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ALUN OLDFIELD-DAVIES.

Chairman's Foreword.

It is an honour and a privilege to follow Colonel William Crawshay as Chairman of the Council and I am glad that as our President he will not only adorn the Council but continue to be constant and helpful in his concern for the work.

The many sided work of the Council is described in the Report which follows. In outlining what has been accomplished in the past year, it also points to what faces us in the future and the next few years are likely to be as important as any in the field of community service. Far reaching changes in the pattern of Local Government, the continued movement of families in search of new or better jobs, the aged in their loneliness, the young in their questing gregariousness, the changing face of the countryside; these are continuing challenges to the resources and resourcefulness of the Council's staff. Support with subscriptions, attendance at Committees and the advice and information which many readers of this Report give, will enable the Council to meet the challenge of the coming year with confidence.

Braint yw bod yn gadeirydd ar y Cyngor ac olynnu gwŷr amlwg a chadarn. Y mae'r gwaith yn dal yn bwysig erystal y nodded a drefnir gan y Wleidyddiaeth. Yn wir rhan bwysig owaith y Cyngor ydywsianteli'r cymorth y mae Cymdeithas yn ei estyn.

ALUN OLDFIELD-DAVIES.

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DIRECTOR'S FOREWORD

Voluntary Work

During the year the Council has concentrated on its primary task — the co-ordination of voluntary effort in Wales. Those who, in these days of the Welfare State, confidently predict the demise of voluntary spirit would probably be surprised to learn that, according to reliable sources, some 800 new organisations have sprung up since the War. Many of these have their origins in Wales and thus the task of the Council continues to grow.

Liaison

The growth of voluntary work does not mean a clash with expanding Central and Local Government services, indeed services in the realms of Education, Health and Welfare are now so widespread that it is universally recognised that the tasks they bring with them cannot be completed without a joint effort by communities as a whole. A notable feature in the work of the Council during recent years has been the close liaison between Government Departments and Local Authorities. The Assessors and representatives from these bodies sit in upon all the deliberations of the Council and its Departmental Committees.

Changes

Doubtless there will be many changes in the Departmental activities of the Local Authorities and these will, in turn, reflect on the administration and field work of this Council. It is for this reason that the Report of the Seebohm Committee is awaited with much interest. One thing is certain, the health and welfare of Welsh people in the last part of this century are going to demand the devoted service of Local Government Officers and professional Social Workers, as well as unpaid helpers from voluntary organisations.

Local Government

The past year has been one in which important proposals have been made regarding the future of Wales. Within the last few months the White Paper on Local Government has been published and in its wake another pronouncement upon the economic prospects of our country. The White Paper will have profound effects upon the field work of this Council and, in particular, upon our associated bodies, Community and Rural Community Councils.

Local Services

The Council has already taken steps to collate the reactions of these local Councils to the proposals, which include the reduction of the thirteen counties in Wales to five new units. It has been made clear that we do not concern ourselves with the political implications of these proposals but we are determined to make it clear to Central Government that the work done by these Councils over the last thirty years is an integral part of Rural community life in the Principality. Any changes proposed should safeguard the underlying principles of the Movement. Voluntary service is, by its nature, personal service and personal service is invariably only effective if offered in local neighbourhoods. Whatever new administrative units are to be decided upon, this personal service and co-ordination of services, in our contention, will persist. Recognition of, and financial help for, this work should be the prior consideration in Local Government policies.

Consolidation The pages of this Report reflect the consolidation of the Council's work. In the previous five Reports we have announced the setting up of new Departments. Now the work of these Departments has been expanded and deepened. Indeed, the present number of staff and premises make it virtually impossible to undertake fresh work unless there is some totally unexpected turn of events.

Aberfan Unfortunately, tragedies and human disasters occur from time to time and this past year has witnessed one of the saddest spectacles that Wales has seen for generations. There is no need to dwell upon the human misery and tragedy of Aberfan. Shining through the dark days, immediately following the tragedy, was the magnificent voluntary spirit and practical help offered by the whole country. As a Council we were privileged at that time, and during subsequent months, to play some part in alleviating the suffering in this district and bringing some amelioration to this stricken community. Apart from the distribution of a large sum of money to offset immediate needs, our Citizen's Advice Bureau Department, in conjunction with the Merthyr Corporation, instituted an Advice Bureau which was invaluable in giving help in the village itself. This office was manned by volunteers from other Citizens' Advice Bureaux in South Wales and we are grateful for the ready co-operation of people who travelled scores of miles each day to give of their services at this Centre. Several Organisations, including the National Association of Women's Clubs in England and Wales have donated substantial sums which have been placed at the discretion of our Council for use at Aberfan, and we are continuing to render assistance as new cases of need are brought to light. If there was any need to prove human concern for disasters in communities, then there is permanent evidence in this tragedy.

The detailed programme for the year for each Department is outlined in subsequent Departmental Reports, but there are certain aspects which ought to be underlined:—

Old People's Welfare After many years of local consultations it is pleasing to report that there are now 150 local Committees in addition to 15 County and County Borough Committees. The Department is constantly endeavouring to fill the gaps in certain areas where there is a need for co-ordination in old people's work. The present population of pensioners in Wales is, approximately, 400,000 which is just over 15% of the total population.

The newly formed Glamorgan Old People's Welfare Committee is working well and is supported by nearly every local minor Authority, in addition to the County Welfare Services Committee.

In addition to organising training courses for voluntary visitors throughout Wales there have been, during the past year, one-day Schools for the Senior Staff of Residential Homes in various Centres. It is clear that these Schools are going to form an important part of the work of the Department in the future and is further evidence of its close co-operation with the Local Authorities. It is also pleasing to note the continued success of Old People's Week and of various Award Competitions organised in conjunction with this event.

Cardiff Scheme The Visitation Scheme for the City of Cardiff, which aims to cater for the needs of the lonely in the City, has continued with conspicuous success. Five phases of this Scheme have now been completed and a sixth is nearing completion. In each case over 200 people have been discovered who requested a visit by a volunteer visitor and it is a heartening thought to know that these local arrangements not only bring practical help to the aged, but also serve to brighten the hours of those who feel that life has passed them by.

Citizen's Advice Bureaux

The progress in this Department has been remarkable during recent years. There has been an increase in Bureaux from 18 to 27 and negotiations are taking place for the establishment of another 11. Nearly 50,000 enquiries were made at Bureaux in Wales during the year under review. These bare facts do not indicate the intense work involved in holding public meetings, training volunteer workers, administering to Conferences in North and South Wales, arranging lectures, press and television publicity, and running residential and one-day Courses. The standard of volunteers is extremely high and as more legislation is enacted the need for recruitment and training continues to grow.

The success of the promotional work of this Department has been truly remarkable.

Women's Department

The splendid work of the 115 Women's Clubs continues to expand. Over 5,000 women in South Wales meet regularly, not only for educational and cultural pursuits, but to organise practical help for the aged and needy in their localities. Seven new Clubs have either been formed or are in the process of formation. The loyal staff of the Department, many of whom have been in the service of the Council for over 30 years, continue to arrange local Exhibitions, Lectures, Festivals, etc., in a most exhausting Timetable. The women of our Social Service Clubs also responded magnificently to the challenge for help that followed in the wake of the tragedy at Aberfan. In this they were ably assisted by their sister Clubs in England. Not only do they engage in local activities, but many have taken advantage of tours abroad, arranged by the Staff of the Department. The financial support of these Clubs to the Council is of tremendous help and, consequently, diminishes the amount of voluntary income which the Council has to find for administering and servicing the Clubs.

Community

It will be noted from the Departmental Report that there is considerable activity in community group work in Wales. When this Council was formed in 1934 the immediate need was for the alleviation of economic distress and its social consequences. The emphasis is now upon the adoption of new programmes to meet the needs of new conurbations and, at the same time, to ensure the best use of buildings which were erected in pre-War days. Whilst we are regarded as an affluent society, it must not be forgotten that in certain areas in Wales the unemployment figure over the past year has been as high as 10%. Thus the work of the Department includes catering for new and enthusiastic Groups while, at the same time, endeavouring to inject new ideas of life into communities where there is imminent danger of decay. This work necessitates the close co-operation between University Departments and Further Education units of Local Education Authorities.

Community Leadership is discussed with these professional bodies and Courses are arranged in conjunction with them. In this way overlapping is often avoided and new enterprises initiated. One interesting enterprise has been the work of "Preparation for Retirement". This subject has been introduced into the curriculum of one Local Education Authority with interesting results. Another venture has been into the field of music for the disabled at Aberdare, Glamorgan. In addition, the Department provides the secretariat for the Guild of Social Workers in Wales, thus assuring liaison with professional social bodies throughout the country.

Youth Work

The handbook, published in 1966 by S.C.W.V.Y.O., has been well received in all quarters. It furnishes ample evidence of the varied activities of the thirty voluntary organisations who comprise the Standing Conference for

whom the Youth Department provides the Secretariat. A Working Committee has made much progress in establishing stronger links between certain organisations in respect of their training schemes in which the Duke of Edinburgh Award work has received much prominence. The Youth Officer has been active in arranging and planning part time youth leadership training courses, in conjunction with Further Education Officers of Local Education Authorities. He has also been very active in arranging and encouraging exchange visits between young people in Wales and those from overseas.

This has been a tremendously encouraging year amongst voluntary community service groups. These are springing up in various parts of Wales and in the capital City the local group is housed in the Council's offices and is doing valuable work in assisting the elderly and needy in the area. During the past two years this group has been involved in over 300 projects of re-decorating, gardening, work camps and a variety of practical jobs. The Council feels there is necessity for co-ordinating this work throughout the whole of Wales as it grows in scattered areas and it is hoped that within the next few years there will be an appointment of a Community Service Organiser in the Principality. In these days, when there is so much talk of decadent youth and drug addiction by young people, it is good to present the other side of the picture. The vast majority of young people in Wales are decent, enterprising and compassionate and their voluntary work, for those who need their help, reflects great credit upon them.

Drama

The record of this Department shows increasing County and local affiliations and increased use of library, lighting and equipment facilities. An encouraging feature has been the extension of Youth Competitions, which all but two of the County and County Borough Authorities in Wales supported. Once again this year there have been encouraging responses to Welsh language Festivals and One-Act Play Festivals. The great highlight of the year was the British Final Festival of the British Drama League. Arrangements for this Festival have been warmly praised by all the competing countries and it was voted one of the greatest successes ever in Amateur Drama Competitions. This entailed months of hard preparation by the Secretary and her Assistant.

During the year there has been much discussion upon the establishment of a National Theatre in Cardiff. This cherished ambition at last seems a distinct probability. Increased funds for the Welsh Arts Council opens up exciting new possibilities in the field of drama and the arts. Discussions have taken place with that Council upon the place of Amateur Drama in Wales and it is hoped that the record of the Association, which is the only body bringing all Amateur Drama in Wales together, will play an important part in the future activities of the Arts in Wales.

There is no tradition of professional Drama in Wales and there is need again to look at standards and bring new works into localities. In this task it has been made quite clear that there is a need to encourage local Societies to welcome new horizons, and this is a task which the Association is admirably equipped to do. During the year the Director of the Welsh Arts Council (Dr. Roger Webster) left the post for a Professorial appointment and we have welcomed his successor, Mr. Aneurin M. Thomas, who has already shown interest in the work of the Association.

If the work of establishing a National Theatre and the contemporary work of the Welsh Theatre Company is to prosper, then the whole Amateur Drama Movement must lend its support to these innovations.

Honorary Officers

During the year the Council unanimously endorsed the warm recommendation of the Executive Committee to appoint Colonel W. R. Crawshaw, D.S.O., E. R. D., T.D., D.L., as President of the Council in succession to the late Lady Megan Lloyd George. Our new President, who has occupied the Chair of the Council for the past six years, has indicated that he wishes to be an active President and those of us who are involved in this work are glad of the assurance of Colonel Crawshaw's continued practical support. A link is thus maintained between the first President of our Council, Captain Geoffrey Crawshaw, and his cousin who is keeping on this excellent family interest in social work in Wales.

Also, at our Annual General Meeting, Mr. Alun Oldfield-Davies, C.B.E., Ll.D., was appointed our new Chairman. Mr. Oldfield-Davies has been a member of our Executive Committee for very many years and we are delighted that upon his retirement as Controller of the British Broadcasting Company for Wales, he will be able to give time and energy to lead our work. As one who is well-known throughout Wales he will commend universal respect for his integrity and informed opinion.

We are fortunate in retaining the services of Mr. Leslie Sketch our Honorary Treasurer, whose advice on the finances of the Council is invaluable.

Executive Committee

During the year we have been fortunate in securing the services of the following distinguished people on our Executive Committee:—

The Right Reverend Lord Bishop of Llandaff, Dr. Glyn Simon.

Professor Huw Morris Jones, Professor of Social Studies, University College of North Wales, Bangor.

Dr. Glyn Tegai Hughes, Warden of Gregynog, Montgomeryshire.

Dr. Joyce Rowley, President of the Swansea Branch of the British Red Cross Society.

Mr. Charles Harrison, J.P., General Manager, Welsh Industrial Estate Corporation,

and

Mr. D. E. Hunt, (Assessor) R. H. March, Son and Company.

During this period we accepted, with regret, the resignation of Lady Brecon, Dr. Ivor H. Davies and Mr. A. A. Thorpe. In view of his long association with this Council, Mr. Thorpe has been elected a Vice-President.

It is with regret that we report the passing of two Vice-Presidents, both of whom were veteran leaders in the life of North Wales. They are Dr. William George of Criccieth and Sir E. Wynne Cemlyn-Jones. Dr. George was the inspiration behind the formation of the Caernarvonshire Rural Community Council and Sir Wynne was president of the Anglesey Rural Community Council.

