

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: 17th January 2006
Time: 9.30 a.m.
Venue: Conference Room D

Present: Jenny Randerson (Chair)
Jane Hutt, Business Minister
Jocelyn Davies, Plaid Cymru Business Manager
Lisa Francis, Welsh Conservatives Business Manager
Peter Black, Welsh Liberal Democrats
John Marek, Deputy Presiding Officer

Paul Silk, Clerk to the Assembly
Andrew George, Clerk to the Business Committee
Marion Stapleton, Assembly Business Unit
Karin Phillips, Members' Research and Committee Service
Peter Jones, Counsel to the Assembly Parliamentary Service
Alun Jenkins, DLS (Agenda Item 4)
Marc Wyn Jones, Business Committee Secretariat
Catherine Morris, PS to the Deputy Presiding Officer

1. Apologies & announcements

1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Kirsty Williams. The Chair welcomed Peter Black who was representing her in accordance with Standing Order 13.3.

2. Minutes of the previous meetings

(i) BC(2)33-05 (Final minutes) - Tuesday 6th December 2005

2.1 The minutes were presented to the Committee in their final format. As there were no comments, they would be translated in readiness for publication.

Action: Chamber Secretariat

(ii) BC(2)1-06 (draft minutes) - Tuesday 10th January 2006

2.2 The minutes were presented to the Committee in draft. As there were no comments, they would be translated before they were submitted to the Committee in final draft.

Action: Chamber Secretariat

3. Matters Arising

Draft Minutes of meeting of 10 January 2006

3.1 **Paragraph 4.4** Marion Stapleton reported that the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) did not intend to issue the *Rent Only Residential*

Management Code in Welsh and that there was no statutory obligation for them to do so. She said that the Government were encouraging some organisations who were not required to have a Welsh Language Scheme to issue documents bilingually and she would report back on whether or not the RICS was one of those organisations. It was agreed that the Chair should write to the RICS encouraging them to issue the Code in Welsh, and also to the Welsh Language Board.

3.2 Paragraph 4.5 Marion Stapleton circulated a paper which set out the background to the Cabinet's decision to delegate authority to the Minister for Environment, Planning and Countryside to use the Executive procedure for emergency legislation to control exotic animal diseases. Members of the Committee agreed that these arrangements were appropriate in the circumstances. In response to a question Alun Jenkins confirmed that DLS believed that these arrangements complied within Standing Order 24.27.

3.3 Paragraph 4.8 The Chair reported that the Foot and Mouth Disease (Control of Vaccination) (Wales) Regulations 2006, which had been amended since its scrutiny by the Environment, Planning and Countryside Committee, were being re-submitted to the Committee.

4. Subordinate Legislation

(a) Orders for consideration

The Public Services Ombudsman for Wales (Jurisdiction and Transitional Provisions and Savings) Order 2006 - **BC(2)02-06(p1)**

& Report of the Local Government and Public Services Committee - **BC(2)02-06(p6)**

The Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Act 2005 (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) (Wales) Order 2006 - **BC(2)02-06(p2)**

The Plant Health (Import Inspection Fees) (Wales) Regulations 2006 - **BC(2)02-06(p3)**

The Business Committee recommended the Standard procedure for BC(2)02-06(p1) and BC(2)02-06(p2) and the Accelerated procedure for BC(2)02-06(p3). The Deputy Presiding Officer subsequently determined that none of the draft Orders need be referred to a Subject Committee.

BC(2)02-06(p1)

4.1 Andrew George said that section 24 of the Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Act 2005, which would come into force on 1 April 2006, required the Assembly to amend its Standing Orders to provide for a motion to approve the recommendations contained in a special report by the Ombudsman in relation to a complaint about the Assembly to be moved as soon as possible.

(b) Standing Order 29 Subordinate Legislation

(c) Orders made under the Executive Procedure; Papers to note.

BC(2)02-06 (p4)

4.2 The Business Committee noted the e-mail about the use of the Executive procedure for the Food Hygiene (Wales) Regulations 2005.

BC(2)02-06(p5)

4.3 The Business Committee noted the letter about the use of the Executive procedure for the Older Cattle (Wales) (Disposal) Regulations 2006.

(d) Papers for Information

5. Committees

BC(2)01-06(p19)

5.1 The Committee noted that nominations had now been made for public appointments panel members for Subject Committees.

BC(2)01-06(p7)

5.2 The Committee agreed the request for unscheduled additional meetings for the Government of Wales Bill Committee. The Deputy Presiding Officer said that similar arrangements would be necessary for meetings of the Rail Infrastructure Committee. The Business Minister said that it was intended to establish a Standing Orders Committee after the February Recess.

6. Forthcoming Business

BC(2)02-06(p8)

6.1 The Business Minister responded to requests from Business Managers and said that a statement on the Arts Council had been made on 10 January and a debate on Arts Policy had been scheduled for 1 February.

This Week's Business

BC(2)02-06(p9)

6.2 The Committee considered this paper, which detailed the Assembly's agreed business for the week.

6.3 The Business Minister said that the Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning would be making a statement about arrangements for vetting and barring people who worked with children later that day, and as a result it was likely that the meeting would need to be extended.

Business Manager's Requests

6.4 Jocelyn Davies thanked the Business Minister for scheduling a debate on arts policy and asked if a statement could be made on DARA. She also asked for a debate on European Union funding.

6.5 Peter Black asked if a statement could be made on Police reform.

6.6 Lisa Francis asked if statements could be made on the incidence of mumps in children and take-up of the MMR vaccine; and the water supply in north Wales.

Draft Business Statement - BC(2)02-06(p10)

6.7 The Committee noted the Business Minister's proposed statement about the organisation of the Assembly's business for the weeks commencing 24th January, 31st January and 7th February.

6.8 The Deputy Presiding Officer said that a motion to elect members to the Rail Infrastructure Committee should be included in the draft Business Statement.

7. Advice to Assembly on procedures

8. Matters referred from plenary

9. Revisions to Standing Orders

10. Presiding Officer rulings

11. Any other business.

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