

CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA

MINUTES OF THE ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY COVENANT SIGNATORIES PANEL

**HELD AT THE CIVIC CENTRE ON WEDNESDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2014
AT 3.00 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:

Lt Cdr B Bagley - Lord Lieutenant representative
Lt Col N Blenkinsop - Welsh Transport Regiment
B Buckley - Job Centre Plus
Cpt C Evans - Welsh Transport Regiment
J Mason - Gower College
D Singletary - SSAFA
S Warston - Trinity St David College

17. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from M Lane, Chief Superintendent P Davies, P Neville, C Green, J Worthing, and W Driscoll.

18. **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 declared.

19. **MINUTES**

AGREED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Armed Forces Community Covenant Signatories Meeting held on 23 October 2013 be approved as a correct record.

20. **ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY COVENANT GRANT APPLICATIONS - PRESENTATION BY COL NEIL BLENKINSOP, COMMANDING OFFICER, WELSH TRANSPORT REGIMENT**

Lt Col N Blenkinsop, Commanding Officer, Welsh Transport Regiment, provided the forum with a detailed and informative presentation of the background to the Armed Forces Community Funding.

The Lt Col stated that the principal aim was to help fund local projects that work to create relationships or strengthen ties between current and former members of the Armed Forces and the wider community in which they live.

Members asked questions relating to the presentation to which the Lt Col and Captain Evans provided detailed answers.

A discussion took place in respect of the application forms and the appeals procedure.

Further discussions centred around the resourcing of funding for World War 1 memorials.

AGREED that:

- (1) The presentation be noted;
- (2) World War 1 Centenary Funding be placed as a future agenda item;
- (3) A meeting be convened between the Chair and Captain C Evans to discuss the funding of World War 1 Memorials.

21. **UPDATE ON ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY FUNDING**

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.

A discussion took place in respect of availability of grant funding from other organisations.

Captain Evans stated that he would circulate an update of various updates to the Panel.

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22. **UPDATE ON FUTURE EVENTS**

A discussion took place in respect of future events. Captain Evans agreed to circulate the Panel an update of related events.

23. **AGENDA ITEMS AND VENUES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

AGREED that:

- (1) World War 1 Memorial Funding be placed as a future agenda item;
- (2) the venue for the meeting be at the Army Reserves Centre, The Grange, Mumbles Road, West Cross, Swansea SA3 5AD.

24. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

AGREED that the date for the next meeting of the Panel be convened to take place during the first fortnight of April.

The meeting ended at 3.45 p.m.

CHAIR