More recently, Carmarthenshire has lost one of its greatest public figures and this Council a staunch friend with the death of Sir J. Grismond Phillips, Lord Lieutenant of that County and President of the Carmarthenshire Rural Community Council. Sir Grismond was one of the most beloved figures in Wales and his loss will be deeply felt.

It is with profound regret that we record the death of Councillor Mrs. G. I. Williams of Aberfan—a former Mayor of Merthyr. Mrs. Williams had striven vigorously in the cause of community living in the Merthyr Borough for very many years and her untimely passing took place only a few months before the terrible tragedy that hit the village she loved so well. We shall always hold most happy and grateful memories of her friendship and help.

The Council has lost another friend during the year in the death of Mr. T. I. Jeffreys-Jones, Warden of Coleg Harlech. There always has been a close link between the College and this Council and the Warden was always ready to offer advice and co-operate in the matter of training social workers in Wales. His untimely passing will be felt, but he has left a wonderful memorial to his life in the College he served with such conspicuous success.

Personal It is fitting that this Council place on record the valued help and advice given to it by Sir George Haynes, C.B.E., who retired from the post of Director of the National Council of Social Service on March 31st, 1967. For over thirty years Sir George had built up the National Council to its present prominent and important position in the life of the Nation. During this period he showed close interest in Welsh affairs and had been a member of our Executive Committee for many years. Voluntary Organisations in this country have lost their most prominent leader from active service, but it is good to know that Sir George will remain on several important Committees and that his incomparable experience will not be lost to social services in Great Britain. We wish Sir George and Lady Haynes every happiness in their retirement.

We welcome Mr. J. K. Owens, formerly Deputy Director of Education of the Derbyshire Local Education Authority, as the new Director of the National Council. Mr. Owens was born in Llanfair, Monmouthshire, and thus will bring a sympathetic interest to the consultative deliberations that regularly take place between the Chairman and Directors of the four National Councils. We warmly congratulate one of our Vice-Presidents, Alderman Llewellyn Haycock, C.B.E., O.St.J., D.L., J.P., LL.D., on his elevation to the life Peirage. Lord Heycock of Taibach, as he is now known, is President of our Committee for the Care of the Elderly in Wales and has had close associations with our Council for over twenty years. We are confident that the cause of social service in Wales will find a doughty advocate in the discussions in the House of Lords.

The University of Wales has recently conferred the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Law upon our new Chairman, Mr. Alun Oldfield-Davies, and we are delighted at this recognition of the services he has rendered to the University and to public life in Wales.

Staff The following members of the Clerical Staff have left the Council to take up other posts: Miss J. I. Davies, Mrs. M. Davies, and Miss P. Hill and in thanking them for their services to the Council we welcome Mrs. W. Robinson and Miss D. Trew as new members of our Clerical Staff.

The Chairman and Executive Members have intimated that they wish to place on record the loyal services of all members of the staff during the past year.

During the year under review our Community/Youth Officer, Mr. Eifion Hopwood, sustained serious injuries when involved in a motor accident. This sad occurrence has resulted in a permanent disability through the loss of the sight of one eye, but we are glad to know that this most popular member of the staff is slowly recovering.

Appreciation Once again the Council is deeply indebted to Ministries, the Development Commission, Local Authorities and Trusts who substantially grant aid our work. Again we are indebted in a special way to Women's Social Service Clubs and their Chairman, Mrs. Jennie Jenkins, J.P., and the staff of the Women's Department for the excellent contribution to the Council of £2,167 - 0 - 0.

The Executive Officers and all members of the Staff wish to thank the President, Colonel W. R. Crawshay, the Chairman, Mr. Alun Oldfield-Davies and the Honorary Treasurer, Mr. Leslie Sketch, together with members of the Executive Committee and Department Committees for their encouragement and support during last year. In addition, scores of voluntary helpers serve on Committees and undertake practical tasks on behalf of the Council and the effectiveness of our work has depended a great deal upon their generous allocation of time and energy.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

RURAL DEPARTMENT

Rural Industries Re-organisation

This has been a busy year in the work of co-ordinating the activities of Rural Community Councils in Wales and Monmouthshire. The Director and Rural Officer have attended many Executive Committees of these Councils and Rural Industries Committees.

There has been a tremendous amount of activity and speculation during the year because of the announcement by the Development Commission, published in February, that there was to be a re-organisation of Rural Industries work. The Memorandum laid down three new basic principles :-

1. The Rural Industries Bureau, Rural Industries Loan Fund and the Field Force of Rural Industries Organisers will be integrated within a new Rural Industrial Development Council.
2. Independent local Rural Industries Committees will be set up. This will involve some re-alignment of the work of Rural Industries Committees in relation to rural Community Councils.
3. Rural Industries Organisers will be employed by the national body.

Following the publication of this Memorandum, Rural Community Councils in England and Wales were invited to submit observations and comments. These were considered by a special meeting of the Rural Committee of the National Councils and a final paper was submitted to the Commissioners in the Spring of this year.

Naturally, there has been some perturbation that Rural Community Councils who have held responsibility for rural industries work may not be charged directly with this task. The Commissioners have given assurances, however, that the institution of this new Development Council is not intended to weaken the social and economic links of Councils working for, and in, the countryside.

When final details of the Field Force Re-organisation are published it may be that some Rural Community Councils will be engaged to offer secretarial service to the new body.

Most Rural Community Councils in Wales stressed the necessity for special consideration for Wales in the field of rural activities and asked that a separate Council should operate in Wales within the framework of the proposed new Rural Industrial Development Council.

The new Council will become operative from the 1st April, 1968, but it has not yet been determined what pattern will be adopted for administrative or servicing units in Wales. The situation is further complicated by possible Local Government re-organisation and it may be found necessary in due course to reconstruct the geographical areas of both Rural Community Councils and Rural Industries Committees.

Whatever changes will take place this Council is pledged to co-operate with the Commissioners and the new Rural Industrial Development Council in attempting to safeguard the highest and best standards of rural craftsmanship. It is also hoped that the new Council will succeed in attracting new industries into rural areas. Two other important factors will affect rural industries work, especially in mid Wales, one involves the plans of expansion of Newtown, Montgomeryshire, and certain focal points in that area. The other is the establishment of a Rural Development Board which will operate, principally, in this central area. The Department is in close touch with the Welsh Office on these matters and is mindful of the social implications of the growth of new conurbations. It is expected also that Rural Community Councils in these areas will have to gear their programmes to meet these new developments. Altogether, there seems to be the promise of new and exciting possibilities of both economic and social re-development in which this Council will have its part to play.

Exhibitions

In 1966 the National Rural Industries Exhibition was held once again at the Royal Welsh Agricultural Show at Llanellwedd, Builth Wells.

On the whole, the exhibits were numerous and varied and there were two 'live' demonstrations. Her Royal Highness, Princess Margaret, visited the stand and was informally presented with a specially engraved goblet. This was the handiwork of an engraver from Builth Wells.

The Feature County this year was Pembrokeshire and a very attractive Exhibition was prepared. This was largely due to the efforts of Mr Glanmor Thomas (Rural Industries Organiser for Pembrokeshire and Cardiganshire), and the Hon. Trevor Lewis, who contributed a great deal of manual as well as organising work. Cardiganshire will be the feature county in this year's Royal Welsh Show.

There will be no Exhibition in 1967, but it is hoped that the financial climate will have improved by 1968, so that some sort of Exhibition can be considered for the purpose of encouraging exports.

The Rural Life Conference

Conferences

This Conference came to Wales for the first time when it was held at the Teachers' Training College, Cyncoed, Cardiff, on July 22nd to 24th.

The Conference was opened by the Minister of State for Wales, Mr. George Thomas, M.P., with Mr. John Cripps as Chairman. The theme this year was "Living in the Countryside".

Annual Conference

This was held at this Council's offices on November 17th and took the form of an informal discussion. Amongst the matters raised and discussed were Selective Employment Tax as related to the Rural Community Council's Development Commission Grants for Buildings, Surveys and Local Government reform. On the latter subject it was agreed that once the Government Paper was published Rural Community Councils should meet to discuss its content. When this had been done a special conference would be called of all Rural Community Council's Secretaries and their Chairmen to consider any matters affecting their Counties.

Winter Meeting of the Rural Community Council's Secretaries from England and Wales

This Meeting was held at the Cora Hotel, London, from the 28th February to the 2nd March.

In the midst of this Conference there was a farewell Dinner at the Cafe Royal in honour of Sir George Haynes, C.B.E., Director of the National Council of Social Service.

Rural Industries Bureau Conference

This took place at Keele University, Staffordshire, on March 20th to 23rd. The theme of this Conference was "Mechanisation and Automation on the Farm, and its effect on the Rural Industries Services".

Charity Reviews

About half the number of Rural Community Councils in Wales have been invited by their County Councils to undertake the review of Local Charities in their area. Several appointments have been made to do this work and the Charity Commissioners have expressed their satisfaction with this procedure. This task is a delicate one and involves contacting Trustees of local Charities to discuss the use of Trust monies and, wherever desirable, the possibility of amalgamating small Trusts into larger units. There still remains a great deal of work to be done in this field as it is estimated that there are still many small Charities which have either become defunct or all trace lost of Trustees. Undoubtedly, advice on the use of Charity Funds could be an important aspect of local community work. Occasionally it is necessary to submit new schemes to the Charity Commissioners where the original intention of the donor is no longer a practical proposition.

One of the largest geographical counties in Wales, Carmarthenshire, has succeeded in appointing a new Field Officer whose main responsibility will be in the remoter areas of that county. This is one instance where additional funds for development work for Rural Community Councils have been used to advantage. Several counties have yet to formulate policies involving the use of these extra funds. This is partly because of complicating factors of raising additional funds locally to match offers of grant.

After many years of negotiation it has recently been announced that the salaries of Rural Community Council Secretaries are to be placed on an agreed Civil Service scale. The implementation of this decision has not yet been decided until final Treasury approval. This news will give much satisfaction to all the Welsh Councils, but it is disappointing that the operation of the new scales will not become immediately effective.

It is obvious that the next five years will see substantial changes in the pattern of work of Rural Community Councils and there will be new challenges presented for pioneering action. There will be inevitable disappointment because of the changing of the old order in certain quarters, but it is hoped that the human factors involved in change will be borne in mind under any re-organisation.

The Staff of the Rural Department wish to place on record the encouragement given them by the Staff of the Development Commission and by their colleagues in Rural Community Councils in all parts of Wales.

FLINTSHIRE

The Council is responsible to the Development Commission for certain aspects of Rural Community work in the County of Flint, where as yet there is no formal Rural Community Council. Mr. Eifion Jones, J.P., who is

assisted by this Council to supply the secretariat of the Flintshire Parish Councils Association and County Playing Fields Association, has supplied the following account of the activities of these Groups for the year under review :—

Association of Parish Councils

The Parish Councils' Association continues to be very active within the County and the Hawarden area boasts a 100% membership. Only one Parish Council is not in membership in both the Holywell and St. Asaph areas and recruiting work has been undertaken during the year and it is hoped that these Councils will be accepted into membership in the very near future. In the Maelor area the position is also improving and during the last twelve months the Executive Committee have had two members from the Maelor area serving on the Committee and both the members for the Maelor area have shown keen interest in recruiting Parish Councils in that area to become members of the Association. It is hoped that an increase in membership will also be seen in this area but this can only be expected from amongst the larger Parish Councils as quite a number of the Councils in the Maelor area are so small that the product of a penny rate does not allow them to expend any of their finances in ways other than acknowledging the services of their Clerk.

This year has seen the Association with a new President, namely the newly appointed County Clerk, Mr. T. M. Haydn Rees, and Mr. Rees has, like his predecessor, Mr. W. Hugh Jones, proved a tower of strength to the Association. The Vice-Presidents, Mr. F. N. V. Meredith, Clerk and Solicitor to the Hawarden Rural District Council and Mr. V. N. Cordishley of Tremearchion, are also faithful attenders at the County Executive meetings and on more than one occasion the Association has benefitted from the professional advice of Mr. F. N. V. Meredith.

During the year the Chairman of the County Association Executive Committee, Mr. Arthur Griffiths, has suffered quite a long spell of illness but it is pleasing to be able to report that he has recovered and is now able to follow the meetings of the Association and takes a very active interest in the work.

Flintshire was well represented at the Triennial Conference of Parish Councils, organised by the National Association of Parish Councils, and 19 delegates from Parish Councils in Flintshire attended the Conference in London last November.

The Association continues to sponsor the Best Kept Village Competition and in 1966 a total of 13 villages entered the competition and the winning village was Bangor-on-Dee in the Maelor area, thus taking the trophy away from its neighbouring village of Overton. It is interesting to note that the competition has only run for three years and the first two years the prize was won by Overton and on the third year Bangor-on-Dee were the victors. The Maelor area is certainly showing the rest of Flintshire how to keep its villages tidy and this should act as a challenge to the other villages in the county.

The Annual General Meeting of the Association in 1966 was held at St. Asaph and the guest Speaker was Mr. Moses J. Jones, M.A., the Director of Education for Flintshire. The Annual General Meeting was very well attended and in addition to the ordinary business a total of four resolutions were submitted and discussed.

County Playing Fields Association

In 1966 the Annual Meeting of the County Playing Fields Association was held at Mold and the Guest Speaker on that occasion was Mr. H. G. Oakes, the Welsh Secretary of the Central Council for Physical Recreation, and who is now the Welsh Secretary of the Sports Council for Wales. The meeting was well attended.

