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COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE FOR WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE (INC.)

The Council is an independent agency formed in 1946 as a non-profit making Incorporated Company registered as a Charity. It grew out of the South Wales and Monmouthshire Council of Social Service which was established in 1934.

The Council exists to bring together voluntary bodies in free association so as to pioneer, develop and strengthen work throughout Wales in social welfare, health, education and community development, in consultation with central and local government and in co-operation with other agencies.

The Council provides, through the work of its staff and committees, information, advisory, training, secretarial and organisational services to associated organisations and community groups, to professional and voluntary workers, and to the public at large.

The Council exercises a special responsibility for rural community development in Wales on behalf of Her Majesty's Development Commission.

The Council acts on behalf of Trusts, Charities and other bodies to offer practical help and financial assistance.

The Council maintains close liaison with a wide range of organisations with similar interests and functions throughout the United Kingdom and abroad.

CYNGOR GWASANAETH CYMDEITHASOL CYMRU A MYNWY (CORFF.)

Ffurfiwyd y Cyngor yn 1946 fel Cwmni Corfforedig di-elw; mae'n uned annibynol ac yn gofrestredig gyda'r Comisiwn Elusennau. Datblygiad o Gyngor Gwasanaeth Cymdeithasol De Cymru a Mynwy a ffurfiwyd yn 1934 yw'r Cyngor presennol.

Mae'r Cyngor mewn bodolaeth er mwyn dwyn ynghyd holl fudiadau a symudiadau gwirfoddol. Rhoddir pwyslais ar gyfathrach rhydd rhwng y mudiadau hyn er mwyn arloesi, datblygu a chryfhau gwaith cymdeithasol trwy Gymru gyfan. Fe ymgynghorir a'r llywodraeth ganolog, llywodraeth leol a swyddfeydd eraill wrth weithio yng nghylchoedd lles, iechyd, addysg a datblygiadau bywyd bro.

Trwy waith ei swyddogion a'i bwyllgorau fe rhydd y Cyngor wybodaeth a hyfforddiant i fudiadau a grwpiau proffesiynol, i wirfoddolwyr ac yn wir i'r cyhoedd yn gyffredinol. Hefyd fe drefnir ysgrifenyddiaeth a gwasanaeth trefniadol i nifer o gymdeithasau.

Ar ran Comisiwn Datblygu Ei Mawrhydi fe dderbyn y Cyngor gyfrifoldeb arbennig am ddatblygiad brywyd bro yn y Gymru wledig.

Fe weinydda'r Cyngor ar ran Ymddiriedolaethau, Elusennau ac awdurdodau eraill er mwyn cynnig cymorth ymarferol ac ariannol.

Fe ddeil y Cyngor gysylltiad a chylch eang o fudiadau tra thebyg eu diddordebau a'u hamcanion ym Mhrydain ac mewn gwledydd tramor.

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CHAIRMAN'S FOREWORD

As the Director indicates in his introduction to this Annual Report, the changes in the structure of the Council recommended by the Review Committee set up some three years ago have been accepted and implemented by the Council. The new structure gives the Council a fresh impetus to go forward confidently developing its particular role in Wales of linking statutory authorities and voluntary bodies. With an increase in its staff and with a new emphasis on professional qualifications the Council is equipped better than ever before to explore new fields of voluntary service and this seems to the present Chairman, having served for six years, an appropriate time for him to retire and make way for his successor.

In wishing him every success I would most cordially thank my colleagues among the Council's honorary officers, the members of the Executive Committee and of the various Sub-Committees, the Director and all his staff for their generous and friendly support. The public has the right to expect from members of the staff of any public institution a ready courtesy and willingness to help, but I hereby testify that I know of no more friendly and welcoming office than 2 Cathedral Road, our lease of which expires in 1974. My chief regret is that I vacate the chair without at the moment of writing there being an assurance to this devoted staff of suitable alternative premises worthy of the work they set out to do.

