

Cross Party Group on Armed Forces and Cadets

Annual Report – December 2022

1. Group membership and office holders

Chair: Darren Millar MS (re-elected unanimously at the AGM in July 2022)

Vice-Chair: Alun Davies MS (re-elected unanimously at the AGM in July 2022)

Other Senedd Members who attended or had representatives attend include:

- Laura Anne Jones MS
- Peter Fox MS
- Jack Sargeant MS
- Mark Isherwood MS
- Altaf Hussain MS
- James Evans MS
- Sam Rowlands MS
- Natasha Asghar MS
- Joel James MS
- Mike Hedges MS
- Samuel Kurtz MS

Secretary: Curtis Shea, PA to Darren Millar – June 2018 – November 2022

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

Colonel James Phillips	Veterans' Commissioner for Wales
Brigadier Jock Fraser	Royal Navy
Brigadier Andrew Dawes	Commander 160th Brigade
Peter Evans	Welsh Government
Peter Kellam	Welsh Government
Cerys Gage	Welsh Government
Lisa Rawlings	Regional Armed Forces Covenant Liaison Officer
Millie Taylor	SSCE Cymru
Flight Lieutenant Ella Fortune	RAF
Tom Livesey	Welsh Conservative Group Office
Emma Perrin	Army Families Federation
Dominic Morgan	RFCA
Julian North	Help for Heroes
James Dunn	Office for Veterans Affairs, Cabinet Office

Neil Kitchener	Veterans NHS Wales
Air Cdre Dai Williams	Royal Air Force
Stephen Townley	Regional Armed Forces Liaisons Officer
Dominic Morgan	RCFA
Colonel Sion Walker	Deputy Commander 106 th Brigade

2. Meetings since the previous AGM

Meeting 1: 9th December 2021

Attendees:

Darren Millar MS	Chair & Member for Clwyd West
Natasha Asghar MS	Member for South Wales East
James Evans MS	Member for Brecon and Radnorshire
Altaf Hussain	Member for South Wales West
Sam Rowlands MS	Member for North Wales
Mike Hedges MS	Member for Swansea East
Joel James MS	Member for South Wales Central
Peter Fox MS	Member for Monmouthshire
Millie Taylor	SSCE Cymru
James Dunn	Office for Veterans' Affairs (Cabinet Office)
Brigadier Jock Fraser	Royal Navy
Air Cdre Dai Williams	Royal Air Force
Neil Kitchiner	Veterans' NHS Wales
Stephen Townley	Regional Armed Forces Liaison Officer
Dominic Morgan	RFCA
Lee Gonzalez	Office of Joel James MS
Lisa Rawlings	Regional Armed Forces Covenant Liaison Officer
Cerys Gage	Welsh Government
Peter Evans	Welsh Government
James Wallice	Office of Samuel Kurtz MS
Ryland Doyle	Office of Mike Hedges MS
Colonel Sion Walker	Deputy Commander 160th Brigade
Curtis Shea	Secretariat

Summary of issues discussed:

- Update from Millie Taylor, SSCE Cymru
- Presentation from James Dunn, Cabinet Office on the Welsh Veterans Commissioner.

Meeting 2: 13th July 2022

Attendees:

Darren Millar MS	Chair & Member for Clwyd West
Jack Sargeant MS	Member for Alyn and Deeside
Altaf Hussain MS	Member for South Wales West
James Evans MS	Member for Brecon and Radnorshire
Peter Fox MS	Member for Monmouthshire
Mark Isherwood MS	Member for North Wales
Colonel James Phillips	Veterans' Commissioner for Wales
Brigadier Jock Fraser	Royal Navy
Brigadier Andrew Dawes	Commander 160th Brigade
Peter Evans	Welsh Government
Peter Kellam	Welsh Government
Lisa Rawlings	Regional Armed Forces Covenant Liaison Officer
Millie Taylor	SSCE Cymru
Curtis Shea	Secretariat
Flight Lieutenant Ella Fortune	RAF
Tom Livesey	Welsh Conservative Group Office
Emma Perrin	Army Families Federation
Emilia Douglass	Office of Laura Anne Jones
Harry Saville	Office of Sam Rowlands
Dominic Morgan	RFCA
Julian North	Help for Heroes

Summary of issues discussed:

- **The Group held its AGM and the following appointments were made –**
Darren Millar MS was unanimously re-elected as Chair.
Alun Davies MS was unanimously re-elected as Deputy Chair.
Curtis Shea was unanimously re-elected as Secretary.
- Q&A with Colonel James Phillips, Veterans' Commissioner for Wales (VCW)

- The group received an update from Millie Taylor, SSCE Cymru

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

None.

4. Other activities and visits

The group visited RAF Valley on 1st April 2022.

The group visited the Royal Navy Outdoor Leadership School, Talybont-On-Usk on 7th July 2022.

Annual Financial Statement.

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	No hospitality received	£0.00
Total cost		<u>£0.00</u>