

## Chair's Report

### 1. Meetings with external bodies

Date of meeting	Meeting with / Event	Notes
3 October	Cabinet Secretary Roundtable workshop, Cardiff	Further meeting to the July event at the Royal Welsh Show to discuss the implications of Britain leaving the EU.
	Launch of SoNaRR, Cardiff	NRW's official launch of SoNaRR with the Cabinet Secretary and key stakeholders in attendance
11 October	Renewable Energy Event, Garwnant	A joint event between Farming Connect, Brecon Beacons National Park and NRW to promote the benefits of various renewable energy schemes.
18 October	CIWM Presidential Inauguration, London	Annual CIWM Presidential Inauguration in London. Also met with Emma Boyd, Chair of Environment Agency, England
19 October	Meeting with Cabinet Secretary, Cardiff	An ad-hoc meeting with the Cabinet Secretary, Emyr Roberts and Ashleigh Dunn to present an update on the Job Evaluation scheme.
2 November	Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee of the National Assembly, Senedd, Cardiff	NRW's annual scrutiny, chaired by Mark Reckless AM
3 November	NFU Annual Conference, Llandrindod Wells	This year's conference was "Shaping a New and Dynamic Future for Welsh Agriculture". Speakers covered a range of topics including Future Trade Opportunities following Brexit, Future Direction of the UK Supply chain and a Welsh Government perspective on challenges and opportunities post-

		Brexit.
15 November	Launch of Keeper of the Collieries, Llynfi Valley	Hosted the official unveiling of the Keeper of the Collieries sculpture in Llynfi Valley, Maesteg. NRW's initiative to engage the local community in regeneration project delivering multiple Well-Being benefits. Co-ordinated for NRW by Geminie Drinkwater.
	Launch of the Queen's Commonwealth Canopy Initiative, Buckingham Palace, London	A network of forest conservation projects, attended by Commonwealth representatives. Attended with Emyr Roberts.
28 November	Winter Fair, Builth Wells	Annual Winter Fair. Attended the launch of the National Sheep Association report on the Importance of Sheep in Upland areas as well as the launch of PestSmart – a joint DCWW & NRW initiative to tackle pesticide contamination in water.
30 November	Meeting with Cabinet Secretary	Ad-hoc meeting with Cabinet Secretary to brief her on SoNaRR. Also attended by Ceri Davies and Sarah Williams.
1 December	CBI Wales Dinner, Cardiff	Annual CBI Wales Dinner. Attending as a guest of Severn Trent Water.
6 December	Country Land and Business Association (CLA) Conference, London	CLA's inaugural Rural Business Conference

## 2. Plant!

I have taken on the role of Board Champion for the Plant! Initiative. The programme has the ability to deliver against two major goals within SoNaRR and the draft NRW Well-Being objectives. The programme began in January 2008 and has been delivered by NRW for the past 3 years. The programme is designed to contribute to the Welsh Government's tree planting target of 100,000ha of trees to help mitigate climate change and provide a tangible link between young children, their families and their natural environment.