

S4C Authority Bulletin
Meeting 319 – 19 February 2009
S4C, Cardiff

This bulletin reports on the meeting of the Authority held on 19 February 2009.

1. Matters arising from minutes of meeting 318

The minutes of meeting 318 were approved.

2. Chairman's Report

The Chairman noted that he had attended a breakfast relating to agriculture in the Assembly.

The Chairman had taken part in Gwilym Owen's radio programme to discuss S4C's proposals to Ofcom's Review of Public Service Broadcasting.

The Chairman had noted that he was hoping the DCMS would finish the process of appointing a new Member to the Authority soon, and that the Member would be appointed so that he/she could attend the Authority meeting in March.

A meeting with the Children's Commissioner, Keith Towler and a production company was postponed recently due to bad weather. The meetings will be rearranged.

A meeting has been arranged between with experts in the field of children's linguistics to discuss the language used in children's programmes.

3. Chief Executive's Report

The Chief Executive presented her report.

IJ gave an update regarding Ofcom's Review of Public Service Broadcasting.

IJ noted that the Welsh Assembly Government had published a draft Legislative Competence Order (LCO) to enable the Assembly to legislate in the field of the Welsh Language. It was decided that a response would be drafted for consideration by the Authority and to be presented to the Scrutiny Committee.

The Welsh Affairs Committee has published its report following its inquiry into the effect of globalisation on Wales. The Report includes positive comments regarding S4C's provision for the Welsh diaspora.

IJ announced that Garffild Lloyd Lewis had been appointed Director of Communications, and that Elin Morris had been appointed as Director of Corporate and Commercial Policy.

IJ noted that a considerable amount of work was being done on updating the 5 year budget to respond to the current economic situation and that this work was continuing.

The Director of Commissioning reported on the development of the children's services.

4. Report and Recommendations from the Content Committee

ED presented the Content Committee's report and recommendations. ED explained that the Committee had considered the Review the Statement of the Programme Policy for 2008 and the Programme Plan for 2009 and had approved these to be presented to the Authority. The review by officials of the performance of BBC programmes on S4C was presented in accordance with the Strategic Partnership and also S4C's policy relating to political broadcasts during the European Elections. The documents were approved by the Authority.

5. Other Matters

The following matters were also discussed/noted:

- Director of Commissioning's Report
- Compliance and Complaints Report
- Research Report
- S4C Environmental Implementation Plan 2009