

## **Cross Party Group on Armed Forces and Cadets**

### **Annual Report – October 2023**

#### **1. Group membership and office holders**

Chair: Darren Millar MS (re-elected unanimously at the AGM in October 2023)

Vice-Chair: Alun Davies MS (re-elected unanimously at the AGM in October 2023)

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
- Samuel Kurtz MS
- Joel James MS
- Rhianon Passmore MS
- Julie Morgan MS

Secretary:

Curtis Shea, Office of Darren Millar MS – June 2018 – November 2022

Tara Moorcroft, Office of Darren Millar MS – November 2022 - current

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

Colonel James Phillips	Veterans' Commissioner for Wales
Brigadier Jock Fraser	Royal Navy
Air Cdre Dai Williams	Royal Air Force
Brigadier Nick Thomas CBE	Commander, 160 <sup>th</sup> (Welsh) Brigade
Colonel Sion Walker	Deputy Commander, 160 <sup>th</sup> (Welsh) Brigade
Lt Col Nicholas Lock OBE	160 <sup>th</sup> (Welsh) Brigade
Jeremy Fowler	Head of Army Heritage Branch, Ministry of Defence (MOD)
Peter Evans	Welsh Government
Peter Kellam	Welsh Government

Rob Wilson	Welsh Government
Millie Taylor	SSCE Cymru
Joanna Wolfe	SSCE Cymru
Emilee Kinsey	SSCE Cymru
Graham Jones	Woody's Lodge
Flight Lieutenant Ella Fortune	Royal Air Force
Adrian Leslie	Royal British Legion
Emma Perrin	Army Families Federation
Col Dominic Morgan	RFCA
Christopher Mills	Homes for Veterans Cymru
Simon Frith	Alabare
Neil Lawman	Adferiad
Roger Lees	Adferiad
Michael Harvey	Adferiad
Lianne Martynski	Adferiad
Colonel David Chipp	Former Commandant of Gwent and Powys Army Cadet Force
Cllr Ian Buckley	Veterans Champion, Vale of Glamorgan Council
Cllr David Evans	Armed Forces Champion, Flintshire County Council
Cllr Glyn Haynes	Armed Forces Champion, Isle of Anglesey County Council
Cllr Teresa Heron	Armed Forces Champion, Caerphilly County Borough Council
Cllr Paul Hinge	Armed Forces Champion, Ceredigion County Council
Cllr Julie Matthews	Armed Forces Champion, Denbighshire County Council
Cllr Elizabeth Roberts	Armed Forces Champion, Conwy County Borough Council
Cllr Mark Spencer	Armed Forces Champion, Newport City Council
Cllr Eddie Williams	Armed Forces Champion, Vale of Glamorgan Council
Jamie Ireland	Armed Forces Covenant Liaison Officer (South Wales East)
Andy Jones	Armed Forces Covenant Liaison Officer (Powys)
Lisa Rawlings	Armed Forces Covenant Liaison Officer (Gwent)

Stephen Townley	Armed Forces Covenant Liaison Officer (North Wales)
Abigail Warburton	Armed Forces Covenant Liaison Officer (South Wales East)
Zoe Roberts	Armed Forces Covenant & Veteran Healthcare Collaborative Lead, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board
Tina Foster	TGP Cymru
Beth Taylor	Welsh Conservative Group Office
Tom Livesey	Welsh Conservative Group Office
Jena Quilter	Welsh Conservative Group Office

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## **2. Meetings since the previous AGM**

### **Meeting 1: 8<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

#### **Attendees:**

Darren Millar MS	Chair & Member for Clwyd West
Altaf Hussain MS	Member for South Wales West
Sam Rowlands MS	Member for North Wales
Mark Isherwood MS	Member for North Wales
Samuel Kurtz MS	Member for Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire
Colonel James Phillips	Veterans' Commissioner for Wales
Brigadier Jock Fraser	Royal Navy
Peter Kellam	Welsh Government
Millie Taylor	SSCE Cymru
Ella Fortune	Royal Air Force
Adrian Leslie	Royal British Legion
Cllr Teresa Heron	Armed Forces Champion, Caerphilly County Borough Council
Cllr Paul Hinge	Armed Forces Champion, Ceredigion County Council
Cllr Julie Matthews	Armed Forces Champion, Denbighshire County Council
Cllr Elizabeth Roberts	Armed Forces Champion, Conwy County Borough Council

Cllr Mark Spencer	Armed Forces Champion, Newport City Council
Cllr Eddie Williams	Armed Forces Champion, Vale of Glamorgan Council
Andy Jones	Armed Forces Covenant Liaison Officer (Powys)
Lisa Rawlings	Armed Forces Covenant Liaison Officer (Gwent)
Abigail Warburton	Armed Forces Covenant Liaison Officer (South Wales East)
Zoe Roberts	Armed Forces Covenant & Veteran Healthcare Collaborative Lead, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board
Emma Perrin	Army Families Federation
Colonel David Chipp	Former Commandant of Gwent and Powys Army Cadet Force
Emilia Douglass	Office of Laura Anne Jones MS
Tara Moorcroft	Secretariat

