



## FORESTRY COMMISSION WALES NATIONAL COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 16<sup>th</sup> JULY 2010 IN BANGOR

**Present:** Jon Owen Jones, Chairman  
Roger Cooper  
Trefor Owen  
Clive Thomas

Judith Webb  
John Lloyd Jones  
Peter Garson

**Also attending:** Martin Veale  
James Laing (Secretariat)

Bill MacDonald

**Apologies:** Rory O'Sullivan

### INTRODUCTION

1. JOJ welcomed Bill MacDonald to the meeting and apologies received from ROS.

### MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

2. The minutes of 14th May were approved as a true record. PG updated the committee on the Newborough science review, which was not yet complete as previously recorded.

### DIRECTOR'S REPORT

3. TMO presented his report and added that the Minister was currently dealing with a submission on the transfer of woodland grants into Glastir. *Phytophthora ramorum* has been escalated to the Corporate Risk Register and Investors in People accreditation has been retained.

### FINANCE REPORT

4. FY09/10 - MV told the committee that the Annual Report & Accounts process was nearly complete. The Report will be circulated to the Audit & Risk Committee next week.
5. FY10/11 - MV explained that the report contained little financial detail, as only two months activity were available for reporting. He confirmed that the Management Board had looked at the Business Plan in regards to savings and downstream efficiencies during their recent discussions. No announcement had been made by WAG on in year savings. JOJ and RC requested more detail on figures in Annex 1. TMO highlighted the link between *Woodlands for Wales*, the Corporate Plan and programme costs and those costs could be broken down to project level of detail.

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The committee noted the report.

**Action: Breakdown of figures in Annex 1 to be provided to NC**

MV

## **ASSEMBLY GOVERNMENT WOODLAND ESTATE RESEARCH PROJECT**

6. Bill MacDonald tabled the Interim Report and there followed a detailed discussion on the background and options put forward. The committee commented on the Interim Report and JOJ thanked Bill MacDonald for a detailed and timely report. The committee agreed that the report should go forward to the Minister.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ENTERPRISE POLICY**

7. CT presented the seventh of the eight policy positions. CT confirmed that the policy identified priorities linked to the Strategic Regeneration Areas within Wales. The committee provided comments and approved the policy position.

## **WOODLAND STRATEGY ADVISORY PANEL REPORT**

8. RC commenced his report by saying how informative and well organised the two woodland visits had been. He shared the broad conclusions from the visits and the committee noted the report.

## **WOODLAND AND DEVELOPMENT**

9. JLJ reminded the committee that he was Registered Commissioner with the Infrastructure Planning Commission. The committee noted this point of order but agreed it did not prejudice JLJ taking part in the discussion. CT outlined the policy position in respect of woodlands affected by non-forestry development and confirmed that the policy position would be published once finalised. The committee approved the position in Annex 1 and recommended that FCW reserves the option to request calling in planning applications.

**Next Meeting – Friday 24th September 2010 in Cardiff**

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