

Cymru'n Cofio Wales Remembers 1914-1918

Community Activities Working Group

Minutes of the First World War Centenary Community Activities Working Group

Wednesday 26 November 2014, 10:30 – 12:30 - Video Conference between the Welsh Government's offices in Aberystwyth and Cardiff

Present:

Lesley-Anne Kerr (The Welsh Government) – **Chair**
[Welsh Government Official 1] (The Welsh Government) – **Minutes**
[Welsh Government Official 2] (The Welsh Government)
[RBL Official 1] (The Royal British Legion)
[S4C Official 1] (S4C) – **ICT problems prevented [S4C Official 1] joining from Caernarfon (written update provided)**
[PCW Official 1] (People's Collection Wales)
[SCL Official 1] (Blaenau Gwent Libraries and Society Of Chief Librarians Wales)
[SCL Official 2] (Vale of Glamorgan Library Service and Society Of Chief Librarians Wales)
[FWW Cardiff Steering Group Official 1] (Firing Line Museum and First World War Cardiff Steering Group (Cardiff Remembers))
[HLF Official 1] (Heritage Lottery Fund)
[WCVA Official 1] (Wales Council for Voluntary Action)

Apologies:

[Welsh Government Official 3] (The Welsh Government)
[Welsh Government Official 4] (Cadw)
[WLGA Official 1] (Welsh Local Government Association)
[BALH Official 1] (British Association for Local History)
[Assoc FHS Wales / NLW Official 1] (Association of Family History Societies of Wales & the National Library of Wales)
[WCIA Official 1] (Welsh Centre for International Affairs)
[CWGC Official 1] (Commonwealth War Graves Commission)
[Swansea University Official 1] (Swansea University)
[OVW Official 1] (One Voice Wales)
[Llanidloes CG Official 1] (Llanidloes Community Group)
[Welsh Museums Federation Official 1] (Federation of Museums and Art Galleries Wales)
[National Eisteddfod Official 1] (The National Eisteddfod of Wales)
[AC-NMW Official 1] (Amgueddfa Cymru – National Museum Wales)
[BBC Official 1] (BBC Wales)
[ARCW Official 1] (Archives and Records Council Wales)
[Assoc FHS Wales Official 2] (Federation of Welsh Family History Societies)

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1. Welcome and Minutes from the last meeting (15 July 2014)

- LAK welcomed the group, detailed the apologies and a round table of introductions from the members was given
- [SCL Official 1] and [SCL Official 2] were welcomed to the group (new attendees from Society Of Chief Librarians Wales)
- The minutes from the last meeting (15 July 2014) were cleared and accepted.

2. Update from CyMAL

- All members were sent the Progress Update with their papers.
- LAK highlighted that August was a particularly busy time period with the 4 August National service and the unveiling of the Welsh Memorial in Flanders on the 16 August. Work continues at a fast pace.

3. Update from members

- An written update from [BALH Official 1] was circulated with the meeting papers
- [WVCA Official 1] update included in his presentation on Catalyst Cymru – Heritage Fundraising
- [PCW Official 1] updated the group, describing how People's Collection Wales has been busy with uploading content and community outreach, along with moderating events on the www.walesremembers.org website
- [HLF Official 1] from Heritage Lottery Fund, HLF is funding 654 projects across Wales, with £5 million on First World War projects in Wales
- [RBL Official 1] from the Royal British Legion: the Centenary fields project was launched on the 21 October, 10 local authorities have confirmed their intention to join the project. The 'Everyman Remembered' project website was recently launched and the supporting statue is due in Cardiff in April 2015
- [FWW Cardiff Steering Group Official 1] from Firing Line Museum and Cardiff Remembers updated the group on a temporary exhibition to commemorate the centenary of the formation of the Welsh Guards and an update from Cardiff collaboration project 'Cardiff Remembers'.
- [SCL Official 1] from Blaenau Gwent Libraries and Society Of Chief Librarians Wales updated the group on recent projects including working at Blaina Library and the war memorials website
- [Welsh Government Official 2] updated the group on recent communications developments and the last Communications Working Group on the 21 October 2014. Highlights include the launch of the education resources and Replica Y Gadair Ddu launch, with the following upcoming; the Christmas Truce exhibition, Programme 2015 launch and Gallipoli events
- [SCL Official 2] from the Vale of Glamorgan Library Service and Society of Chief Librarians Wales updated the group levels of engagement and activities at local levels. With many local groups developing their own resources, electronic and paper.

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- [PCW Official 1] added that PCW can support, host and share local content with control remaining with the local groups
- [S4C Official 1] (provided by email) provided an update from S4C. Strong audience figures from the 4 August service in Llandaff Cathedral. In 2015 S4C intends to continue with documentaries, which include:
 - A tribute to the Welsh footballers who died in the war
 - The story of the Victoria Cross winners
 - Looking at the wider theatre of war (outside of France and Belgium)
 - Marking the centenary of the Welsh Guards, a 6 x 30 minute observational documentary series on the current members of the Guards.

4. Feedback from members who sit on other working groups

- Covered by [Welsh Government Official 2] in item 3.

5. Event evaluation presentation

- Provided by [Welsh Government Official 2], explaining the use of online survey tools and paper forms, please share and encourage the use of these tools. Details can be found on the website. The aim is to evaluate the whole Programme throughout its lifetime.

6. Catalyst Cymru – Heritage Fundraising presentation

- [WVCA Official 1] from the Wales Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA) presented to the group
- Supported by the HLF and the Welsh Government, aim to assist medium and small sized organisations find alternative funding sources
- They can provide free or low cost training and support, such as putting together a business case.
- **ACTION:** [WVCA Official 1] to provide text for a website article (completed)

7. Moving forward

a. Planning for 2015-2016

- [FWW Cardiff Steering Group Official 1] advised that there are plans to commemorate the centenary of the Welsh Guards in 2015 and a tri military museums online exhibition
- PCW happy to support project or groups with the intent to capture online content. They are able to loan equipment free of charge and have digital uploading stations across Wales. **ACTION**, [PCW Official 1] to send a list of stations across Wales (attached to minutes email)
- Possible presentation by [Centenary Fields Official 1] about the Centenary Fields project at the next meeting, **ACTION** [Welsh Government Official 1] to explore.

8. Any other business

- Aberystwyth Football Club launching a First World War memorial plaque and booklet, possible link up with PCW.

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9. Date of next meeting

- See supporting email.

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