



S4C Authority Bulletin
Meeting 349 – 20 October 2011
S4C, Cardiff

This bulletin reports on the meeting of the Authority held on 20 October 2011.

1. Matters arising from minutes of meeting 348

The minutes of meeting 348 were approved.

2. Chairman's Report

The Chairman presented his report.

3. Chief Executive's Report

The Chief Executive presented his report.

Discussions with the DCMS / BBC

The BBC Trust is meeting Monday and S4C and the joint document will be on the agenda. It was noted that the Trust expect to present their plans for funding S4C from 2015 to 2017 after their meeting on Monday.

AEO referred to the amendments to the Public Bodies Bill. There was a discussion about some of the issues contained in the document "Joint Position on the Future of Governance and Accountability S4C" that remain unresolved.

The News committee has already been set up and is working well.

It was suggested that the Authority should wait to see the suggested remit of the Joint meeting between the BBC and S4C officials before making any decision.

Performance Measures for Radio Cymru / BBC Alba

For information, AEO presented the BBC Trust review of Radio Cymru and an article on BBC Alba's viewing figures drawing attention to the targets used.

Efficiency and Innovation Review by Richie Turner

A document outlining the response of the Management Team and the Authority to the report by Richie Turner on Efficiency and Innovation at S4C was presented. It was agreed that the response should be published alongside the original report following any further comments from the Authority.

4. Approval of the New Terms of Reference for the Authority Committees

Following minor changes the Authority approved the new terms of reference for the Authority's committees which incorporate the recommendations of the Shortridge report.

5. Corporate Plan 2011

A copy of the Corporate Plan 2011 which included new, more relevant targets was presented. The Authority approved the Plan and the new targets.

6. Patagonia

It was noted that Patagonia has been chosen by BAFTA as the UK nomination in the Foreign Language category at the Oscars awards for 2012. AEO had written to the production team and the cast to congratulate them on the nomination. The Authority reiterated the congratulations to all concerned.

7. Report of the Director of Commissioning

Report on Events

The Authority agreed that the report should be presented to the Content Committee in December.

Commissioning report

GR presented his written report. He referred to S4C's coverage from the Rugby World Cup drawing attention to the satisfactory viewing figures despite the competition from ITV. The quality of the S4C production team and commentary was praised as was the high quality discussion and analysis.

GR gave an update on the commissioning process. He noted that the commissioning team had met with a number of companies and that they were now moving forward to commission programmes for 1st March onwards.

The Chairman stated that he had met with TAC officials who wanted to register their members' concerns with several aspects of the commissioning process.

4. Other Matters

The following matters were also discussed/noted:

- Research Report
- Compliance and Complaints Report
- Finance Report
- Personnel Issues
- Report from the Commercial Board
- Report from the New Media Forum