During the year the Council of the Association has met and considered ways and means of raising funds to improve the financial position and a number of projects are now being considered. For example, the holding of a cavalcade of sports, a water sports display at a specially selected lake in the county, and individual application to dignitaries within the county to become life members of the Association. In support of this latter idea the Association has produced a brochure which is being circulated throughout the county to Secretaries of Sports Organisations, Village Hall Committees, County Councillors, Magistrates and other dignitaries and Local Industrialists.

It is pleasing to report that one of the main objects of the Association when it was formed some five years ago, was to raise a total of £1000 which could be invested and from which the Association could then consider the granting of interest free loans, and it is very pleasing to report that this target has now been achieved. The main support from an affiliation point of view has been the Local Authorities and it is gratifying to be able to report that the County Council, all the Urban District and Borough Councils have all paid their affiliation fees each year and a large number of Parish Councils have also become affiliated and made very reasonable contributions by way of affiliation fees.

The County Secretary continues to provide as much advisory service as possible to all Voluntary Organisations and Councils who make applications to him and site visits are made to examine proposed schemes, and schemes in hand so that the necessary information and recommendations can be submitted to the National Secretary, and during 1966 there were in hand in the county a total of eight schemes, three of which have now been completed.

CITIZEN'S ADVICE BUREAUX

Advising the Citizen

The Council is responsible for the promotion of new Bureaux in Wales — providing an Advisory Service on administration — and endeavours to maintain standards of work in the various Bureaux. A service of information is provided by the National Citizen's Advice Bureaux Council with whom the Council liaises in this field.

Since the Department commenced on a full-time basis in 1963, the number of Bureaux actually functioning has increased from eighteen to twenty-seven. Currently, negotiations are taking place for the establishment of eleven new Bureaux. Future development plans include the promotion of twelve new Bureaux in areas based upon population, and the proximity of other Bureaux. Three other existing Bureaux are in process of re-organisation. This dramatic rise in the services offered by Bureaux is a source of considerable pleasure to this Council and must, inevitably, mean the re-examination of Staff of the Council which, at the moment, consists of one Advisory Officer and her Clerk.

Returns from Bureaux during the current year showed that 48,831 enquiries were made at Bureaux in the Principality, an increase of 7.7% over the previous year. 25% of these problems came under the heading "Housing, Landlord and Tenant", and 24% "Family and Personal Problems". The next largest category was "Consumer problems" at 10%, which shows an increase of 0.5% over the previous year.

The following is an analysis of the problems :—

1. Communications and Travel	1,176
2. Education and Training	1,845
3. Employment—all enquiries other than those recorded in 3a	2,223
3a. Income Tax on Earnings, P.A.Y.E.	325
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4. Civic, Local and National Information	2,548
5. Family and Personal—all enquiries other than those recorded in 5a, 5b and 5c.	9,443
5a. Financial and Material Needs, Offers of Gifts	5,842
5b. Matrimonial, including Separation, Maintenance, Divorce	1,679
5c. Income Tax on Unearned Income, Income Tax Allow- ances, Post War Credits, Death and Estate Duties	3,690
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6. Social Security—all enquiries other than those recorded in 6(a) and 6(b)	768
6a. National Insurance	98
6b. Supplementary Benefits	1,157
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7. Health and Medical	762
	2,017
8. Property and Land—all enquiries other than those recorded in 8(a), 8(b) and 8(c).	2,405
8a. Accommodation required and offered	4,263
8b. Landlord and Tenant Problems, Lease, Rent, Rates Repairs	5,555
8c. Property Tax	115
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9. Service and Ex-Service Questions and War Pensions	12,338
10. Trade and Manufacture—all enquiries other than those recorded in 10(a)	117
10a. Consumer Advice and Information, Hire Purchase and Credit Sales, Unsatisfactory Goods, Estimates and Contracts	2,122
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	2,788
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	4,910
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Total	48,831

Service to Bureaux Local Authorities, Statutory Bodies and Voluntary Organisations continued to support Bureaux in various ways and there can be no doubt that the service is gaining the confidence, not only of the communities served, but also of professional bodies throughout the Principality.

Bureaux were also supported by the Advisory Officer who gave much time to discussing administrative problems with Bureaux Organisers and Management Committees, and by the National Citizen's Advice Bureaux Council with the continual flow of information material into Bureaux and direct contact with the National Citizen's Advice Bureaux Information Department.

Citizen's Advice Bureaux Evidence

Memoranda of evidence was submitted by the National Citizens' Advice Bureaux Council to Government Committees of Enquiry and Government Departments as follows, and a number of Bureaux in Wales contributed to the Memoranda.

April 1966	Law Commission in Connection with examination of Law of Landlord and Tenant.
May 1966	Lord Chancellor's Committee on the Age of Majority.
May 1966	Royal Commission on Medical Education.
September 1966	Seeborn Committee on Local Authority personal social services.
January 1967	Law Commission Working Party on Exemption Clauses in Contracts.
January 1967	Ministry of Housing and Local Government - Bureaux experience re public awareness of provisions of Rent Act 1965.
January 1967	Supplementary material submitted to Committee on Enforcement of Judgements or difficulties of enforcing maintenance and affiliation orders.
January 1967	Committee on Civil Service on structure, etc., of the Home Civil Service.
January 1967	Aves Committee on the role of Social Workers.

Regional Meetings and Training

The North Wales Standing Conference met three times during the year - on 23rd May, 1966, 31st October, 1966 and 6th March, 1967. Part of the day was devoted to business and part to training talks. Subjects of the talks were "H.Q. Information Service," "Marriage Guidance Counselling," and "The Ministry of Social Security Act 1966."

The South Wales Standing Conference also met three times during the year in June, September and March. Talks were given on "C.A.B. in a mobile Society", "The Ministry of Social Security Act 1966 - Supplementary Benefits" and "Earnings Related Benefits".

A weekend residential school was arranged at Porthcawl on 7/8th May, 1966, when 60 Bureaux Workers from South Wales attended. The programme was arranged with emphasis on subjects covering the types of problems most frequently brought to Bureaux. These included - "The Scope of the C.A.B. Service", two talks on Family and Personal problems - "L.A. Approach" and "C.A.B. Approach" and "Landlord and Tenant Problems".

Registration

On 1st January, 1967, the National Citizens' Advice Bureaux Council launched a new Registration Scheme. All Bureaux will be expected to comply with the new conditions and apply for registration within the year.

Sir Harold Banwell, Chairman of the National Citizens' Advice Bureaux Council and Miss Joan Pridham, Secretary, met representatives from Bureaux in Wales at Llandrindod Wells on the 27th/28th January, and spoke of the need to ensure the maintenance of a high standard of operation at Bureaux. Difficulties were discussed and Bureaux were encouraged to look again at the service being given and to make an effort to comply with the new requirements.

Promotion

Bureaux were opened at Bedwas and Llanelli during the year and preparations proceeded with establishing Bureaux at Barry, Flint, Mold and Llandrindod Wells. Public meetings were held at the end of the period under review at Caernarvon and Newtown and decisions taken to establish Bureaux in the towns.

THE COMMITTEE FOR THE WELFARE OF THE ELDERLY IN WALES.

Liaison The Committee for the Welfare of the Elderly in Wales is the National focal point for all organisations, statutory bodies and individuals concerned with the Welfare of the Elderly, to discuss their common problems and opportunities. It is only through the goodwill and co-operation of its constituent bodies can the Committee function effectively. There is an urgent need for liaison and dovetailing of services in order to promote further development in this field. The Committee continues to meet to discuss matters of general interest regarding the work of the Department.

The Committee met on two occasions during the year.

One of the Committee's main tasks is to help to promote the establishment of a network of local Old People's Welfare Committees throughout the Principality. There are now 150, together with 15 County and County Borough Committees, but there are still many other areas where a local Committee would be valuable and it is hoped that during the next few years more of these committees will be established. The value of these local committees cannot be over emphasised. Just as the Committee for the Welfare of the Elderly in Wales is a National focal point, the local committee is the co-ordinating body for local services. By bringing together local organisations, both statutory and voluntary which provide such services, the needs of the elderly can be kept under review and development or new activities planned accordingly.

The proportion of people over retirement age is steadily rising and this is likely to continue for many years to come. At present there are approximately 400,000 people of pensionable age in Wales, i.e. just over 15% of the total population. By no means do all of them require help. Many have the health and mental capacity to live independently or with occasional help from their own family and friends. On the other hand those requiring assistance will be more and not less in the foreseeable future.

We are living in a rapidly changing society and Wales is no exception. The proposed plans for Wales as a development area, and the introduction of new industries to the populated areas, will inevitably change the age structure of the less populated areas and this subsequently will have a marked effect on the Work of Old People's Welfare Committees.

It will call for a realignment and re-orientation of services and it will be the task of this Committee and local Committees to adapt the services to meet the changing needs to ensure adequate community provisions for the elderly.

The extent and the kinds of help needed by the elderly are many and varying from total care in a hospital or residential home, to the occasional friendly visit or help of a neighbour, and with a wide variety of services between.

A great deal, therefore, remains to be done if the elderly who require help are to be cared for, as they have the right to expect and as the rest of the community would wish them to be.

A pressing need is to make full use of the resources already available but not always sufficiently utilized, to develop fully those services which already exist but need extending and to experiment, pioneer and explore new avenues of services. This is the very essence of an Old People's Welfare Committee and it is only through the ever-present goodwill and co-operation of interested bodies on all levels, that this can be achieved.

New Committees

One of the successes of the year has been the formation of the Glamorgan County Old Peoples' Welfare Committee and its three Area Committees which are centred around Pontypridd, Bridgend and Neath. The fact that more than a quarter of the population of Wales live in the administrative area of the County provides these Committees with a vast scope for work with which it has already begun inasmuch as for the first time it has brought together all the existing interested bodies in the County which had previously worked as individual organisations and has collated some facts as to the needs of the elderly in various areas, giving the Committee a basis for work. Training and information Courses for Voluntary Workers have been arranged for the first time in the County.

A new Committee has also been formed in Cwmbran, Monmouthshire.

Visiting

Isolation and loneliness in old age is an unhappy feature of our own present day world. One way to combat this is through the development of voluntary visiting services provided by Old People's Welfare Committees and their constituent bodies. Reports from all over Wales reveal that there is an increase in the amount of visiting being carried out in many areas, but there are still gaps and the need for a co-ordinated visiting service cannot be over-emphasised inasmuch as the experience and help of all statutory and voluntary bodies and church groups can be used to the best advantage in developing a more unified form of visiting service.

Training

It is of some significance that almost all the Training Courses arranged in Wales this year focused on the work of the Voluntary Visitor. The officer was pleased to accept invitations to speak at/or tutor the following courses held at:-

- Risca, Monmouthshire.
- Dolgellau, Merionethshire.
- Merthyr Tydfil.
- Newport, Monmouthshire.
- Cwmbran, Monmouthshire.
- Pontardawe, Glamorgan.
- Aberystwyth, Cardiganshire.

It is very much hoped that Old People's Welfare Committees will follow up the letter sent by the Training Committee of the National Old People's Welfare Council to Officers of County and County Borough Councils, requesting them to consider, in consultations with Old People's Welfare Committees and Education Departments, what measures are needed to produce a planned programme of local training courses for Voluntary Workers. The need for continued efforts in providing such courses for voluntary workers is evident and will contribute towards making workers aware of needs, informed about provision and co-operative in their relationships with statutory bodies.

One Day Schools for Senior Staff of Residential Homes in Wales

During the year the Department was pleased to arrange, in consultation with the Welsh Board of Health, Six One-Day Schools for Senior Staff of Residential Homes in North, South and West Wales held at Colwyn Bay, Aberystwyth, Carmarthen and Cardiff. It was recognised that the advantages of such courses, apart from listening to specialist speakers dealing with various aspects of Residential care, was the opportunity for Staff and Administrative Officers of County Authorities to come together to discuss problems relative to their work.

The Department greatly appreciates the utmost co-operation and support of all County Authorities in allowing members of Staff to attend the Schools, and which contributed towards the success of this new venture on the part of the Department to arrange such courses.

Standing Conference

The North Wales Standing Conference was held at Dolgellau after a lapse of two years. The Officer felt that it would be a pity to discontinue the Conference, since it gave an opportunity for members of the North Wales Old People's Welfare Committees to come together to discuss matters of mutual interest, especially with a view to the future development of the services in Rural Wales. Some forty delegates from Counties ranging from Radnorshire to Anglesey attended the Conference. The Guest Speaker was Mrs. P. Forman, Training Officer, National Old People's Welfare Council.

Club Grants

The Department has been instrumental again this year in obtaining grants towards small items of expenditure from the Unilever Fund and towards the establishment of new club premises as well as towards the conversion of old buildings from the residue of the King George VI Memorial Fund. In the known cases the work of erecting new buildings was undertaken by the pensioners themselves.

The Officer was pleased to be associated with these new ventures and had the pleasure of attending the Opening Ceremony of the Clubs.

The following Clubs benefitted from grants from the above sources:-

Thomastown Old Age Pensioners Branch.

Glynneath Old Age Pensioners Branch.

Cwmllynfell and Rhiwfawr Old Age Pensioners Club.

Old People's Week, 1966

The Fourteenth Old People's Week in Wales was celebrated from the 2nd-8th October, 1966. Every County and County Borough in Wales co-operated in this annual event and in some cases Local Authorities were meeting the cost of the arrangements.

The Department feels justified in continuing with the 'Week' not only for the sake of the elderly themselves, who look forward enthusiastically year by year to 'their week', but also insofar as various activities throughout the Counties serve to draw the attention of the general public to the work being done in this particular field, and to incur the interest of individuals and organisations to participate in the work for the furtherance of the Welfare of the Elderly, and finally to remind the elderly themselves of the provisions made for their well being, thus fulfilling the original purpose of the 'Week'. The Welsh Board of Health, with the co-operation of the Information Division, Welsh Office, to whom we are deeply indebted, once again provided a National Poster for Old People's Week. The message of the poster was to encourage the elderly to make use of their leisure time and thus to help themselves.

