

City and County of Swansea

Notice of Meeting

You are invited to attend a Meeting of the

Armed Forces Community Covenant Signatories Panel

At: Committee Room 2 - Civic Centre, Swansea

On: Monday, 23 July 2018

Time: 2.00 pm

Chair: Councillor June Burtonshaw

Agenda

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- 1 Apologies for Absence.**
- 2 Disclosures of Personal & Prejudicial Interests.**
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- 3 Minutes.** **1 - 3**
To approve & sign the Minutes of the previous meeting(s) as a correct record.
- 4 The Poppy Factory. (Natalie Mccombe)**
- 5 EFT Consultants. (Adrian Matthews)**
- 6 Corporate Plan Priorities.**
- 7 Update from Panel Members.**

Next Meeting: Monday, 24 September 2018 at 2.00 pm



Huw Evans
Head of Democratic Services
Monday 16 July 2018

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ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY COVENANT SIGNATORIES PANEL

SIGNATORY	CONTACT
City & County of Swansea	Councillor June Burtonshaw, AFCC Champion
Lord Lieutenant	Byron Lewis HM Lord Lieutenant of West Glamorgan
Army	Captain Chris Evans MBE
RAF	Air Commodore Adrian Williams OBE ADC MA BA FCILT RAF Sqn Ldr S L Cairns MA RAFR
Navy	WO1 Steve Jones Lt Cdr Ruth Fleming
SSAFA	David Singletary
Probation Service	Wayne Driscoll
Prison Service	Lauren Watson Governor
South Wales Police	Dean Thomas
Swansea Bay Regional Equality Council (SBREC)	Taha Idris Chief Executive
Welsh Air Ambulance	Mark Stevens Fundraising Manager
Ospreys Rugby	Paul Whapham
Change Step	Kev Bogdan
Job Centre Plus	Mark Hurry Partnership Manager Swansea
ABMU (NHS)	Jan Worthing Locality Director
Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service	Gail Smith Andy Grove
Swansea Council for Voluntary Service (SCVS)	Alyx Baharie
Royal British Legion – Swansea Branch	Squadron Leader Phil. C. Flower MBE DL RAFVR(T)
University of Wales Trinity St David	Medwin Hughes Vice Chancellor
Gower College Swansea	Mark Jones Principal & Chief Executive
Swansea University	Peter Neville

Remploy Swansea	Eleonora Evans Stephanie Pass
Citizens Advice Swansea Neath Port Talbot	Jackie Preston, Chief Executive
Age Cymru Swansea Bay	Chief Executive Officer
Veterans NHS Wales	Victoria Williams
Veterans Club	Sandy Shaw
Adrian Rabey	British Training Board
Antony Rabey	Aartic Training
Louise Snelgrove Capt Roy Griffiths	Merchant Navy Association
Peter Evans	Royal British Legion
Sue Richards-Hoskin	Cruse
Shelley Elgin	Regional Recovery Manager
Thomas Hall	Blesma
Rob Nicholls	Care after Combat
Spencer Martin	Voluntary Sector Relationship Coordinator
Fran Jenkins	Strategic Manager -Tourism, Marketing and Events



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Minutes of the **Armed Forces Community Covenant Signatories Panel**

Chamber Meeting Room - Civic Centre, Swansea

Monday, 26 February 2018 at 2.00 pm

Present: Councillor J E Burtonshaw (Chair) Presided

Representing Organisations:

Alyx Baharie, SCVS
Captain Chris Evans MBE, 157(Welsh) Regt RLC
Lt Cdr Ruth Fleming, Navy Reserve
Thomas Hall, Blesma
Paul Jones, Probation
Sq Ldr Phil Flower MBE, Royal British Legion/Royal Air Force
Rob Nicholls, Care after Combat
Jackie Preston, Citizens Advice Bureau
Raj Rahman, Veterans Club
Sandy Shaw, Veterans Club
David Singletary, SSAFA
Amanda Thomas, Wales/Cymru / Help for Heroes
Eve Warburton, UWTSD

Officer(s)

Gareth Borsden	Democratic Services Officer
Spencer Martin	Voluntary Sector Relationship Coordinator

Apologies for Absence

Alison Fisher & D B Lewis.

