

# Cross Party Group Annual Report

2nd December 2015

## Cross Party Group on Shooting and Conservation

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

Chair – Angela Burns AM

Secretariat – Esther Wakeling, British Association for Shooting and Conservation (BASC)

#### Members

Lindsay Whittle AM

Andrew RT Davies AM

William Powell AM

Gary Ashton – British Association for Shooting and Conservation (BASC)

### **2. Previous group meeting since the last AGM**

#### **Meeting 1 - 18 November 2014**

Attendees: Andrew RT Davies – Acting Chair  
Esther Wakeling - Secretariat

Lindsay Whittle AM

William Powell AM

Mark Isherwood AM

Rhodri Glyn Thomas AM

Llyr Huws Griffith AM

Vincent Bailey - Office for Andrew RT Davies

Tim Russell – BASC

Annette Cole – BASC

Gary Ashton – BASC

Derek Williams – BASC

Kate Ives – BASC

#### Summary of issues discussed

A Presentation of the 'Value of Shooting' report in to the economic benefits of shooting in Wales that shows an estimated value of £75 Million benefit to the Wales economy (GVA). It is also estimated that 120,000 conservation work days are undertaken in Wales in support of shooting and 380,000 hectares of land are influenced by shooting.

## **Meeting 2 – 10 February 2015**

Attendees: Angela Burns – Chair  
Esther Wakeling – Secretariat  
William Graham AM  
Jocelyn Davies AM  
Alun Ffred Jones AM  
Russell George AM  
Mark Isherwood AM  
Llyr Huws Griffith AM

Gary Ashton BASC – Director for Wales  
Tim Russell BASC- Head of Conservation  
Glynn Evans BASC – Head of Game and Deer Management  
Derek Williams BASC – Country Officer for Wales

Rachel Evans – Countryside Alliance  
Huw Rhys Thomas – National Farmers Union

Guest speakers  
Jono Garton – Bodfuan Shoot  
Wayne Tuffin – Commercial shoot proprietor

### Summary of issues discussed

Presentations were given by two shoot proprietors who discussed their businesses. They ran through employment and other benefits their shoots offered to the wider community and what barriers and difficulties they had encountered in developing their respective businesses. As a result it was agreed the Tourism and shooting would be the topic of the next meeting.

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

None

# Annual Financial Statement

December 2015

## Cross Party Group on Shooting and Conservation

Angela Burns AM

Esther Wakeling, British Association for Shooting and Conservation.

Groups expenses	None	£0.00
Cost 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	All refreshments paid for by The British Association for Shooting and Conservation,	
<i>Date</i>	<i>Description and name of provider</i>	<i>Cost</i>
18th November 2014	Refreshments supplied by Charlton House	£15.50
10th February 2015	Refreshments supplied by Charlton House	£59.00