Old People's Sunday

This year saw the inauguration of Old People's Sunday. Reports were being received annually from many areas of special religious Services held during the week. It was felt that this should be more general. Religious bodies throughout Wales were asked to recognise the 2nd October as Old People's Sunday and to arrange special Services.

The Sunday afternoon Welsh Hymn Singing Broadcast 'Caniadaeth Y Cysegr', was arranged and introduced by the Officer with the assistance of the Pontardulais Old Age Pensioners Choir. This provided the Officer an opportunity to relate something of the work of the Department.

Award Scheme

Old People's Clubs and Old People's Welfare Committees were once again invited to submit entries for a National Award which was to be given to the Committee which carried out the most effective item of Welfare Work during the period October 1965 to June 1966.

Out of the eight entries received, Monmouthshire Old People's Welfare Committee received the Award in respect of their County-wide Survey Scheme. The Award, a suitably framed ceramic plaque, was presented to representatives of the winning Committee by County Alderman William Llewellyn, J.P., Chairman of the Committee for the Welfare of the Elderly in Wales.

Essay Competition

An additional item to the 'Week' was the Essay Competition arranged by the Department, which proved to be a great success.

Two prizes of £10 (1st) and £5 (2nd) were offered in each of the English and Welsh sections to the pensioners who submitted the best essays on one of the following subjects:-

"Young People Today"	"Bobl Ifainc Heddiw"
"Living on a Pension"	"Byw ar Bensiwn"
"The Best Years of my Life"	"Blynyddoedd Gorau fy Mywyd"
"Wales, Yesterday and Today"	"Cymru, Ddoe a Heddiw"

Over one hundred essays were received and the Reverend Glyn Parry Jones, M.A., B.D., and Mr. Jack Jones, C.B.E., kindly agreed to be adjudicators. The winners were:-

English Section:-1st -	Mrs. B. M. Timothy, Goodwick.
	2nd - Miss P. M. Harwood, Cardiff.
Welsh Section -	1st - Rev. William Phillips, Bangor
	2nd - Mr. J. H. Roberts, Penrhyndeudraeth.

The Officer was invited to attend Special Functions held during the 'Week at Colwyn Bay, Bangor, Bala and Dolgellau.

Field Work

The work of propagating Welfare Work of the Elderly as set out in the Constitution of the Committee for the Welfare of the Elderly in Wales, has maintained steady progress and the increase in the calls made for the service of the Department in providing advice and guidance to Old People's Welfare Committees, Old People's Clubs and individual elderly people has been the main feature of the Department's work during the year.

To this end the Officer has sought to foster a closer relationship with Old People's Welfare Committees by attending Quarterly and Annual Meetings of County and County Borough Committees and addressing/attending meetings of Local Old People's Welfare Committees.

The Department's Officer has represented Wales during the year on the National Old People's Welfare Council and its Welfare and Clubs Committee in addition to attending the National Conference at Scarborough and Meeting of Secretaries of Old Peoples' Welfare Committees throughout Britain.

The Department deals with an increasing number of enquiries. The requests are often for accommodation from people in Wales and over the border. An increasing number of requests for information were received from University and Training College students, and Trainee Nurses, who were preparing thesis on the Welfare of the Elderly and from sixth form pupils wishing to offer their services to the elderly.

Appreciation

The Department is indebted to many organisations and individuals for their most willing co-operation, and, in particular, for the help given by the Welsh Board of Health and the Information Divisional Welsh Office, and finally to the Director, Assistant Director and members of the staff of the Council for their support, friendship and guidance throughout the year.

Established Visiting Committee

VISITATION SCHEME FOR THE CITY OF CARDIFF.

The visitors recruited in the areas of Splott, Canton and Roath to visit the elderly who had previously complained of loneliness, continue their voluntary service in such an excellent way that they have been accepted into the homes of the pensioners as friends.

Visitors still meet bi-monthly at their local day-centre. Guest Speakers from the Ministry of Social Security, Glamorgan Missions to the Adult Deaf and Dumb, the Secretary of the Committee for the Welfare of the Elderly in Wales and the Home-Help Organiser, Cardiff City Council have talked on their specialised work which gives the visitors a better understanding of the problems of the elderly and the need for co-operation with the statutory authorities. Visits have also been made to St. Davids' Hospital and a local Authority Welfare Home.

Fourth Phase

A Survey of the Grangetown Ward (approximately 5,400 houses) has been carried out and results tabulated as follows:-

Number of pensioners interviewed	1,170
Of those interviewed - number living alone	105
.. .. . in rooms	139
.. .. . with relatives	460
.. .. . of married couples	233
.. .. . who requested a visitor	219
Of those interviewed - number living alone who requested a visitor	30
Of those interviewed - number living in rooms who requested a visitor	35
Of those interviewed - number living with relatives who requested a visitor	82
Of those interviewed - number of married couples who requested a visitor	36

Fifth Phase

Forty voluntary visitors have been recruited in this area and meet monthly at the local public-health department clinic under the Chairmanship of Mrs. Horle and local Secretary, Mr. E. Williams. Talks have been given by members of the Welfare Department, Ministry of Social Security and W.R.V.S., as part of the training of voluntary visitors.

Councillor Mrs. W. Mathias (Chairman, Cardiff City Welfare Committee) chaired an inaugural meeting in the ward of Cathays on 4th October. Mr. Cassam, Dr. Powell Phillips, Medical Officer of Health, and Mr. L. Williams, Senior Welfare Officer outlined the scheme to the local Councillors, Church Ministers, representatives of Voluntary Organisations and Pensioners Clubs, an appeal being made for volunteers to carry out a door to door survey.

During the Winter months approximately 70 volunteers undertook this survey (of 6,500 houses) to assess the needs of the elderly, especially those who would like to be visited regularly.

Results have been tabulated as follows:-

Number of pensioners interviewed	1,487
Of those interviewed - number who live alone	234
" " " " " " " in rooms	114
" " " " " " " with relatives	491
" " " " " " " are married couples	234
Of those interviewed - number who requested a visitor	208
" " " " " " " living alone who requested a visitor	65
" " " " " " " in rooms who requested a visitor	39
" " " " " " " with relatives who requested	
a visitor	67
" " " " " " " of married couples who requested	
a visitor	37

A team of 50 volunteers has commenced visiting in the area.

Appreciation The true value of the scheme lies in the contribution of the voluntary workers who give their time so generously to establish a personal contact with the elderly folk being visited. The Secretary/Organiser wishes to thank most sincerely these voluntary visitors, also members of the Cardiff City Council Welfare and Public Health Departments for their co-operation in the Visiting Scheme.

COMMUNITY WORK.

Development The need to foster the development of community life and work in the Principality is increasing year by year, and the main responsibilities of the Community Department of this Council lie in helping, supporting and co-operating with all agencies who are involved in answering this need.

Advice It has long been established that the chief aim of the Department must be to assist those groups of people, or agencies, who endeavour to establish and maintain community centres, both in the rural and urban areas of Wales.

This the department has done during the period under review and a steady stream of advice and guidance has been given by the community officer to local Groups of people involved in the formation of community associations, and the planning, maintaining and running of centres and halls.

Problems In addition to this a great deal of work has been carried out in connection with constitutional problems and questions of trusteeship of buildings, the charitable status of newly formed groups and advice regarding the buying and disposal of properties which have been used for community work. Examples of some of the differing tasks which have been undertaken by the department in various parts of the Principality are as follows:-

Lisvane Village, Cardiff.

A Community Association was formally established in this growing village during October, 1966. Assistance was given to the Committee on constitutional problems and the use of the Memorial Hall as a meeting point for the various groups within the Association.

Pontymister Village, Near Risca, Monmouthshire.

A community Association was formed in the Autumn 1966 on the Channel View Housing Estate of this village. The Rural Community Council and the Community Department were concerned in advising an existing hall committee on the legal aspects of establishing the new Association, and on items concerning programme planning.

Danycoedcae Road, Pontypridd, Glamorgan.

Extensive enquiries and subsequent reports were made by the Community Officer in assisting a firm of Solicitors who were involved in arranging for a scheme to be put forward to the Charity Commissioner which was intended to make possible the sale and conveyance of a plot of land on which was once situated a pre-war unemployed men's club.

Pwllglas Village Hall, Denbighshire.

The Community Officer advised, through the offices of the Rural Community Council, on problems which arose regarding the structural damage to the building and the Committees' position regarding applying for grant-aid from statutory sources.

Abersoch Village Hall, Caernarvonshire.

In co-operation with the Rural Community Council the Community Department consulted the Department of Education and Science regarding grant-aid being made available to assist in the urgent installation of new heating equipment for this hall.

Penrhys Development, Rhondda.

A representative of the architects concerned with this development were assisted by the department, and certain observations and comments were made on the working plans of the Community Centre envisaged as a part of this scheme.

Social Service Centres.

A number of older and established centres in the South Wales Counties were assisted on questions concerning trusteeship of land and property, and in some cases a complete re-organisation of methods of committee control and management.

The Community Officer and a representative of the National Council of Social Service met officials of the Department of Education and Science in Cardiff during December and matters were discussed concerning community centre buildings and literature which could be made available to assist Authorities and Committees during the planning stages of hall building projects.

Liaison

The Department has continued to provide the Secretariat for the Cardiff Community Service Liaison Committee which has met on a monthly basis during the course of the year. One of its main meetings convened during the Autumn of 1966 was concerned with the question of "Preparation for Retirement", and the Department co-operated with the W.E.A. in arranging for a number of speakers to address representatives from various sections of industry, commerce, the Trade Unions and the educational field.

National Conference The Sixth British National Conference on Social Welfare was held at Church House, Westminster, during April, 1967. In preparation for this Conference the Department arranged during 1966 a series of Study Group activities in various parts of the Principality. These Groups discussed and reported on aspects of the Conference theme "Welfare State and Welfare Society" and the Cardiff Group report was made available to the Conference Committee through the officers of the Community Department of this Council.

Music for Disabled The Department has been involved, during the period under review, in assisting the Music Project Officer of the Central Council for the Disabled, Mr. Irwyn Walters. This Council has been concerned during the past twelve months in arranging for a survey to be carried out in the Aberdare area of Glamorgan, in order to consider methods through which it may be found possible for disabled people to benefit from opportunities of listening to music or participating in musical activities and to whom music might provide the key to a fuller and happier life. This experimental project is one of three similar enquiries which are being conducted by the Central Council in other areas of the country, *i.e.*, Harlow New Town and the Toxteth area of Liverpool.

Social Workers The Community Department has accepted the responsibility of providing the Secretariat of the Guild of Social Workers in Wales and the Community Officer convened a number of meetings in Llandrindod Wells during 1966/7.

Local Guilds of Social Workers throughout Wales have assisted the Community Officer with arrangements for the Biennial National Study Conference which is being held at University College, Bangor, in September, 1967. Social Workers throughout Wales will be attending this residential Conference which will have as a theme "Making the best use of Resources".

The Community/Youth Officer is grateful for the co-operation received from Local Education Authorities, Local Authorities, Department of Education and Science, Social Administration Departments of the University Colleges, Rural Community Councils and many other agencies which have assisted in the department's work during the year.

YOUTH WORK

Standing Conference One of the main functions of the Youth Department is the provision of the Secretariat for the Standing Conference for Wales of Voluntary Youth Organisations. There are thirty Voluntary Organisations who are members of, or associated with, this Standing Conference, and the main emphasis of the work is to bring about a closer partnership between the member bodies and also between them and the statutory authorities in the Service of Youth.

Handbook An important aspect of the work is the collection and dissemination of information concerning Youth Service work, and a relevant contribution concerning this was the 1966 publication of the S.C.W.V.Y.O. Handbook which has been, during the course of the year, well received within and beyond the Principality. A Civic Reception was kindly given by the Lord Mayor of Cardiff at the City Hall on September 6th, 1966, to launch the publication, which is hoped will serve many who are interested in the numerous facets of activity which make up the voluntary youth organisations contribution to an effective Youth Service in the Principality.

Residential Conference The Annual Residential Conference of the Standing Conference was held at the Y.M.C.A. Further Education College, Rhoose, Glamorgan, on October 22nd/23rd, 1966. This year's gathering had been so organised by the Depart-

ment to discuss amendments to the existing Constitution and matters of a domestic nature, particularly affecting membership and the future role of the Standing Conference. There was again at this Twelfth Annual Conference a sound representation from a majority of the Voluntary Youth Organisations affiliated to the Standing Conference although a number of representatives were unable to attend because of their direct involvement in the rescue and first aid work at Aberfan. The Conference proceedings were, in fact, curtailed as a sign of respect and sympathy towards the bereaved of the stricken community.

The Working Committee and other Sub-Committees of S.C.W.V.Y.O. have been actively engaged during the period under review and questions involving the establishment of stronger links between Organisations in certain aspects of their training schemes and Duke of Edinburgh Award work have been of prime importance.

Mr. Charles Thompson, Director of Activities, at the Atlantic College, Glamorgan, was the Guest Speaker at the S.C.W.V.Y.O. Half-Yearly meeting held in March, 1967.

Training

The Training of Leaders is of paramount importance to the development of Youth Service work, and it is recognised by this Department that every effort must be made to encourage and foster this work by assisting various agencies who are involved in leadership training schemes.

