no need for a vote. I declare Sandy Mewies elected Chair, and hand over to her.

[5] **Sandy Mewies:** Thank you. First of all, I welcome those members who were on the

previous European and External Affairs Committee. It was a committee that we all enjoyed, because we are all very interested in the subject and it was consensus politics. It was an enjoyable committee, as I am sure it will be in the coming session.

[6] I particularly welcome Nerys, William, who is substituting for David Melding, who is now on the Audit Committee, and Val. I also welcome everyone else. It is particularly nice to see you, Nerys, as a new Member.

[7] You are all well aware of the fact that simultaneous translation is available, and that the headsets can be used if you are hard of hearing. If anyone has problems with the headsets, please ask the ushers for help. You should turn off all mobile phones, BlackBerrys and so on, as they interfere with the sound equipment. I have not been notified of any tests taking place today, so if an alarm rings please follow the ushers to the nearest assembly point.

[8] If you have any questions that need to be asked in formal session, now is the time to get them out of the way. If not, we will move swiftly to our informal session. Are there any questions? I see not.

[9] I also welcome Olga, and Christine—you have been and gone, have you not?

[10] **Christine Chapman:** I am one of those re-treads.

[11] **Sandy Mewies:** I am so used to seeing you sitting there that I forgot that you had left us for a little while. You and Nerys will both be on the Committee of the Regions; is that correct? I look forward to hearing your reports. I am sure that you will enjoy it—your predecessors certainly did.

*Daeth rhan gyhoeddus y cyfarfod i ben am 2.02 p.m.
The public part of the meeting ended at 2.02 p.m.*