25 Disclosures of Personal & Prejudicial Interests.

None.

26 Minutes.

Resolved that the Minutes of the Panel held on 4 December 2017 be agreed as a correct record.

27 Presentation - Blesma.

Tom Hall, Support Officer(West) from Blesma gave a powerpoint presentation outlining the following topic areas:

- His military background;
- Background history to the establishment of Blesma after the 1st World War;(Only 1 of 10 charities that still exist from that period)

- Main aims of the Charity are to assist ex service men and woman who have suffered life-changing limb loss or the use of a limb, an eye or loss of sight;
- Organisational layout and staffing structure:
- Mission and vision;
- Membership types;
- Areas of expertise and help/advice available:
- Regional support officers role;
- Geographical areas covered;
- Self funding;
- Members activities & events available;
- Number of members and visits/grants/activities undertaken.

28 Update from Panel Members and Ideas for Commemorations for the 100th Anniversary of the end of World War One.

Panel Members provided verbal updates relating to the current and proposed activities, events and workloads of their respective groups and organisation, including the following areas:

SCVS

Alex Baharie referred to the Armed Forces Day grant scheme that is still open for applications and indicated she would circulate a link to the scheme.

Veterans Club

Sandy Shaw reported that regular Monday & Friday “drop in” meetings are about to start in Swansea at the Schooner Inn.

Royal British Legion/Royal Air Force

Phil Flower reported on the various events planned to commemorate the 100 years of the RAF including a Gala concert at the Brangwyn Hall on 20 April and a church service at St Marys and parade of 400plus personnel afterwards on 22 April.

He outlined the ongoing discussions with Swansea Council regarding potential events to commemorate the 100 year WW1 anniversary, including the “lighting up” of buildings, a field of remembrance, extended parade and event on remembrance Sunday. Further discussion would be undertaken in the coming months with key partners on the proposals.

He outlined that the 2017 Poppy appeal had raised in excess of £111k in Swansea, which is the highest total ever.

Care after Combat

Rob Nicholls outlined the main role of the organisation was to assist veterans who are in the judicial system. He outlined that they work well with other agencies to advise/assist veterans both before and after release, and indicated they currently have a 92% success rate of no reoffending within 1 year of release.

SSAFA

Dave Singletary indicated they continue with their normal casework and referred to the success of the recent SSAFA ball at the Aberavon Beach Hotel which raised over £1800.

Blesma

Tom Hall referred to an issue with a reduction of blue badges costs he had been involved with in England relating to veterans, and queried whether something similar could be done locally.

UWTSD

Eve Warburton indicated that the University is looking to expand its involvement with the Covenant, re-sign the agreement and try and establish a base in Carmarthen in conjunction with Help for Heroes.

Help for Heroes

Amanda Thomas indicated that she had only been in post for 6 weeks, and referred to the coffee mornings to be held at the Bulldogs gym.

Royal Navy

Ruth Fleming referred to the Freedom of the City event for HMS Cambria on 17 March. The Royal Marine Band will be in attendance.

She also referred to the Royal Navy Women rugby match against Swansea University to be held at St Helens.

She indicated she was happy to assist with “manpower” for any events for WW1 remembrance events.

She indicated that for this year's Remembrance Day, past service personnel are being encouraged to wear uniforms.

Army

Chris Evans referred to the ongoing discussions and plans for this years Armed Forces Day and Air Show which are over the same weekend. He referred to issues around the flag raising, military village and various events over the weekend.

He outlined the change in procedure that has been announced by the MoD relating to the Armed Forces Covenant grants procedure. All current applications are on hold pending the implementation of the new system.

He referred to another upcoming event at The Grange.

Swansea Council

Spencer Martin reported that the Authority continues to work towards the award of the gold standard covenant award.

June Burtonshaw indicated she continues to work on individual cases with SSAFA, and referred to the plans for potential series of events around Remembrance Day.

The meeting ended at 2.50 pm

Chair