ALUN OLDFIELD-DAVIES

RHAGAIR Y CADEIRYDD

Fel yr eglura'r Cyfarwyddwr yn ei ragarweiniad i'r adroddiad blynyddol hwn y mae'r Cyngor bron wedi dod i ben â gweithredu ar argymhellion y Pwyllgor Adolygu a benodwyd ryw dair mlynedd yn ôl. O ran trefn a phatrwm cyfansoddiadol, y mae'r Cyngor bellach yn gryfach nag erioed i fynd ymlaen yn hyderus â'i waith o ddwyn awdurdodau swyddogol a mudiadau gwirfoddol at ei gilydd. Y mae atgyfnerthu'r staff trwy osod pwyslais dyladwy ar gymwysterau proffesiynol, gan ychwanegu ar yr un pryd at eu nifer yn rhoi cyfle i'r Cyngor eangu maes y gwasanaethau gwirfoddol yn ein cymdeithas. Gwelir felly fod y Cyngor megis ar drothwy cyfnod newydd yn ei hanes a phriodol yw i'r Cadeirydd presennol ymddeol wedi tymor o chwe mlynedd gan ddymuno pob llwyddiant a hwyl i'w olynydd.

Dyma gyfle hefyd i mi ddatgan fy niolch dwfn am gefnogaeth parod a chwmniaeth hyfryd fy nghyd-swyddogion, aelodau'r Pwyllgor Gwaith, aelodau'r gwahanol is-bwyllgorau, y Cyfarwyddwr diwyd a phob aelod o'r staff. Teg yw disgwyl i'r sawl sydd â swydd mewn corff cyhoeddus ymddwyn yn gwrtais ond dymunaf gydnabod na wn i am swyddfa fwy croesawgar a chymdogol ei ysbryd na 2 Cathedral Road sydd â'i bryd-les yn dod i ben yn 1974. Fy ngofid pennaf wrth ymddeol yw nad oes i'r staff ymroddgar sicrwydd y funud hon am adeilad arall i fod yn gartref teilwng o'u gwasanaeth try-lwyr.

ALUN OLDFIELD-DAVIES

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

This year the Annual Report takes rather a different form from that adopted in previous years. Our activities are recorded in accordance with the new divisions initiated in the past twelve months.

Internal Reorganisation

The policy laid down by the Review Committee of 1970 has now been almost completely implemented and this is in part attributable to the financial assistance given by the Welsh Office which has enabled new posts to be created. These are officers for Information, Training and Volunteer Services. We welcome Mr. David Streatfield as our Information Officer and his Assistant, Miss Margaret Williams, and Mr. John James as Training Officer. We hope shortly to announce the appointment of a Volunteer Services Officer. The functions and responsibilities of these new colleagues are described in this report.

We also welcome the appointment of Miss Audrey Davey as additional Officer for the Disabled.

The structure of our services have been re-organised during the year. Departments have been grouped into Divisions as follows:—

COMMUNITY ORGANISATION AND DEVELOPMENT
incorporating the Rural Department.

SOCIAL WELFARE AND HEALTH
incorporating the affairs of the National Council for the Elderly, Cardiff Council for the Elderly and the Wales Council for the Disabled.

SOCIAL EDUCATION
incorporating Youth and Community Services and Women's Clubs.

INFORMATION AND TRAINING
incorporating the new Community Work Information Centre and Training Services.

These changes do not mean that we cease to employ specialist officers. It should be emphasized that our staff are assigned to specific tasks but that the change will mean that they will work much closer with their colleagues and that we shall henceforth look at social problems on a broader basis than previously. These changes have satisfied the Policy Committee who offered the criticism that our former Departments seemed to work too much in isolation.

Adroddiad Blynyddol

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ADRODDIAD Y CYFARWYDDWR

Mae'r Adroddiad Blynyddol eleni yn wahanol ei ffurf i'r hyn a fu yn y gorffennol. Cofnodir ein Gweithgareddau yn ôl yr adrannau newydd a ddechreuodd eleni.

Ad-Drefniad Mewnol

Mae'r argymhellion a awgrymwyd gan Bwyllgor Adolygu 1970 erbyn hyn bron wedi eu cwblhau, diolch yn bennaf i gymorth ariannol y Swyddfa Gymreig i sefydlu swyddi newydd, i fod yn gyfrifol am Hysbysrwydd, Hyfforddiant, a Gwasanaethau Gwirfoddol. Croesawn Mr. David Streatfield ein Swyddog Hysbysrwydd, Miss Margaret Williams i'w gynorthwyo, a Mr. John James y Swyddog Hyfforddi. Gobeithiwn gyhoeddi penodiad o Swyddog Gwasanaethau Gwirfoddol yn fuan. Disgrifir gorchwylion a chyfrifoldebau'r cydweithwyr newydd hyn yn yr adroddiad.

