

S4C Authority Bulletin
Meeting 293– 27 October 2006
Park Hotel, Near Holywell

This bulletin reports on the meeting of the Authority held on 27th October 2006.

1. Public Meeting in Holywell

The response from both the public and S4C was appreciated by the Authority. A number of questions were answered. It was noted that a full consideration would be given to all comments made by the public.

2. Strategic Partnership between S4C and BBC

Feedback was provided on the meeting between the Authority and the Broadcasting Council for Wales on Monday, 16th October and the lunch with Michael Grade. The Chair noted that the Strategic Partnership between S4C and the BBC had been signed. He thanked staff for their hard work during the negotiations and expressed his pleasure at the two organizations having reached agreement.

3. Chair Report

The Chair reported on his recent visit with the Viewers Hotline in Porthmadog.

4. Corporate Plan Monitoring Report

The Monitoring Report of the Corporate Plan was submitted for quarter 3. The Monitoring Report was approved for publication on S4C website with a few amendments.

5. Complaints and Compliance Report

The following was noted:

- Regulation of Due Impartiality – following a meeting between Ofcom Wales and the Secretary, it was confirmed that Ofcom do not legal right to sublicense regulation of impartiality to the Authority.
- Complaint by Mr Asquith – it was noted that Ofcom had found for Mr Asquith in respect of breach of privacy and fairness as contained in an episode of *Y Byd ar Bedwar* (transmitted on the 14th June 2005 on S4C).

6. Review of Children's Policy

A review of the Children's Policy was presented. It was agreed to adopt the recommendations. The Policy was approved and a further review to be conducted in 2007. Praise was given for the enthusiasm of the sector which has transformed child protection in the industry.

7. **Director of Engineering and Technology's Presentation**

A presentation was given by the Director of Engineering and Technology on the latest headlines on Digital Switchover.

8. **Role of the Authority – Separation of Duties**

A revised version of the document “Role of the Authority” which was approved last month, was presented and approved for publication which included the Authority's comments and advice from Edwards Geldard confirming that the document was within the powers and duties of the Authority – www.s4c.co.uk

9. **Chief Executive's Report**

The Director of Commissioning presented the report of the Chief Executive in her absence. The main headlines were noted:

- Restructure – it was noted that restructuring work had begun in the Commissioning and Planned Plant departments.
- It was noted that two trails on promoting music programmes on summer events of 2006 have been nominated for prominent awards in the industry.
- It was noted that the animated film *Dreams and Desires* has received an automatic entry to the first round of the Oscars nominations after winning the major European animation award in Cartoon D'Or.

10. **Standing Orders**

The Standing Orders were presented – www.s4c.co.uk

11. The following papers were presented:-

- Report by the Director of Commissioning
- Financial Report
- High Definition Policy
- Research Report