During the year the Youth Officer has attended meetings called by Further Education Officers of Local Education Authorities in arranging and planning of Part-Time Youth Leadership Training Courses in their areas, and has also lectured at a number of residential training courses for leaders of the Voluntary Youth Organisations in the Principality.

For the past few years it has been the policy of this Department to encourage exchange visits between young people from Wales and those from overseas.

Exchanges

The Educational Interchange Council have again been assisted by the Department in making known the opportunities available to young people and leaders in Wales for Study Group visits to Eastern European Countries during 1967. The Youth Officer was responsible for organising a series of visits during August, 1966, for a group of thirty-six young Russian men and women who were on a visit to this country. These arrangements, which were made by request of the Educational Interchange Council, included visits to educational, industrial and commercial establishments, and formed part of the youth exchange scheme which earlier in the year had organised and selected twenty-three young people from Wales to visit Russia, Czechoslovakia and Bulgaria on monthly study tours.

Community Service

The Youth Officer has again continued to assist groups in the Principality who are engaged in liaising and co-ordinating the work of providing useful and worthwhile tasks for groups of young people in serving their communities. In the City of Cardiff this work has been encouraged by this Council for the past two years and creditable advances have been made in establishing new relationships between young people and the aged and needy in the City through this service.

The Officer has also been successful in arranging with the Director of Community Service Volunteers for the placing of a full-time worker to assist with field work in Swansea. He is based at the University College, and is directly involved with the fostering of community work which the Swansea Volunteer Group are undertaking in that town.

A number of sixth form groups in Grammar and High Schools in the Principality have also had the assistance of the Departments experiences in extending their efforts of serving their respective communities.

The flow of Youth Workers and students from abroad who have visited the Department has continued and increased, and during the course of the year representatives have been received from over twenty different countries.

International Meeting

The Department arranged a Biennial Conference in Cardiff during the Spring of the Officers of the National Standing Conferences of Voluntary Youth Organisations in Great Britain. This presented opportunities for an exchange of views and ideas on youth work which is undertaken in various areas of the country. Particular emphasis was laid on subjects which covered the training of leaders, rural youth work, co-operation between statutory and voluntary agencies and the problem of drug-taking by young people. This was a very happy and pleasant occasion and the Standing Conference is deeply indebted to Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Cory for kindly entertaining our guests and members of the S.C.W.V.Y.O. at their home, Penllyn Castle, Cowbridge, at the close of the Conference.

The Youth Officer attended the four-day Biennial Conference of the National Standing Conference of Voluntary Youth Organisations at Nottingham University during the autumn of 1966, and a number of other important meetings were also attended during the course of the year.

WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT

A very successful and progressive year commenced with the Annual Conference, held at Barry in April, 1966. The Conference was one of the most interesting and successful which has ever been held. The Guest Speakers on the theme of the Conference—"Science and Everyday Life" were Baroness Phillips and Dr. Glyn Phillips.

Twelve resolutions were discussed—the subjects ranging from the pollution of our beaches, the quality of children's clothes, weights and measures problems, to the more serious subjects of stricter supervision of children in the care of foster parents, Old Age Pensioners in certain categories, more Nursery Schools and the need for greater speed and determination in tackling the shortage of technicians and equipment such as the Artificial Kidney Machine.

Mrs. Jennie Jenkins, J.P., was unanimously elected Chairman for the year. All members agreed this was a Conference to remember, and that Baroness Phillips and Dr. Glyn Phillips were two most interesting and imaginative Speakers on a theme that affects every aspect of life in this very progressive age.

New Clubs

Three new Clubs have been opened this year—one at Brynna Road, Llanharan (Mountain Hare Club), one at Bedlinog (Llwynog Club) and one at Tonteg on a new housing estate. There are four more in the promotional stage, three in Midland-Glamorgan and one in the Pontypridd area.

Social Work in Clubs

Many Clubs live up to their name, i.e. "Social Service" Clubs. The old and the handicapped have been entertained in some Clubs, "Open Days" for the lonely and ailing have been arranged by other Clubs on new housing estates, and the members gave them all a time to remember. Club choirs

have travelled all over South Wales, using their talents to entertain the old, singing in prisons, and helping other organisations to raise money. A great deal more could be told about Clubs and Club members caring for their neighbours.

Commonwealth Students have visited our Clubs twice during the year, and have gained knowledge of our organisation which will prove very valuable to them when they return to their own countries, to face the problems which confront them.

In May a group of 18 students from Bath College of Education will spend a week in Nantymoel. Club members will act as hostesses and they will study Domestic Economy in a mining area.

Exhibitions and Events

Women's Clubs took a prominent part at Tregroes "Open Day" at Pencoed in July, and Wenvoe Club gained first place in the special competition for Women's Organisations — "Baking Day".

During the fortnight at the end of May and beginning of June, Women's Clubs helped with a special Welsh Features Room at the Welsh Ideal Homes Exhibition, at Sophia Gardens, Cardiff. Welsh Parlour and Kitchen scenes of olden days were set up, and Club members from those Clubs nearest to Cardiff, loaned priceless furniture, china, etc., and also helped with the manning of the Exhibition room and the making of Welsh Cakes, Bread, Teisen Lap and Teisen Siencin. This event was pronounced a great success by the organisers of the Exhibition and by the visiting public.

A very successful Eisteddfod was held at Porthcawl in October, where the biggest ever number of Clubs took part in the Handicraft, Homecraft, Art, Literature, Elocution and Music competitions. This was the largest number of Clubs to participate in any event during the last thirty years and the largest audience on record. Fifty-six members from the Shropshire Association joined the Welsh Association in this traditional, centuries-old type of competition.

Day Schools

Six Dressmaking Schools were held in the Mid-Glamorgan and the West areas during the year.

Meetings

The Executive Committee met seven times during the year, to discuss the work of the Association.

There were thirteen Area and eighteen Group Meetings. Reports of, and arrangements for, both the Welsh and National Association Conferences were given and discussed. Resolutions were taken, events discussed and matters of interest and importance to all Clubs were considered.

Forty-three delegates and visitors attended the Annual Conference of the National Association at Winchester, in July. This is the greatest number from Wales ever to attend the National Conference, but it is now known that forty-seven delegates and visitors hope to attend this year's Conference at Liverpool.

Mrs. Jennie Jenkins, J.P. was again elected National Chairman for a further year. The Association is very proud of the continued appreciation of Mrs. Jenkins' excellent work as Welsh and National Chairman.

The Chief Woman Officer has attended seven Executive Committee Meetings, eleven Area and sixteen Group Meetings, the Welsh and National Annual Conferences of Women's Social Service Clubs, the Rural Life Conference at Anglesey and Cardiff, United Nations Association Conference in Cardiff the Social Workers' Conference at Bangor, two Meetings of the Women's

Advisory Council on Solid Fuel, three Meetings of the Cardiff and District Standing Conference of Women's Organisations, one Meeting of the Cardiff and Barry Post Office Advisory Committee, three Meetings of the Cardiff and District Employment Committee and one Meeting of the Women's Royal Voluntary Service for Civil Defence.

Holiday Tours

Two holiday Tours were arranged this year. Mrs. Kane took a party to the Rhineland in Germany, and Mrs. Celia Williams and her party visited Holland. Both Groups had an interesting, informative and enjoyable time.

Appeals

This year, a target of £2,000 was again set for Appeals efforts from Clubs to the Council of Social Service. This target was reached and passed, as follows:-

	£	s.	d.
Welsh Ideal Home Exhibition	99	16	0
Eisteddfod	123	3	2
Profit on Cookery Books	50	0	0
Raffles	600	5	6
Appeals and Special Efforts :-			
(Mrs. Kane)	771	17	0
(Mrs. Williams)	522	14	3
	£2,167	15	11

The Raffle and Appeals efforts in all Areas resulted in record figures.

The Chief Woman Officer has attended two General Purposes Committee Meetings and one Secretaries and Organisers' Meeting in London.

The Chief Woman Officer wishes to thank all members of the Women's Clubs, all members of the Women's Department Staff, especially the organisers, Mrs. Kane and Mrs. Celia Williams, and above all, Mrs. Jennie Jenkins, J.P., our Chairman, for her continued ready help and encouragement. Without the help and co-operation of all concerned the sum raised and the success of the events arranged would have been impossible.

Grateful thanks are extended to Mr. Ivor V. Cassam, the Director of the Council, Mr. Ieuan O. Jones, the Secretary of the Council, Mr. E. C. Bilson, the Finance Officer, and the members of other Departments of the Council for help given during the year. The Chief Woman Officer and other members of the Department would like to place on record the sterling services of Miss Madge Griffiths, the Secretary of the Department. Miss Griffiths' painstaking, patient administration in dealing with these matters has been of great value in ensuring the smooth working of our various activities.

The Council wishes to place on record its appreciation of the help and grants received from Glamorgan and Carmarthen Further Education Committees, without which the work within the Department would not be possible.

DRAMA DEPARTMENT.

Membership

The Drama Association of Wales has made a steady progress during the year. There has been an overall increase in membership and it is hoped

that the remaining County Drama Committees will eventually be in a position to join the Association. Two Cardiff Societies have amalgamated to form a larger group which is shown in the one lapsed Society membership. Three individual members have cancelled their subscriptions but this is offset by an increase of eight new members in this section. Amongst the new Societies, which have joined the Association in 1966, are the Cardiff University Players, Llandaff Technical College, the Welsh College of Advanced Technology, the London Welsh Theatre Trust, and the Swansea Welsh Dramatic Society.

Comparative membership figures are:-

	1965/6	New Members	Lapsed	1966/7
County Drama Committees	10	1	-	11
Societies	58	17	1	74
Individual Members	42	28	3	47
	110	26	4	132

WELSH NATIONAL YOUTH DRAMA FESTIVAL.

- (a) Out of eighteen Counties and County Boroughs, sixteen took part in the Welsh National Youth Drama Festival. Area Finals were held in Skewen, (Glamorgan); Felinfach, (Cardiganshire); Ebbw Vale, (Monmouthshire); Ruthin, (Denbighshire); and Barmouth, (Merionethshire). As one Welsh Language Play was selected for the Final, it had been agreed that this should be held in North Wales. Three Youth teams travelled from South Wales to Menai Bridge, Anglesey. They were Cwmni Aelwyd Caerfyrddin, Carmarthen, in "Hollti Blew", Resolven County Youth Centre in "Call not the Devil" and the winning team, Croesycciliog Youth Centre, in a scene from "The Caucasian Chalk Circle."

ADULT ONE-ACT PLAY FESTIVAL.

- (b) Five Counties took part in the English One-Act Play Festival and the Association was very pleased that Carmarthenshire entered for the first time. Elwyn Thomas of the B.B.C. adjudicated and selected three plays for the Wales Final at Aberdare, the Lllynsafaddan Players in "The Seventh Man", the Blackwood Little Theatre in "The Browning Version" and the Bridgend Castle Players performing excerpts from "Under Milk Wood". The adjudicator, Adrian Rendle, awarded first prize to the Bridgend Castle Players.

BRITISH FINAL.

- (c) 1966 was the year for Wales to act as host country. The Final was held on Saturday, July 9th, at the New Theatre, Cardiff. Visiting teams were welcomed from England, Ireland and Scotland. The Chairman of the Glamorgan County Council received about 100 guests at County Hall in the morning. The Lord Mayor gave a small Luncheon Party to some of the distinguished visitors at the Banqueting Hall, Cardiff Castle. In the evening, the New Theatre enjoyed a capacity audience for the plays. England were represented by the Rickmansworth Players in "The Dock Brief" by John Mortimer; Ireland, the Kilkceel Women's Institute in "The thoughts of Emma Rossiter"; Scotland, the George Square Players in "The Long Christmas Dinner" by Thornton Wilder, and Wales by an extract from Dylan Thomas's "Under Milk Wood" performed by the Bridgend Castle Players. Mr. Alun Oldfield Davies, President of the Drama

Association of Wales presided. The Adjudicator, who is the Chairman of the Drama Association of Wales, Mr. Raymond Edwards, awarded the Howard de Walden Cup to Scotland. Distinguished visitors at the Festival included Mr. George Thomas, Minister of State for Wales, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Cardiff, the Chairman of the Glamorgan County Council, Alderman Theophilus Griffiths and Mrs. Griffiths, Colonel and Mrs. Crawshay, Mr. and Mrs. Alun Oldfield-Davies and Mrs Shirley Rainer, Public Relations Officer of the Nescafe Company, who presented cash awards to the four teams.

WELSH LANGUAGE FESTIVAL.

- (d) Several meetings of the Welsh Language Festival Committee were held at Dolgellau, but the scheduled programme to be held in December had to be cancelled owing to the high cost involved and the technical difficulties of staging one of the plays. It was agreed instead that a well-known Welsh author be commissioned to write a play for this Festival to be produced at Dolgellau in November, 1967. The Commission was accepted by J. R. Evans of Cardigan.

Playwriting Competition

The Playwriting Sub-Committee decided to run the 1966 Competition on the same lines as the previous year. Twenty entries were received in English and eight in Welsh. The adjudicators, Mr. Mansel Thomas and Mr. Emyln James, attended the School held at Llandrindod Wells from November 25th to November 27th. The winning play in the English section was by J. R. Evans of Llanilar, "Hush, Baby's Sleeping". The first prize in the Welsh section was withheld, but the special prize of £5 agreed by both adjudicators, was given to Ceryl Wynne Davies of Blaenau Ffestiniog, for a play in Welsh. The two adjudicators noted considerable improvement in the general standard of writing and this was endorsed by the playwrights who had attended previous schools. Appreciation was expressed of the work of the Drama Association of Wales in their encouragement of playwriting. At the closing Session, the Director of the Council of Social Service was asked to investigate the future of playwriting in Wales and his help was asked in the promotion of full-length playwriting competitions.