Croesawn hefyd apwyntiad Miss Audrey Davey fel Swyddog Ychwanegol i'r Claf o Gorff.

Adrefnwyd fframwaith ein gwasanaethau yn ystod y flwyddyn. Grŵpiwyd yr adrannau fel a ganlyn:—

TREFN A THWF CYMUNEDAU
yn cynnwys yr Adran Wledig.

LLES CYMDEITHASOL A IECHYD
yn cynnwys gwaith Cyngor Cenedlaethol Henoed Cymru, Cyngor Henoed Caerdydd a Chyngor Cymru i'r Claf o Gorff.

ADDYSG GYMDEITHASOL
yn cynnwys gwasanaeth Ieuenctid a Chymdogaeth a Chlybiau'r Merched.

HYSBYSRWYDD A HYFFORDDIANT
yn cynnwys y Ganolfan newydd Hysbysu Gwaith Cymdeithasol a Gwasanaethau Hyfforddi.

Ni olyga hyn nad ydym bellach yn cyflogi arbenigwyr. Dylid pwysleisio y bydd i bob aelod o'r staff ei briod waith fel o'r blaen ond bydd mwy o gyd-weithio o fewn yr adrannau ac ar sail eangach nag o'r blaen. Bydd hyn yn cwrdd â beirniadaeth y Pwyllgor Adolygu bod pob adran yn y gorffennol yn tueddu i weithio ar wahân.

Y Chwilio am Adeilad

1972/73 oedd blwyddyn y brwydro i brynu adeilad dymunol a chymwys ar gyfer y Cyngor. Ar waethaf pwyllgor cynllunio Dinas Caerdydd, ac wedi wyth mis o drafodaeth, rhoddodd yr Ysgrifennydd Gwladol dros

Search for Premises

1972/73 was the year for the battle to obtain planning permission for desirable and suitable premises for this Council. After eight months of difficult negotiation the Secretary of State had given permission for planning permission to this Council to purchase the premises in Llandaff. Unfortunately final arrangements for completion of the sale have not been made because of a last minute alteration in conditions of sale imposed by the vendors. We still hope to acquire these premises but, in the meantime, are urgently viewing other sites in and around the City. Our present headquarters have to be vacated by September, 1974.

Local Government and Health Service Reorganisation

A great deal of our thinking during the year has been involved with the implications of Local Government Reform and its influence upon our policies. Our Rural Committee has been giving detailed thought to the integration of Rural Community Councils on a coterminous basis with the new County Councils. This very delicate task is now nearing fruition and it is hoped that the integration will take place with the full co-operation of the present Rural Community Councils.

The staff has also been preparing for changes that are to take place in the health services. The advent of Area Health Authorities and Community Health Councils necessitates the re-appraisal of our thinking in the Social Welfare and Social Education Divisions.

April 1st, 1974 will be one of the most important dates of the century in public affairs in Wales and we are confident that this Council is geared to work alongside central and local government and the new health authorities.

Staff Changes

The function of a Council of Social Service is to promote and sustain voluntary effort where it is needed. It is also part of our function to encourage organisations we create to become independent, or to be absorbed as part of the pattern of local government, thus leaving us free to consider fresh enterprises. In the course of the year the Citizens Advice Bureaux administration in Wales became independent of this Council and moved to new premises as also did the Drama Association of Wales. Close and cordial links are maintained with our former colleagues in their new offices and we thank them for their co-operation and fellowship whilst in our employment.

In particular, we wish Mrs. E. V. Williams every success as she leaves our employment and assumes her responsibilities as Secretary of the newly independent Drama Association. The success of that Association has been largely due to her industry and enthusiasm.

The last six months has seen the retirement of Miss Ceri Williams, Chief Woman Officer, and the deep appreciation of the Council has been recorded for her thirty-seven years of devoted service. Mrs. Judith Goldsworthy has been appointed to join Mrs. Jennifer Thomas in the post of Women's Club Organiser.

