

# Cross-Party Group Annual Report.

13<sup>TH</sup> June 2017

## Cross Party Group on Fathers & Fatherhood

### 1. Group membership and office holders.

**MARK ISHERWOOD AM - Chair**

**NEIL McEVOY AM**

**MICHELLE BROWN AM**

Secretary - PAUL APREDA – National Manager FNF Both Parents Matter Cymru

### 2. Previous Group Meetings since the last AGM.

#### Meeting 1.

**Meeting date:** 6<sup>th</sup> July 2016 Inaugural Meeting

**Attendees:** Mark Isherwood AM - Chair (Elected at meeting)  
Neil McEvoy AM  
Paul Apreda - Secretary (Elected at meeting)  
Anne O'Regan  
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Lady Helen Lloyd Jones  
Lee Price  
Anthony George  
Robert Bunce  
Andrew Frary

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

Consideration of the remit of the group – including key issues identified. Discussion about the experience of fathers including the perspectives of attendees at the meeting. Links with the All Party Parliamentary group on fathers to be established.

#### Meeting 2.

**Meeting date:** 14<sup>th</sup> September 2016

**Attendees:** Mark Isherwood AM – Chair  
Neil McEvoy AM  
Michelle Brown AM

Paul Apreda – Secretary	Nicola Brydon	Robert Lang
Anne O’Regan	Max Chadwick	Conrad McBride
Lady Helen Lloyd Jones	Sharon Chapman	Diane McBride
Lynne Blore	Vikesh Chouhan	Simon Millington
Vince Pitts	Liz Court	Rhian Nolan
Jordan Holbrook	Gerwyn Cox	Charlotte Oliver
Rhian Bowen-Davies –	Paul Cryer	Kevin Randall
National Adviser on	Carol da Rosa	Caroline Roberts
VAWDASV to Welsh	Ranjit Ghoshal	Louise Suller
Govt.	Angela Gorman	Alun Watkins
Simon Borja – Safer	Helena Jones	Ami Willcox
Wales	Paul Jones	Amanda Wood
Richard Armstead	Jane Kincaid	Erin Pizzey

***Summary of issues discussed:***

Speech by Erin Pizzey – founder of the world’s first refuge in Chiswick in 1971 – ‘Are father’s disposable?’

**Meeting 3.**

***Meeting date:*** 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2016

***Attendees:*** Mark Isherwood AM – Chair  
Neil McEvoy AM  
John Griffiths AM

Paul Apreda – Secretary	Carys Moseley	Paul Cryer – Newport
Lynne Blore	Dominic Pembridge	Children’s Services
Jo Cole	Vince Pitts	Charlotte Oliver –
Robert Lang	Janet Stanton	Newport Children’s
Helen Lloyd Jones	Samantha Thomas	Services
Miriam Merkova	Dr Sue Whitcombe	
Simon Millington	Sandra White	

***Summary of issues discussed:***

Presentation from Newport Children’s services about their Dad’s Champion project that improves the engagement with fathers in the child protection process.

**Meeting 3.**

***Meeting Date:*** 13<sup>th</sup> June 2016

***Attendees:*** Mark Isherwood AM – Chair  
Neil McEvoy AM

Paul Apreda – Secretary  
Charlotte Balcombe  
Steve Bayliss  
Richard Bradford  
Vikesh Chouhan  
Gwynne Davies  
Mark Davies

Councillor Dan De’Ath  
– Cardiff Council  
Jordan Holbrook  
Simon Millington  
Carol Richards  
Andrew Richards

Gwilym Roberts –  
Relate Cymru  
Tony Stott  
Alun Watkins  
Keith Whitcombe  
Dr Sue Whitcombe

***Summary of issues discussed:***

The AGM re-elected the officers unopposed. Presentations were received from Dr.Sue Whitcombe on the subject of Parental Alienation and from Paul Apreda on the 2017 Welsh Dads survey results.

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

[Include name of lobbyist/organisation/charities as follows. e.g.]

**All Party Parliamentary Group on Fathers** – Palace of Westminster

**Working with Men** - 34 Grosvenor Gardens, Victoria, London SW1W 0DH

# Annual Financial Statement.

## 2016/17 (final)

### Cross Party Group on Fathers & Fatherhood

### Mark Isherwood AM

### Paul Apreda – FNF Both Parents Matter Cymru

<b>Group's Expenses.</b>	Re-imbusement of travel & accommodation for Erin Pizzey – Sept 2016 St.David's Spa Hotel – one night accommodation on 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept plus dinner & refreshments	£167.50
<b>Costs of all goods.</b>	No goods purchased.	£0.00
<b>Benefits received by the group or individual Members from outside bodies.</b>	No benefits received.	£0.00
<b>Any secretariat or other support.</b>	Provided by FNF Both Parents Matter Cymru	£0.00
<b>Services provided to the Group such as hospitality.</b>		
All refreshments paid for by FNF Both Parents Matter Cymru / Neil McEvoy AM		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Description and name of provider</b>	<b>Cost</b>
23rd November 2016	CH&Co Catering – tea, coffee, welsh cakes	£79.50
<b>Total cost</b>		<b>£247.00</b>