PRODUCTION SCHOOL.

A School for Advanced Producers was held at Llandrindod Wells at the end of March. County Drama Committees were invited to submit the names of two students to attend this Course, a large proportion of the cost being borne by the Drama Association of Wales. Stanley Hildebrandt, Professor of Speech and Drama of the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, London, was the tutor. This was an experiment in Production Schools and great appreciation was expressed by those involved. The students worked on four dramatic works, "Peer Gynt" by Ibsen, "Man of Mode" by Sir George Etherege, "Pullman Car Hiawatha" by Thornton Wilder and a "Night Out" by Harold Pinter. Scripts were loaned to the students by the Library Department.

The Chairman of the Association, Mr. Raymond Edwards, and the Secretary were invited to attend talks on the National Theatre at the City Hall, Cardiff, on December 14th, 1966, and Mr. Edwards was invited to serve on the Continuation Committee.

At a meeting of the Guild of Drama Adjudicators, attended by the Secretary in London on January 21st., the Speaker was Lord Goodman, Chairman of the Arts Council of Great Britain. In his address Lord Goodman said

that he had become immensely conscious of the tremendous importance of the work done by the Amateur Theatre. He expressed the view that young people actively involved in music and drama, having these things to occupy their minds, would rarely be found in serious trouble. It was important to secure the attention of young people during those dangerous and treacherous years when they leave school before embarking on their careers.

The Department of Education and Science are launching a survey on Drama in Education and an Inspector from the Department visited the Drama Officer during the year.

Library

As more money has been made available for books and equipment, it has been possible to extend both reading sets and single copies of plays. Over the year, over eighty One-Act sets and forty-five Full-Length sets have been bought. It has also been possible to buy single copies of specialised plays and thus keep abreast of trends in the Theatre. Heavy demand has been made over the year for lighting equipment and in order to meet this the stock of new Strand Electric equipment has been doubled. This need is reflected in the hiring chart below. New sets of curtains and a pair of proscenium curtains in wine velvet have been purchased. It is intended to build a small library of sound effects on 45 r.p.m. discs which will be available for hire to members of the Association. Total number of sets borrowed amounted to 554, single copies 1,817 and 25 text books, 269 lighting units were hired and 59 sets of curtains borrowed over the year.

1966/67.									
Quarter	F/L Sets	F/L Singles	1/A Sets	1/A Singles	Text Book	Welsh Sets	Welsh Singles	Lights	Sets Umits of Curtains
April/									
June	91	255	37	102	6	—	—	41	14
July/									
Sept.	55	203	58	190	3	—	—	12	2*
Oct./									
Dec.	77	264	83	258	4	1	3	72	21
Jan./									
Mar.	89	255	58	277	12	5	10	144	23
Total	312	977	236	827	25	6	13	269	59

B.B.C. Children's Hour Appeal Fund

The Council continued to be responsible for the distribution of this Fund throughout Wales and we are again indebted to the Officers of Rural Community Councils, Education and Medical Officers, Hospital Almoners and members of our own staff for their willing co-operation and personal supervision.

The amount available was a reduced one of £804 and the number of children benefiting was approximately 917.

Non Departmental Activities

There are many pieces of work undertaken by the Council which do not readily fall within the foregoing Departmental Reports. The service is very varied and ranges from personal practical help in individual cases of hardship to secretarial and clerical assistance for voluntary organisations.

Some of the organisations helped during the past twelve months have been:-

Cardiff Voluntary Organisations Liaison Committee;
Cardiff and District Mental Health Association;
The Glamorgan Mission to the Adult Deaf and Dumb;
Cardiff and District Council on Alcoholism;
Freedom from Hunger Campaign in Wales;
Cardiff and District Voluntary Service;
The Glamorgan Drama League.

The Council provides secretarial and clerical assistance for the Guild of Social Workers in Wales and is happy to offer this link between professional and voluntary social workers.

One project which the Council has been actively engaged upon during the year has been the compilation of its Register of Charities. The Charity Commissioners have deposited copies of all accredited Charities in England and Wales with the Council and these require constant emendations and bringing up to date. This Register of Charities is available to all Voluntary Organisations who seek guidance on Charities.

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RHAGAIR Y CYFARWYDDWR.

Gwaith Gwirfoddol

Yn ystod y flwyddyn bu'r Cyngor wrthi'n ddyfal gan barhau i gyflawni ei brif waith o gyfuno ymdrechion gwirfoddol yng Nghymru. Dichon y buasai'r rhai a ddywedasant na fyddai angen gwaith gwirfoddol wedi dyfodiad y Wladwriaeth Les yn synnu i glywed fod tua 800 o fudiadau gwirfoddol wedi eu codi ers y rhyfel. Mae llawer o rhain wedi eu gwreiddio yng Nghymru sy'n golygu fod yna fwy o alw ar y Cyngor.

Ni olya'r cynnydd mewn gwaith gwirfoddol fod yna unrhyw wrthdaro a'r gwasanaethau a ddarperir gan y Llywodraeth Ganolog a Lleol ond yn hytrach honnir na all y gwasanaethau eang ym myd Addysg, Iechyd a Lles gael eu cyflawni yn effeithiol heb gyd-ymdrech y gymdeithas gyfan. Un nodwedd arbennig o waith y Cyngor yn ystod y blynyddoedd yw'r cyd-lafurio agos fu rhyngom a'r Adrannau Llywodraethol a'r Awdurdodau Lleol. Ceir cynrychiolwyr o'r cyrff yma ar y Cyngor a pwyllgorau y gwahanol Adrannau.

Cyfnewidiadau

Yn ol pob tebyg bydd cyfnewidiadau yng ngweithgareddau gwahanol Adrannau yr Awdurdodau Lleol a fyddant yn eu tro yn effeithio ar waith y Cyngor ac felly edrychir ymlaen yn eiddgar am Adroddiad Pwyllgor Seebohm. Yn ddiôs, bydd iechyd a lles bobl Cymru yn rhan olaf y ganrif hon yn galw am wasanaeth ymroddgar Swyddogion yr Awdurdodau Lleol, gweithwyr cymdeithasol profesiynol ynghyd a chyfraniad y llu gweithwyr didal sy'n perthyn i'r Mudiadau Gwirfoddol.

Llywodraeth Leol

Gwnaethpwyd cynniadau pwysig ynglyn a dyfodol Cymru yn ystod y flwyddyn. Yn ddiweddar cyhoeddwyd y Papur Gwyn yn delio a'r adrefnu a fwriedir ar gyfer y Llywodraeth Leol ynghyd a datganiad am ragolygon economaidd Cymru. Bydd effeithiau'r Papur Gwyn yn ddwfn ar waith allanol y Cyngor ac yn arbennig ar y Cynghorau Cymdeithasol a Chyngorau Gwlad sy'n gysylltiedig a'r Cyngor yma.

Gwasanaethau Lleol

Y mae'r Cyngor eisoes wedi cychwyn efo'r gwaith o gymharu adwaith y Cynghorau Lleol i'r awgrymiadau hyn, sy'n golygu lleihad yn nifer Siroedd Cymru o 13 i 5 uned newydd. Eglurwyd eisoes nad oes gennym unrhyw ddi-ddordeb yn ymhligiadau politicaidd y Papur ond ar y llaw arall yr ydym yn benderfynol o wneud yn hysbys i'r Llywodraeth Ganolog ac yn y modd cryfaf posibl fod y Cynghorau Gwlad wedi chwarae rhan bwysig a hanfodol ym mywyd cefn gwlad Cymru dros y deg mlynedd ar hugain diwethaf ac y dylid sicrhau yng ngwydd y cyfnewidiadau a gynnigir fod egwyddorion sylfaenol y Mudiad yn cael eu diogelu. Mae gwasanaeth gwirfoddol o ran natur yn wasanaeth personol ac oni offrymir gwasanaeth personol yn y cymdogaethau lleol ofer fydd ein ymdrechion. Pa unedau gwneinyddiaethol newydd bynnag a ffurfir yn ein tyb ni, ni ellir dihybyddu gwasanaeth personol a chyfundeb o'r gwasanaethau hyn. Yr ydym yn argyhoeddiedig fod y gwaith yma yn haeddu cefnogaeth eithaf ac yn arbennig yn ariannol oddiwrt y Llywodraeth Leol, a chael sylw blaenllaw yn ei pholisiau.

Adgyfnerthiad

Dengys tudalennau'r Adroddiad yr adgyfnerthu a fu yng ngwaith y Cyngor. Cyfeirwyd yn yr Adroddiadau blaenorol at y pump Adran newydd a ffurfiwyd o fewn y Cyngor. Erbyn hyn mae gwaith yr Adrannau hyn wedi cynnyddu

yn enfawr. Yn wir yng ngwynch nifer y staff presennol a maint yr adeilad mae hi braidd yn amhosib i ni feddwl am ymgymryd a gwaith newydd heblaw fod yna rhyw dro annisgwyladwy.

Yn affodds fe ddigwydd trychinebau o bryd i'w gilydd ac yn ystod y flwyddyn digwyddodd un o'r trychinebau tristaf a welodd Cymru ers cenedlaethau. Nid oes angen manylu ar drasiedi Aberfan. Gwelwyd trwy'r cymylau du a ddisgynnodd ar y pentref hwnnw ysbryd brawdgarwch a chymwynasgarwch ar ei orau a'r holl wlad yn barod i gynorthwyo yn ymarferol. Cafodd y Cyngor gyfie yr adeg hynny a'r misoedd i ddilyn i gymryd rhan wrth geisio lleddfu dioddefiadau'r fro a dwyn ychydig o gysur i'r ardal galarus. Ar wahan i ddosbarthu arian i gyfarfod a'r gofynion cyfamserol sefydlwyd Canolfan Cyngori yn yr ardal dan nawdd yr Adran yma o'r Cyngor gyda chydd-calltwriaeth Corfforaeth Merthyr ac a gyflawnodd waith amhrisiadwy wrth gynorthwyo trigolion Aberfan. Estynnawn ein gwerthfawrogiad mwyaf diffiant i'r Swyddogion hynny o wahanol Ganolfanau Cyngori a deithiodd miliirtoedd bob dydd i roi eu gwasanaeth parod. Cyfranwyd symiau sylweddol o arian gan llawer o Fudiadau ac yn eu plith swm sylweddol gan Glybiau Merched yn Lloegr a Chymru a roed yng ngofal y Cyngor i'w ddefnyddio yn Aberfan.

Gwelir y cyhoedd ar ei orau mewn trychinebau a cheir prawf terfynol o hyn yn ymateb diball a dibetrus y bobloedd i drychineb enbyd Aberfan.

Ceir banes llawnach o waith y Cyngor a'r Adrannau yn yr Adroddiadau Unigol a ganlyn y rhagair hwn ond mae rhai agweddau o'r gwaith y dylid eu nodi yma.

Lles yr Henoed

Hyfryd yw dweud wedi nifer o flynyddoedd o lafur ac ymgynhori fod yna erbyn hyn 150 o Bwyllgorau Lleol yng Nghymru ar wahan i'r 15 Pwyllgor a geir yn Siroedd a Bwrdeisdrefi Sirol Cymru. Deil yr Adran i fanteisio ar bob cyfie i sefydlu pwyllgorau newydd er sicrhau fod y gwaith yn cael ei gyfuno mewn ardaloedd sydd heb y fantais hon.

Ar hyn o bryd y mae tua 400,000 o bensiynwyr yng Nghymru, ychydig dros 15% o'r holl boblogaeth.

Y mae'r fenter newydd o ffurfio Pwyllgor Lles yr Henoed ym Morgannwg yn llwyddiant ac yn cael cefnogaeth y rhan fwyaf o Gynghorau Lleol ynghyd a chefnogaeth Pwyllgor Lles y Cyngor Sir.

Bu'r Adran yn ystod y flwyddyn yn gyfrifol am hyrwyddo a threfnu Cysiau i weithwyr gwirfoddol yng Nghymru ynghyd a threfnu Ysgolion Undydd i Staff Cartrefi'r Henoed mewn gwahanol ganolfanau yng Ngogledd, De a Gorllewin Cymru. Bydd trefnu Ysgolion o'r fath yn rhan arbennig o waith yr Adran yn y dyfodol. Dengys hyn eto y cydweithio hapus sydd rhyngom a'r Awdurdodau Lleol.

Da yw nodi llwyddiant parhaol Wythnos yr Henoed a'r amryw gystadieuathau a drefnir ynglyn a'r Wythnos.

Cynllun Caerdydd

Gwelir eto o'r llwyddiant Cynllun Ymweld yn Ninas Caerdydd sy'n amcuanu at ddarparu ar gyfer yr unig ymhlith yr henocd. Gorffennwyd eisoes y bumed rhan o'r Cynllun a'r chweched rhan yn agos i'w therfyn. Daethpwyd o hyd i rhyw 200 ymhob ardal a oedd yn dymuno ymweliad ac mae'n galonogoli wybod fod y trefniadau lleol yn llwyddo nid yn unig i roi help ymarferol ond hefyd i roi rhywfaint o ddedwyddwch i'r rhai sy'n teimlo fod bywyd wedi ei anghofio.

