



S4C Authority Bulletin
Meeting 359 – 13 September 2012
S4C, Cardiff

This bulletin reports on the meeting of the Authority held on 13 September 2012.

1. Matters arising from minutes of meeting 358

The minutes of meeting 358 were approved.

2. Chairman's Report

The Chairman presented his written report.

Consultation on the Operating Agreement with the BBC Trust

The Consultation on the Operating Agreement was published in the National Eisteddfod and the event was attended by approximately 40 people. The consultation will close on Tuesday 23 October.

Assembly Presiding Officer

The Chairman had attended a meeting with Rosemary Butler to discuss opportunities for S4C to present information about its work to the National Assembly. Officers will contact her office to discuss the matter further.

3. Chief Executive's Report

The Chief Executive presented his written report.

Management Team Strategy Day

A day to discuss strategy was held in August. The process of developing the annual strategy was discussed together with the aim and core values of S4C. The corporate aims will be presented to the Authority in October and a staff meeting will be held on 5 October.

The National Eisteddfod

There had been a week of successful events in the Eisteddfod and IHJ praised the marketing team for their work. There had been a positive response to the Owen Edwards Memorial Lecture delivered by IHJ. He announced suggestions for the future of S4C including working closer with other institutions and establishing local offices for S4C in the future.

Office Space

Work was taking place to adapt the ground floor of the Llanishen office for new tenants. IHJ was keen to see new companies contributing to the buzz around the building. The adaptation and use of the building in Llanelwedd was also discussed.

Performance Measures

IHJ explained that the work of developing performance measures is continuing. Emyr Byron Hughes is considering proposed changes by BARB as part of his work.

BBC

IHJ explained that he and RhTD had asked for further work on the draft document being prepared by the Joint Partnership Board. The Chairman is to meet with Lord Patten in Cardiff in October and an invitation has been extended to him to visit S4C.

4. Consideration of the Aims and Principles of the Work Plan for 2013

An initial schedule for the 2013 Work Plan was presented to the Authority. The schedule will provide a framework for the work of the Authority, its Committees and the Management team and will encompass the period up to July 2014 – i.e. the end of the first cycle of reporting to the BBC Trust. There was a discussion on the information requirements of the Authority and possible methods for ensuring consistency in the information provided to the Authority and the Trust.

5. Report of the Director of Content

DRh presented his written report and referred to the wide range of programmes. He explained the possible effect of the Olympic Games on the summer programmes, including the National Eisteddfod, and the impact of the bad weather on sports events. It was noted that Fiction Factory are producing a new drama entitled Mathias/Hinterland – a back to back co-production with the English version to be broadcast on BBC Cymru / Wales. The problems that arise with the late commission of concerts were discussed. As a result the television producers have less influence over the content of the concert.

6. Other Matters

The following matters were also discussed/noted:

- Research Report
- Viewers Hotline Report
- Finance Report
- Personnel Issues
- Communications Report