

Cross-Party Group Annual Report.

15.10.14

Cross Party Group for the Armed Forces and Cadets

1. Group membership and office holders.

Chair: Darren Millar AM

Other Assembly Members who attend included Byron Davies AM and Mark Isherwood AM

Secretary: Mia Rees, PA to Darren Millar at the National Assembly

Other external members and the organisation(s) they represent:

Commodore Jamie Miller CBE, Naval Regional Commander of Wales and Western England Crd Tom Herman	Royal Navy
Air Cdre Adrian Williams	Royal Air Force
Brigadier Gamble Assistant Commander – Colonel Kevin Davies MBE RRC TD Deputy Commander - Lieutenant Colonel Lance Patterson	160 (Wales) Brigade
Phil Jones P eter Evans	Royal British Legion
Chris Downward	Veterans Agency and Pensions Committee and SAFA
Clive Wolfendale	Chief Executive of CAIS
Geraint Jones	CAIS
Stephen Hughes	RFCA for Wales
Dr Neil Kitchener	Veterans NHS Wales
Trevor Edwards CMgr	Director Operations at the Defence Medical Welfare Service (DMWS)
Lisa Leece	Service delivery manager DMWS
John Skipper	Veterans Community Health Council lead

2. Previous Group Meetings since the last AGM.

Meeting 1.

Meeting date: Tuesday 1st October 2013 - 12.15-13.15pm

Attendees:

Darren Millar AM

Catherine Evans, Office of Darren Millar AM

Jason Hart – SO2 Youth Cadets – HQ 160X

Brigadier Philip Napier - HQ 160X

Commodore Jamie Miller – Naval Regional Commander, Wales and Western England

Nick Beard – Chief Executive, Reserve Forces and Cadets Association for Wales

Guy Clarke – Chairman, RFCA for Wales

Peter Evans – Royal British Legion

John Skipper – Community Health Councils in Wales

Albie Fox – RAF CRO Wales

Mark Isherwood AM

Mohammad Asghar AM

Summary of issues discussed:

Welcome and apologies

New Cross Party Group rules - take vote for the election of Chair and Secretary

Brigadier Napier - The National Youth Work Scheme

Squadron Leader Albie Fox - Low Flying Brief

Lieutenant Colonel John Skipper - Healthcare and veterans: Health Inspectorate

Wales and Community Health Councils

AOB

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Meeting 2.

Meeting date: Wednesday 19th June 2013 12.30pm – 1.30pm

Attendees:

Brigadier Philip Napier

Commander Tom Herman OBE (representing Commodore Jamie Miller CBE RN)

Chief Executive, Colonel N R Beard TD DL

Chairman Lt Col D G Clarke OBE TD DL

Stephen Barlow, Heritage Lottery Fund

Kevin Richards, Healing the Wounds

Mal Emerson, Healing the Wounds

Peter Evans, Royal British Legion

Summary of issues discussed:

Commemorating the Centenary of the First World War

- Chair's introduction

- Professor Sir Deian Hopkin: Expert Adviser for Commemorative Activities to mark the Centenary of the First World War (beginning in 2014)
- An update from: Heritage Lottery Fund
- AOB

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Meeting 3.

Meeting date: Tuesday 18th March 2014 - 12.15-13.15pm

Attendees:

Crd Tom Herman	Royal Navy
Air Cdre Adrian Williams	Royal Air Force
Brigadier MJ Gamble Late RA	160 (Wales) Brigade
Peter Evans	Royal British Legion
Stephen Hughes	RFCA for Wales
Dr Neil Kitchener	Veterans NHS Wales
John Skipper	Veterans Community Health Council lead
Mark Isherwood AM	
Byron Davies AM	

Summary of issues discussed:

1. Chair: Welcome and apologies
 - Commodore Miller CBE RN is unable to attend - his deputy Commander Tom Herman will be representing him
 - Colonel (Retd) N R Beard TD DL (Nick), Chief Executive RFCA for Wales is unable to attend he therefore asked his Chairman, Col Guy Clarke to represent RFCA for Wales but sadly he was also unable to attend
2. Dr. Neil J. Kitchiner and Lieutenant Colonel (Retd) John Skipper
 - Update on the All Wales Veterans Health and Wellbeing Service and Veterans Mental Health
3. Peter Evans - Royal British legion
 - Update on Council tax changes and Social Care Charges and how those on War Pensions will be effected
4. Lt Suzanne Lynch RNR, Dr Hicks and Mr Paul McCann
 - Wales at War (W@W) Education programme
5. AOB

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3. Professional lobbyists, voluntary organisations and charities with whom the Group has met during the preceding year.

Stephen Barlow, Heritage Lottery Fund

7 Holbein Place
London
SW1W 8NR

<http://www.hlf.org.uk/about-us/who-we-are/committees/wales-committee>

Kevin Richards, Healing the Wounds

New Wing
The Rest Hotel
Bridgend
Rest Bay
Porthcawl
CF36 3UP

<http://www.healingthewounds.co.uk/>

Peter Evans, Royal British Legion

The Royal British Legion / Y Lleng Brydeinig Brenhinol
18/19 High Street / Y Stryd Fawr
Cardiff/ Caerdydd
CF10 1PT

<http://www.britishlegion.org.uk/about-us/the-legion-near-you/legion-in-wales>

Clive Wolfendale, CAIS Drug and alcohol treatment

CAIS
12 Trinity Square
Llandudno
LL30 2RA

<http://www.cais.co.uk/>

Trevor Edwards, Defence Medical Welfare Service (DMWS)

The Old Stables
Redenham Park
Redenham
Nr Andover
SP11 9AQ

www.dmws.org.uk

Annual Financial Statement.

15.10.2014

Cross Party Group for the Armed Forces and Cadets

There are no expenses for this CPG

Group's Expenses.	None.	£0.00
Costs of all goods.	No goods purchased.	£0.00
Benefits received by the group or individual Members from outside bodies.	No benefits received.	£0.00
Any secretariat or other support.	No financial support received.	£0.00
Services provided to the Group such as hospitality.		
All refreshments paid for by [include name of group/organisation].		
Date	Description and name of provider	Cost
		£0.00
Total cost		£0.00