Canolfannau Cyngori Dinesig

Mae llwyddiant yr Adran yma yn ystod y blynyddoedd diwethaf yn nodedig dros ben. Gwelwyd cynnydd yn nifer y Canolfannau o 18 i 27 ac mae trafodaethau yn cymryd lle ynglyn a sefydlu 11 arall. Bu rhyw 50,000 o

ymholiadau yn holl Ganolfannau Cymru yn ystod y flwyddyn. Nid yw'r fleithiau noeth yma yn datgan mewn gwirionedd y gwaith caled a gyflawnir megis trefnu cyfarfodydd cyhoeddus, hyfforddi gweithwyr, cynhadleddau yng Ngogledd a De Cymru, ynghyd a threfnu cyhoeddusrwydd trwy gyfrwng y Wasg a Theledu a chyrisiau undydd a phreswyl. Mae safon y gweithwyr yn uchel iawn ac fel yr ychwanegir at y deddfau presennol tyfu mae'r angen am rhagor o weithwyr a chyrisiau.

Adran y Merched

Cynydd a welir eto yn y gwaith godidog a wneir gan 115 o Glybiau Merched. Cyferfydd rhyw 5,000 o ferched yn gyson nid yn unig i ddilyn diddordebau addysgiadol a diwyllianol ond hefyd i drefnu cymorth i'r henoed a'r anghenus yn eu hardaloedd. Y mae na 7 Clwb newydd, naill ai wedi neu ar fin eu ffurfio. Deil aelodau teyrngar yr adran ac yn eu plith rhai a fu'n gwasanaethu'r Cyngor am dros 30 o flynyddoedd i drefnu Arddangosfeydd, Darlithiau a Gwyliau lleol sy'n cymryd rhan helaeth o'u hamser. Cafwyd ymateb gwyb gan Ferched y Clybiau Gwasaneath Cymdeithasol i'r apel a ddaeth am gymorth yn Aberfan.

Cawsant cydweithrediad parod aelodau y Clybiau cyfatebol yn Lloegr. Nid yn unig y gwelir yr aelodau yn chwarae rhan mewn gweithgareddau lleol ond hefyd gwelir rhai ohonynt yn manteisio ar y cyfle i deithio ar y cyfandir megis ag y trefnir gan Staff yr Adran.

Mae'r cymorth ariannol roddir gan y Clybiau hyn yn enfawr ac o'r herwydd yn lleihau baich y Cyngor wrth geisio gweinyddu'r Adran.

Cymdeithas

Gwelir yn ol Adroddiad yr Adran fod gweithgarwch mawr ymhlith grwpiau cymdeithasol yng Nghymru. Pan sefydlwyd y Cyngor hwn yn 1934 y prif angen oedd i leihau caledi a'i ganlyniadau cymdeithasol. Erbyn hyn mae'r pwyslais wedi newid, sef trefnu rhaglenni ar gyfer anghenion trefi newydd ac ar yr un pryd i sicrhau fod y defnydd gorau posibl yn cael ei wneud o'r adeiladau a godwyd cyn y rhyfel. Er galw y gymdeithas sydd ohonni yn "affluent" rhaid cofio fod nifer y di-waith yng Nghymru yn ystod y flwyddyn wedi bod mor uchel a 10%. Mewn canlyniad, gwaith yr Adran yw darparu ar gyfer grwpiau newydd a brwdfrydig ac ar yr un pryd chwistrellu syniadau newydd i'r cymdeithasau rheini a ddengys arwyddion o dadfeilio. Geilw hyn am gydweithio agos rhwng Adrannau'r Brifysgol ac adrannau Addysg Bellach Awdurdodau Addysg Lleol. Cyd-ymgynghorir a hwy ar faterion fel Arweinyddiaeth Cymdeithasol yngyd a threfnu cyrsiau priodol mewn cysylltiad a hwy ac felly atal unrhyw fath o ail-adrodd a chyfle i gychwyn anturiaethau newydd. Engraifft o hyn yw'r syniad o "Baratoi ar gyfer Ymdeol" (Preparation for Retirement). Diddorol nodi i un Awdurdod Addysg gynnwys y testun ar ei rhestr o destunau gyda chanlyniadau diddorol. Gwelwyd hefyd ymgais i ennyn diddordeb yr annallu mewn miwsig yng nhyllch Aberdar. Yr Adran yma sy'n gyfrifol am Ysgrifennyddiaeth Urdd Cymreig y Gweithwyr Cymdeithasol sy'n sicrhau cydweithio agos efo mudiadau cymdeithasol profesiynol trwy Gymru.

Gwaith Ieuencid

Cafodd y Llawlyfr a gyhoeddwyd gan S.C.W.V.Y.O. yn 1966 dderbyniad da. Rhydd brawf digonol o weithgareddau amrywiol y deg ar hugain o fudiadau gwirfoddol sydd gysylltiedig a'r Gynhadledd Arhosol. Yr Adran yma sy'n gyfrifol am ysgrifennyddiaeth y Gynhadledd. Y mae'r Pwyllgor Gwaith wedi llwyddo i raddau helaeth i gadarnhau'r dolennau rhwng nifer o fudiadau yn y mater o gyrsiau a chynlluniau Addysg sydd ynddynt eu hunian yn gysylltiedig a Gwobr Dug Caeredin. Bu'r Swyddog yn weithgar yn trefnu

a chynllunio cyrsiau i Arweinwyr Ieuencid rhan-amser mewn cyd-ymgyngoriad a Swyddogion Addysg Bellach Awdurdodau Addysg Lleol. Yn ychwanegol i hyn bu'n brysyr yn trefnu a hyrwyddo croes ymweliadau rhwng ieuencid Cymru a ieuencid gwledydd eraill.

Calondid mawr oedd llwyddaint y grwpiau ieuencid wrth gyflawni gwaith cymdeithasol gwirfoddol. Gwelir y grwpiau hyn yn codi mewn llawer i fan yng Nghymru ac y mac'r grwp sydd yn gweithredu yng Nghaerdydd sydd a'i swyddfa yma yn cyflawni gwaith rhagorol wrth gynorthwyo yr hen a'r anghenus yn y ddinas.

Yn ystod y ddwy flynedd diwethaf bu'r grwp yma wrthi'n ddyfal yn addurno a garddio a chyflawni tasgau amrywiol eraill. Teimla'r Cyngor fod angen cyfuno'r gwaith yma trwy Gymru gyfan ac fel y bo'r gwaith yn tyfu gob-eithir y gellir pennodi Trefnydd Gwasanaeth Cymdeithasol yng Nghymru. Yn y dyddiau yma pan fo gymaint o son am ddrygau'r ieuencid a ymroddiad i gyffuriau, da o beth yw clywed yr ochr arall. Mae'r mwyafrif o ieuencid Cymru yn gydwybodol, gweddus, ac yn effro i'r galwadau sydd arnynt i gynorthwyo yr anghenus. Haeddant bob canmoliaeth.

Drama

Dengys adroddiad yr Adran Ddrama fod yna gynydd yn nifer y tanysgrifiadau Sirol a lleol a'r defnydd a wneir o'r llyfrgell, goleuadau a'r darpariaethau eraill. Un nodwedd calonogol oedd y cynnydd yn nifer y Cystadlucuthau ar gyfer ieuencid gyda phob Sir a Bwrdeisdref Sirol ond dau yn rhoi cefnogaeth. Unwaith eto cefwyd ymateb boddhaol i'r gwyliau Drama yn yr Iaith Gymraeg a Dramau Un-Act. Uchelbwynt y flwyddyn oedd Rownd Derfynol Gwyl Ddrama Brydeinig o Gyngrhair Ddrama Brydeinig. Llonyfarchwyd yr Adran yn gynnes iawn am y trefniadau gan y Gwledydd oedd yn cystadlu ac ystyriwyd yr Wyl ymhlith y goreuon yn hanes Cystadlueaeth Ddrama Amatur. Golygodd hyn misoedd o lafur difluno i'r Ysgrifenydd a'i chynorthwyr.

Bu dipyn o siarad yn ystod y flwyddyn am sefydlu Theatr Cenedlaethol yng Nghymru. O'r diwedd mae sylweddoliad un o'n uchelgeision mwyaf mewn golwg. Y mac'r newydd fod Cyngor Celfyddydau Cymru i gael rhagor o arian yn agor posibiladau newydd ym myd Drama a Chelfyddid. Y mac trafodaethau wedi cymryd lle cfo'r Cyngor hwnnw i ystyried lle Drama Amatur yng Nghymru a gob-eithir y bydd i'r Gymdeithas hon (yr unig fudiad i ddwyn Cwmnïau Drama Amatur at ei gilydd yng Nghymru) yn cael cyfle i chwarae rhan bwysig yn y gweithgareddau ym myd celfyddid yng Nghymru yn y dyfodol. Nid oes traddodiad o ddrama profesiynol yng Nghymru ac mac'n rhaid edrych eto ar safonau a dwyn i fewn dramau newydd ynghyd ag annog cymdeithasau lleol i ymhyfydu mewn drama.

Yn ystod y flwyddyn ymddiswyddodd Cyfarwyddwr Cyngor Celfyddydau Cymru (Dr. Roger Webster) wedi derbyn ohonno swydd Athro yn y Brifysgol. Croesawn yn gynnes ei olynydd, Mr. Aneurin M. Thomas, sydd eisoes wedi dangos diddordeb yng ngwaith y Gymdeithas.

Os yw'r ymgais i sefydlu Theatr Cenedlaethol i lwyddo ynghyd a gwaith Cwmni Theatr Cymru bydd yn rhaid i Fudiad Drama Amatur eu cefnogi yn llwyr.

Swyddogion Anrhydeddus

Yn ystod y flwyddyn cytunodd y Cyngor yn llwyr a chymeradwyaeth cynnes y Pwyllgor Gwaith i benodi Cymrol W. R. Crawshay, D.S.O., E.R.D., T.D., D.L., fel Llywydd y Cyngor i ddilyn y diweddwr Fonhesig Megan Lloyd George. Hysbyswyd ni gan y Llywydd newydd a fu'n Cadeirydd y Cyngor am chwe mlynedd o'i fwriad i barhau yn weithgar a rhoi ei gefnogaeth ymarferol i waith y Cyngor fel cynt. Y mac'n dda gan bawb o honom wybod hyn

a chedwir felly y ddolen rhwng Llywydd cynta'r Cyngor, Captan Geoffrey Crawshay, a'i gefnder sy'n cadw ymlaen diddordeb y teulu mewn gwaith cymdeithasol yng Nghymru.

Yn ein Cyfarfod Blynyddol penodwyd Mr. Alun Oldfield Davies, C.B.E., Ll.D., fel ein Cadeirydd newydd. Bu Mr. Oldfield Davies yn aelod o'n Pwyllgor Gwaith am flynyddoedd ac ymfalchiwn yn fawr iawn fod yntau, wedi ei ymddoliad fel Llywodraethwr Cwmni Darlledu Prydeinig, wedi cytuno i roi o'i amser a'i egni i'n harwain yn y gwaith. Fel yn sy'n adnabyddus led led Cymru gwyddom y perchir ei ddilysrwydd a'i wybodaeth eang drwy'r wlad.

Y mae'r Cyngor yn ffodus drosben fod Mr. Leslie Sketch yn parhau fel Trysorydd Anrhydeddus ac edrychir ymlaen eto am ei wasanaeth gwerthfawr ar yr ochr ariannol.

Pwyllgor Gwaith

Yn ystod y flwyddyn bu'r Cyngor yn ffodus i sicrhau gwasanaeth y bob adnabyddus canlynol i eistedd ar y Pwyllgor Gwaith.

Y Gwyr Barchedig Arglwydd Esgob Llandaf,
Dr. Glyn Simon

Yr Athro Huw Morris Jones
Athro yn Adran Astudiaethau Cymdeithasol Coleg y
Brifysgol Gogledd Cymru, Bangor.

Dr. Glyn Tegai Hughes,
Gwarden Gregynog, Sir Drefaldwyn.

Dr. Joyce Rowley
Llywydd Cyngor Abertawe o Cymdeithas y Groes Goch,
Brydeinig.

Mr. Charles Harrison, Y.H.
Rheolwr Cyffredinol Cwmni Cymreig Ystad Diwydianol.

D. E. Hunt, Ysw.
Yn cynrychioli cwmni R. H. March a'i Fab.

Blin oedd gennym dderbyn ymddiswyddiad y Fonhesig Brecon, Dr. Ivor H. Davies a Mr. A. A. Thorpe. Yng ngwyneb ei berthynas hir a'r Cyngor gwnaed Mr. Thorpe yn Is-Lywydd. Gyda gofid y nodwn farwolaeth dau o blith ein Is-Lywyddion, a'r ddau ohonynt yn arweinwyr hynafol ym mywyd Gogledd Cymru sef Dr. William George, Cricceith, a Syr E. Wynne Cemlyn Jones. Ysbrydoliaeth Dr. George oedd yn gyfrifol am ffurfio Cyngor Gwlad Caernarfon, a Syr Wynne oedd Llywydd Cyngor Gwlad Mon.

Yn bur ddiweddar colodd Sir Caerfyrddin un o'i gwyr pennaf a chefnogwr y Cyngor ym marwolaeth Syr J. Grismond Phillips, Arglwydd Rhaglaw y Sir a Llywydd Cyngor Gwlad Sir Caerfyrddin. Yr oedd Syr Grismond yn un o gymcriadau anwylyf Cymru a theimlir y golled yn fawr iawn.

Gyda dwysder calon y nodwn farwolaeth Mrs. G. I. Williams, Aberfan a fu un amser yn Faer Merthyr. Rhoddodd o'i hegni i weithio dros achos y gymdeithas ym Merthyr am flynyddoedd. Bu farw ychydig cyn y drychineb yn yr Aberfan a garodd mor fawr. Melys fydd ein hatgofion ohonni, ei chyfeillgarwch a'i chymmorth i'r Cyngor.