### **Summary of issues discussed:**

- Update on 2021 Census and Veterans Survey results from Adrian Leslie, Public Affairs and Campaigns Manager in Wales, Royal British Legion (RBL)
- Update from Millie Taylor, Supporting Service Children in Education (SSCE) Cymru:
- Discussion on Post-Pandemic Resilience and 'Winter Preparedness' in Wales with Peter Kellam, Welsh Government and Brigadier Graeme Fraser, Royal Navy:

### **Meeting 2: 8<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

#### **Attendees:**

Darren Millar MS	Chair & Member for Clwyd West
Alun Davies MS	Vice Chair & Member for Blaenau Gwent
Mark Isherwood MS	Member for North Wales
James Evans MS	Member for Brecon and Radnorshire
Laura Anne Jones MS	Member for South Wales East

Peter Fox MS	Member for Monmouthshire
Brigadier Jock Fraser	Royal Navy
Air Cdre Dai Williams	Royal Air Force
Lt Col Nicholas Lock OBE	160 <sup>th</sup> (Welsh) Brigade
Colonel Sion Walker	Deputy Commander, 160 <sup>th</sup> (Welsh) Brigade
Jeremy Fowler	Head of Army Heritage Branch, Ministry of Defence (MOD)
Rob Wilson	Welsh Government
Peter Evans	Welsh Government
Adrian Leslie	Royal British Legion
Col Dominic Morgan	RFCA
Millie Taylor	SSCE Cymru
Joanna Wolfe	SSCE Cymru
Emilee Kinsey	SSCE Cymru
Cllr Teresa Heron	Armed Forces Champion, Caerphilly County Borough Council
Lisa Rawlings	Regional Armed Forces Covenant Liaison Officer (Gwent)
Tina Foster	TGP Cymru
Beth Taylor	Welsh Conservative Group Office
Tom Livesey	Welsh Conservative Group Office
Tara Moorcroft	Secretariat
Charlotte Raymond	Office of Darren Millar MS

**Summary of issues discussed:**

- Discussion on Military Heritage in Wales with Colonel Sion Walker and Lieutenant Colonel Nicholas Lock, both of 160<sup>th</sup> (Wales) Brigade.
- Update on the work of Armed Forces Liaison Officers (AFLOs) in Wales by Lisa Rawlinson, Armed Forces Liaison Officer for Gwent.

### **Meeting 3: 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

#### **Attendees:**

Darren Millar MS	Chair & Member for Clwyd West
Alun Davies MS	Vice Chair & Member for Blaenau Gwent
James Evans MS	Member for Brecon and Radnorshire
Jack Sargeant MS	Member for Alyn and Deeside
Sam Rowlands MS	Member for North Wales
Peter Fox MS	Member for Monmouthshire
Rhianon Passmore MS	Member for Islwyn
Brigadier Nick Thomas CBE	Commander, 160 <sup>th</sup> (Welsh) Brigade
Ella Fortune	Royal Air Force
Robert Govier	Royal Navy
Craig Stockdale	160 <sup>th</sup> (Welsh) Brigade
Adrian Leslie	Royal British Legion
Col Dominic Morgan	RFCA
Peter Kellam	Welsh Government
Peter Evans	Welsh Government
Millie Taylor	SSCE Cymru
Tina Foster	TGP Cymru
Graham Jones	Woody's Lodge
Christopher Mills	Homes for Veterans Cymru
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Neil Lawman	Adferiad
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Lisa Rawlings	Armed Forces Covenant Liaison Officer (Gwent)
Stephen Townley	Armed Forces Covenant Liaison Officer (North Wales)
Zoe Roberts	Armed Forces Covenant & Veteran Healthcare Collaborative Lead, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board
Archie Draycott	Office of Darren Millar MS
Lee Gonzalez	Office of Joel James MS
Felix Millbank	Office of James Evans MS
Eleanor Lancaster	Office of Julie Morgan MS
Jena Quilter	Welsh Conservative Group Office
Tara Moorcroft	Secretariat

### **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.  
Tara Moorcroft was unanimously elected as Secretary.
- Briefing from Colonel (Retd) James Phillips, Veterans' Commissioner for Wales.
- Briefing from Tina Foster - Operational Services Manager, TGP Cymru:
- Discussion on Change Step Programme:

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

None.

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**4. Other activities and visits**

**The group undertook visits to:**

- HMS Cambria on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2023;
- Veterans' Gateway Call Centre in Nantgarw with the Royal British Legion on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2023;
- MOD St Athan on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2023;
- Army Expo in London on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023;
- Exercise Cambrian Patrol in Sennybridge on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

**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
<b>Total cost</b>		<b><u>£0.00</u></b>