
S4C Authority Meeting Minute

Meeting No. 374a

Continuation of Meeting 374, AUTH(14)39

(Held on 13 March 2014, S4C, Llanishen, Cardiff)

09.30. 14.03.2014

Present:	Huw Jones	(Chairman)
	John Davies	(Member of the Authority)
	Carol Bell	(Member of the Authority)
	Aled Eirug	(Member of the Authority)
	Glenda Jones	(Member of the Authority)
	Marian Wyn Jones	(Member of the Authority)
	Rheon Tomos	(Member of the Authority)
	Elan Closs Stephens	(Member of the Authority)
S4C staff:	Ian Jones	(Chief Executive)
	Garffild Lloyd Lewis	(Director of Communications)
	Elin Morris	(Director of Corporate and Commercial Policy)
	Kathryn Morris	(Director of Finance)
	Dafydd Rhys	(Director of Content)
	Phil Williams	(Secretary to the Authority)
	Bethan C. Williams	(Assistant to the Secretary to the Authority)

1. **Opening remarks**

The Chairman welcomed all present to the meeting.

2. **Declaration of interest**

[The following declarations of interest were made by Members.]

Carol Bell	Fellow of the University of Wales Trinity Saint David, Member of Cardiff University Council, Fellow of Swansea University.
John Davies	Is acquainted with a number of top officials on both applications.
Rheon Tomos	No declarations to report.
Elan Closs Stephens	Fellow of the University of Wales Trinity Saint David, an External Examiner, has validated degrees, and has played a leading role in establishing the University's drama department. Member of the BBC Trust.
Aled Eirug	No declarations to report.
Huw Jones	Fellow of Bangor University,

Lives in the Caernarfon area,
Advisory Board Member for Canolfan Pontio.

Marian Wyn Jones Bangor University Council Member,
both Is acquainted with a number of individuals associated with
 applications,
 Lives in Caernarfon.

Glenda Jones Is originally from Carmarthenshire
 Has been an external examiner at Trinity College.

3. **Introduction by the Chairman**

The Chairman gave a brief introduction to the meeting.

[**Summary:** He explained the schedule whilst summarising the process so far. Following presentations by Gwynedd and Carmarthenshire the Authority discussed the matter and, in addition to considering the proposals from both areas, consideration was given to staying in Cardiff.]

It was noted that any decision made by the Authority would be subject to contract.

4. **Co-locating with BBC Wales**

[**Summary:** Following discussions a revised proposal was submitted to the Authority in respect of co-locating a number of activities with BBC Wales in a new centre.]

The Authority approved the proposal unanimously.

5. **Further consideration of Relocating S4C's Headquarters**

[**Summary:** There was a further discussion of the Relocation of S4C's Headquarters.]

A revised proposal was submitted to the Authority for its consideration.

"Based on the evidence presented, the applications, the plans and feasibility study, subject to agreement, the Authority approves the decision to relocate S4C's headquarters to Carmarthen on condition that there is no material change to the plans and relocation conditions of Carmarthen's application."

The proposal was approved by a majority of the Members.

6. **Next steps**

It was decided that the Chairman and Chief Executive should convey the Authority's decisions to representatives of Carmarthen and Caernarfon immediately after the meeting, and that the Chief Executive should convey the decisions to the Director of the BBC in Wales.

It was noted that formal feedback sessions for both areas would be organised

soon.

A press conference will be scheduled for the afternoon.

The intention was to hold an initial staff meeting that afternoon and departmental meetings the following week. A staff group would be set up soon.

7. **Closing Remarks**

The Chairman thanked the Members and officers for their work and contributions to the debate over a period of almost a whole week since the areas presentations on Monday and Tuesday and for the Authority's subsequent discussions.

The Chairman stressed that he appreciated that the Authority's decisions had been very important but also difficult. He noted his thanks to all Members of the Authority and the officers for their work and support for the work of the Authority during the week.

8. **Any other business**

No other matters were discussed.

9. **Date of next meeting**

The next business meeting will be held on Thursday April 10, 2014 in Cardiff.