Personol

Ni allai'r Cyngor llai na pheidio cyfnodi y cymorth a'r cyfarwyddyd gwerthfawr a roed gan Syr George Haynes, C.B.E., a ymddolodd fel Cyfarwyddwr y Cyngor Gwasanaeth Cymdeithasol Cenedlaethol ar Mawrth 31, 1967. Syr George oedd yn gyfrifol i raddau helaeth iawn dros y deng mlynedd ar hugain diwethaf i ddwyn y Cyngor Cenedlaethol i'r safle amlwg

y mae ynddi yn awr ac am ei lle ym mywyd y Wlad. Yn ystod y cyfnod yma cymerodd ddi-ddordeb mawr mewn achosion Cymreig, ac a fu yn aelod o'n Pwyllgor Gwaith am flynyddoedd. Yn ei ymdeoliad colodd Mudiadau Gwirfoddol y wlad un o'i harweinyddion mwyaf amlwg, ac mae'n dda gennym ddeall ei fod yn parhau i eistedd ar nifer o Bwyllgorau ac na cholli ei wasanaeth yn llwyr o faes y Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol ym Mhrydain Fawr. Dymunwn i Syr George a'r Fonhesig Haynes pob hapusrwydd i ddod.

Croesawn Mr. J. K. Owens, Cyn Ddirprwy Cyfarwyddwr Addysg Sir Derby fel Cyfarwyddwr newydd y Cyngor Cenedlaethol. Ganwyd Mr. Owens yn Llanfair, Sir Fynwy. Fe fydd, mae'n sicr, yn barod ei gydymdeimlad a'i ddi-ddordeb yn y gwaith a wneir yng Nghymru pan gyfarfyddwn o bryd i'w gilydd fel Cadeiryddion a Chyfarwyddwyr y pedwar Cyngor Cenedlaethol.

Llongyfarchwn yn wresog iawn un o'n Is Lywyddion sef yr Henadur Llewellyn Heycock, C.B.E., O.St.J., D.L., J.P., L.L.D., ar ei ddyrchafiad i Dy'r Arglwyddi. Y mae Arglwydd Heycock o Daibach, fel y gelwir ef, yn Lywydd Pwyllgor Lles yr Henoed yng Nghymru ac mae cystylltiad agos rhyngddo a'r Cyngor ers dros ugain mlynedd. Yr ydym yn sicr y ceir ynddo gefnogwr pybwr iachos gwasanaethau cymdeithasol yng Nghymru yn Nhy'r Arglwyddi. Ymfalchiwn yn y ffaith fod ein Cadeirydd wedi derbyn y gradd Anrhydeddus o Ddoethur yn y Gyfraith gan Brifysgol Cymru.

Staff Ymadawodd y canlynol o aelodau y staff clerigol : Miss J. I. Davies, Mrs. M. Davies a Miss P. Hill, ac wrth ddiolch iddynt am ei gwasanaeth i'n Cyngor, croesawn Mrs. W. Robinson a Miss D. Trew yn eu lle.

Dymunodd Cadeirydd ac aelodau y Pwllgor Gwaith gofnodi eu gwerthfawrogiad o wasanaeth teyrngar holl aelodau'r staff yn ystod y flwyddyn.

Yn ystod y flwyddyn cafodd Mr. Eifion Hopwood ein swyddog Cymdeithasola Ieucnctid ei anafu yn ddi-friifol mewn damwain efo modur, a barodd iddo gollu ei olwg yn llwyr mewn un llygad, ond yr ydym yn ymfalchio yn y ffaith fod yntau, fel un o aelodau mwyaf poblogaidd y staff, llawer yn well.

Gwerthfawrogiad Unwraith eto mae'r Cyngor yn ddyledus dros ben i'r Gweinyddiaethau, y Comisiwn Datblygu, Awdurdodau Lleol ac Ymddiriedolaethau am eu cefnogaeth ariannol tuag at y gwaith. Parhau mae ein dyled i Glybiau Gwasanaeth Cymdeithasol y Merched a'i Cadeirydd, Mrs. Jennie Jenkins, J.P., a staff yr Adran am eu cyfraniad gwerthfawr o £2,167 tuag at y Cyngor.

Dymuna'r Swyddogion Gweinyddol a holl aelodau'r staff ddiolch i'r Cynrol W. R. Crawshay, y Cadeirydd Mr. Alun Oldfield Davies, a'r Trysorydd Anrhydeddus, Mr. Leslie Sketch, am eu cefnogaeth yn ystod y flwyddyn. Yn ychwanegol i hyn diolchwn i'r llu o gynorthwywyr gwirfoddol a rhoddodd o'u hamser a'u hegni i eistedd ar y gwahanol bwyllgorau ac i ymgymryd a gwaith ymarferol ar ran y Cyngor.

Gronfa Apel awr Y Plant B.B.C. Deil y Cyngor i fod yn gyfrifol am ddosbarthu arian y Gronfa hon trwy Gymru gyfan, ac yr ydym eto yn ddyledus i Swyddogion y Cynghorau Gwlad. Swyddogion Addysg a Iechyd, Gweithwyr Cymdeithasol Meddygol mewn Ysbytai, ac aelodau staff y Cyngor am ei cydweithio parod, ac am arolygu'r gwaith.

Yr oedd yna leihad yn y swm a oedd at ein gwasanaeth sef £804, serch hynny derbyniodd rhyw 917 o blant o'r gronfa.

Gweithgareddau Eraill

Cyflawnir amryw o wasanaethau gan y Cyngor y tu allan i waith yr Adrannau. Mae'r gwasanaeth a roir yn amrywio, o gynorthwyo yn ymarferol bobl mewn caledi, i roi help clerigol i fudiadau gwirfoddol. Dyma rhai o'r 'mudiadau a gynorthwywyd yn ystod y flwyddyn :-

Pwyllgor Cyfuno Mudiadau Gwirfoddol Caerdydd.
Cymdeithas Iechyd Meddwl Caerdydd a'r Cylch.
Cenhadaethau Morgannwg at Oedolion Mud a Byddar.
Cyngor ar Alcoholiaeth Caerdydd a'r Cylch.
Yr Ymgyrch yn Nghymru yn erbyn Newyn.
Cwmni Opera Cenedlaethol Cymru.
Gwasanaeth Gwirfoddol Caerdydd a'r Cylch.
Cynghair Drama Morgannwg.

Gwaith pleserus y Cyngor hefyd yw sicrhau ysgrifennyddiaeth a chymorth clerigol i'r Urdd Gweithwyr Cymdeithasol Cymru, sy'n hyrwyddo perthynas agos rhwng gweithwyr cymdeithasol gwirfoddol a phroffesiynol.

Ymgymerodd y Cyngor a'r gwaith o wneud Cofrestr o Elusennau. Y mae'r Comisiynwyr Elusennau wedi gadael copiau o'r holl elusennau awdurdodol yn Lloegr a Chymru efo'r Cyngor ac mae angen diwygio ac adnewyddu rhain yn achlysurol. Y mae'r Cofrestr Elusennau yn agored i bob Mudiad Gwirfoddol.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH, 1967

*As at 31st
March, 1966*

MEMBERS' LIABILITY LIMITED BY A GUARANTEE
NOT EXCEEDING £1 PER MEMBER
FUNDS UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE COUNCIL
FOR GENERAL PURPOSES:
Balance at 1st April, 1966
Add: Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year to
31st March, 1967

9,250
1,881
11,131

FUNDS UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE COUNCIL AVAILABLE FOR

SPECIFIC PURPOSES:

264	Welsh Association of Women's Clubs	219
812	B.B.C. Children's Hour Appeal Fund	1,850
283	George Hill-Scock Old People's Welfare Fund	68
1,100	Jane Hodge Foundation	1,100
96	National Youth Festival of Drama	74
—	Rural Industries Exhibitions	157
—	Drama Association of Wales	24
—	The Guild of Social Workers in Wales	118
—	Old People's Welfare - Large Print Books	28
—	Old People's Welfare - A. E. Hopkins, Cardiff Account	10
—	Pendlyne Women's Club	10
—	Aberllyn Disasior Fund	135
—	Unexpended Grants	117
987	Old People's Welfare Conference Fees	—
45	Community Conference Catering	—
6	Voluntary Community Service	—
107	Cyncoed Townswomen's Guild Fund	—
23	Fashion Show, 1966	—
263		—
		3,910

A. B. OLDFIELD-DAVIES, *Chairman*.
LESLIE SKETCH, *Hon. Treasurer*.
LEGAN O. JONES, *Secretary*.

£13,236

£15,041

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Report of the Auditors to the Members of the Council of Social Service for Wales and Monmouthshire (Inc.)

We have audited the above Balance Sheet and have obtained all the information and explanations which we considered necessary. Proper Books have been kept and the Accounts which are in agreement therewith, comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 1948. The Balance Sheet is exclusive of equipment including office furniture taken over by the Council from its predecessors and any expenditure of a capital nature made by the Council is written off in the Income and Expenditure Account referred to hereafter. Subject to the foregoing, in our opinion the Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account give respectively a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs at 31st March, 1967 and of the excess of income over expenditure for the year to that date.

R. H. MARCH, SON & COMPANY
Chartered Accountants

CARDIFF
1st September, 1967

*As at 31st
March, 1966*

FIXED ASSETS:

Leasehold Property:
2 Cathedral Road, Cardiff.
(Taken over from South Wales and
Monmouthshire Council of Social
Service (Inc.) at a Nil Book Value)

CURRENT ASSETS:

INVESTMENTS AT COST:

4,303	£5,282,319.31% Treasury Stock	4,303
1,455	£1,500,000.5% Treasury Stock	1,455
424	150 British American Tobacco Co. Ltd. Ordinary Stock Units, 10/- each	424
428	£148 Burmah Oil Co., Ltd. Ordinary Stock	428
6,608	(Market Value 31st March, 1967 - £9,389)	6,608

—	Sundry Debtors	60
—	Donations and Grants outstanding	14
—	National Youth Festival of Drama - Prepayment	264
231	Income Tax Payable	8,065
6,397	Cash at Bank	15,041

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Year ended 31st March, 1986	EXPENDITURE					£	£
20,756	Salaries	..	..	..	..	23,147	
920	National Insurance	..	..	..	..	936	
1,774	Superannuation	..	..	..	..		24,083
36	State Graduated Pensions	..	..	..	..		62
125	Staff Widows Pension	..	..	..	..		125
3,973	Travelling/Subsistence	..	..	..	..		4,560
84	Audit Fee	..	..	..	..		84
575	Printing and Stationery	..	..	..	..		735
780	Postage and Telephone	..	..	..	..		754
629	Lighting, Heating and Cleaning	..	..	..	..		711
183	Rent, Rates and Ground Rent	..	..	..	..		204
109	Repairs and Maintenance	..	..	..	..		82
54	General Insurance	..	..	..	..		51
59	Bank Charges and Cheque Books	..	..	..	..		73
2	Carriage and Haulage	..	..	..	..		—
25	Office Expenses	..	..	..	..		20
84	Publications and Newspapers Advertisements	..	..	..	..		61
135	Office Furniture and Equipment	..	..	..	..		103
50	Office Furniture and Equipment - Citizens Advice Bureau	..	..	..	..		25
85	Office Furniture and Equipment - Rural Department	..	..	..	..		—
240	Drama Library and Equipment	..	..	..	..		249
187	Drama Competition, Schools and Courses	..	..	..	..		356
250	Drama Grants to Special Projects	..	..	..	..		414
28	Drama Festivals	..	..	..	..		122
115	Citizens Advice Bureau - Schools and Courses	..	..	..	..		292
5	Exhibition	..	..	..	..		—
393	Conferences and Meetings	..	..	..	..		541
22	Old People's Week	..	..	..	..		53
45	Rural Industries Exhibition	..	..	..	..		—
—	Motor Car at Replacement Cost	..	..	..	..		429
92	Miscellaneous	..	..	..	..		100
£31,813						£36,290	
	73 Balance, being Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year	..	..	..	..		1,881
£31,886						£38,171	

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1967

<i>Year Ended</i> 31st March, 1966	INCOME	£	£
	GRANTS FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES		
7,706	H.M. Development Commission	7,964	
2,235	Department of Education and Science	2,299	
7,770	Glamorgan County Council	8,350	
350	Carmarthen County Council	390	
234	Local Authorities: Grants for Old People's Work	521	
—	Local Authorities: Grants for Old People's Work in Glamorgan	95	
1,141	National Corporation for the Care of Old People	859	
850	Welsh Board of Health	1,250	
1,371	National Corporation for the Care of Old People	1,800	
	Cardiff Visitation Scheme	150	
150	Cardiff City Council	1,800	
3,319	Board of Trade, Citizens Advice Bureau per National Council of Social Service	4,264	
1,000	Arts Council of Great Britain (Welsh Committee) for Drama Work	2,000	
—	Local Authority Grant for Rural Work	50	
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26,126			29,902
	DONATIONS FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES:		
4	Old People's Welfare Donation	—	
—	O.P.W. Affiliation Fees	31	
2,167	Women's Social Service Clubs	2,189	
36	Old People's Local Committees	33	
56	Old People's - Surplus on Conferences	13	
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2263			2,266
	GRANT FOR GENERAL PURPOSES:		
1,000	Carnegie United Kingdom Trust	2,000	
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	OTHER GENERAL INCOME:		
1,321	Subscriptions and Donations	1,669	
—	Special Donations	394	
239	Loans of Plays and Equipment	251	
213	Drama Affiliation Fees	242	
35	Affiliation Fees	35	
109	Agency Fees	100	
78	Rent—Sub-Letting	179	
306	Investment Interest and Dividends	314	
163	Interest on Bank Deposit Account	240	
14	Staff Lecture and Broadcast Fees	19	
—	Marks and Spencer Fashion Show	530	
28	Miscellaneous	10	
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2,497			4,003
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£31,886			£38,171





