

## CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA

### MINUTES OF THE ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY COVENANT SIGNATORIES P

#### HELD AT COMMITTEE ROOM 1 - CIVIC CENTRE ON WEDNESDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER AT 2.00 PM

**Present :** Councillor J E Burtonshaw (Chair) Presided.

#### **Officers:**

S Martin - Voluntary Sector Relationship Coordinator  
S Collins - Democratic Services Officer

#### **Armed Forces Community Covenant Signatories/Representatives:**

S O'Kelly - Remploy  
W Driscoll - Probation Service  
Cpt C Evans - Welsh Transport Regiment  
Lt Cdr S Fry - HMS Cambria RNR  
Sqn Ldr D Bentley-  
Miller - POBL  
T Idris - Swansea Bay Regional Equality Council  
S Stokoe - Change Step  
D Nicholls - Change Step  
P Neville - Swansea University  
R Owen - HMP Prison  
D Singletary - SSAFA  
S Richards - Cruse Morgannwg  
V Williams - Veterans NHS Wales

#### **Also present:**

Councillor A C S Colburn - Mumbles and South Gower Royal British Legion  
Observer

#### 14 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Apologies for absence were received from M Pitson, B Bagley, J Worthing, C Green, R Webborn, and Air CDR A Williams.

#### 15 **DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS.**

In accordance with the provisions of the Code of Conduct adopted by the City and County of Swansea, no declarations of interest were made.

16 **MINUTES.**

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Armed Forces Community Covenant Signatories Panel held on 2 July, 2014 be approved and signed as a correct record.

17 **UPDATE ON SPECIAL EVENTS.**

The Chair provided the Panel an overview on the forthcoming Special Events

- Poppy Launch – 24 October 2014;
- Remembrance concert at the Brangwyn Hall – 8 November 2014;
- 'Silence in the Square' in Castle Square - 11 November 2014;
- Homecoming Parade for the Queens Dragoon Guards (The Welsh Cavalry) 12 December 2014.

Councillor A C Colburn, Mumbles & South Gower British Legion, provided details of the Legions Remembrance Service – 7 November 2014.

18 **UPDATE ON ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY COVENANT.**

S Martin, Voluntary Sector Relationship Coordinator provided an update on the Armed Forces Community Covenant Funding Applications. He informed the Panel of the details and status of applications received to date.

**AGREED** that the contents of the update be noted.

19 **CRUSE CYMRU - FEEDBACK ON AFCC GRANT FUNDED PROJECT.**

S Richards, Cruse Morgannwg, provided an overview of the service available to support Military families following bereavement. She added that the Bereavement in the Military Family project aims to further develop and raise awareness of bereavement services available for the Military Family. She stated that Cruse could provide practical information, dealing with the media and details of support the bereaved could expect from the Armed Forces and others following a death in Service.

20 **RIPPLE POND WALES.**

Apologies for absence were received from Ripple Pond Wales.

21 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS.**

A discussion took place in respect of 'transition' on how ex service personnel cope when leaving the Forces.

The Panel stressed the importance of signposting organisations within the Covenant to ex service personnel.

Captain C M Evans stated that the Welsh Transport Regiment have a promotional exhibition display every Tuesday in the City Centre.

He welcomed all Members of the Covenant to forward him their organisational information leaflets which he would display at the exhibition.

22 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING.**

**AGREED** that the date and time of the next meeting of the Panel be noted as 2.00pm, 17 December 2014.

The Chair thanked all Officers for their contributions to the meeting.

The meeting ended at Time Not Specified

**CHAIR**