Gymru ei ganiatad i'r Cyngor brynu adeilad yn Llandâf. Yn anffodus y mae'r gwerthwyr ar y funud olaf am newid eu telerau. Daliwn mewn gobaith, ond yn y cyfamser daliwn i chwilio am fod yn rhaid inni ymadael â'n canolfan pressennol erbyn Mis Medi 1974.

Ad-Drefniad Llywodraeth Leol a'r Gwasanaeth Iechyd

Eleni bu'n rhaid meddwl yn ddwys am ddylanwad y newidiadau mewn Awdurdodau Lleol ar ein gwaith. Bu'n Pwyllgor Gwledig yn dal i ymgodumu â'r gwaith o ddenu'r Cynghorau Gwlad i newid eu patrwn er mwyn cyd-ymffurfio â phatrwn newydd y Cynghorau Sir. Mae'n sefyllfa dyner, a gobeithir y gwelir y drefn newydd gyda chyd weithrediad llwyr y Cynghorau Gwlad presennol.

Rhiad paratoi hefyd ar gyfer y newidiadau yn y gwasanaethau iechyd gyda'r Awdurdodau Iechyd Rhanbarthol a Chynghorau Iechyd Cymunedol newydd. Fe fydd Ebrill y 1af, 1974 yn un o ddyddiau pwysica'r ganrif ym myd bywyd cyhoeddus yng Nghymru, ac 'rydym yn hyderus fod y Cyngor yn barod ac yn abl i gydweithio'n effeithiol gyda'r awdurdodau canolog a lleol.

Staff yn Mynd y Dod

Pwrpas Cyngor Gwasanaeth Cymdeithasol yw hyrwyddo a chefnogi ymdrechion gwirfoddol lle bo angen. Rhan o'n gwaith hefyd yw calonogi cymdeithasau a grewn naill ai i ddod yn annibynol neu i fynd dan adain llywodraeth leol, a'n rhyddhau ni i ystyried sianelau newydd o weithgarwch. Yn ystod y flwyddyn aeth y Canolfannau Cynghori Dinesig Yng Nghymru yn annibynol o'r Cyngor hwn, a'r un modd, Cymdeithas Ddrama Cymru. Parhawn mewn cyswllt agos a'n cyd-weithwyr yn eu swyddfeydd newydd, a diolchwn iddynt am eu cyd-weithrediad a'u cyfeillgarwch yn y gorffennol. Dymunwn bob llwyddiant i Mrs. E. V. Williams fel Ysgrifennydd y Gymdeithas Ddrama Annibynol, sydd i raddau helaeth yn frwyth ei llafur a'i brwdfrydedd.

Ymddeolodd Miss Ceri Williams fel Prif Swyddog y Merched, bu'n ffyddlon a diwyd ei gwasaneath am 37 o flynyddoedd ac mae'r Cyngor yn diolch o galon iddi am ei ymlyniad. Penodwyd Mrs. Judith Goldsworthy i ymuno gyda Mrs. Jennifer Thomas yn y swydd o Drefnydd Clybiau'r Merched.

Gwelwyd y cyfnewidiadiau canlynol yn yr adran glerigol. Ymadawodd Miss R. B. Salter a Mrs. M. Ewing a chroesawyd Miss Janice Mortimer, Mrs. Ann Williams a Mrs. Alma Ellett.

Gwerthfawrogiad

Unwaith eto nodwn ein dyled i'r sefydliadau cenedlaethol a lleol sydd yn ein cefnogi'n ariannol. Carwn ddiolch o galon i'r rhai a ganlyn.

Y Swyddfa Gymreig
Y Comisiwn Datblygu
Adrannau'r llywodraeth ganolog
Ymddiriedolaeth Carnegie
Awdurdodau Lleol
Tanysgrifwyr—unigolion a chwmniau busnes.

Rhown ddiolch i'r Clybiau Merched am ei help ariannol gwerthfawr.

Miss R. B. Salter and Mrs. M. Ewing left our clerical staff during the course of the year and they have been replaced by Miss Janice Mortimer, Mrs. Ann Williams and Mrs. Alma Ellett.

Appreciation

Once again we are profoundly indebted to those bodies who grant-aid our work. It is with gratitude we record their names:

The Welsh Office
Development Commission
Government Departments
Carnegie United Kingdom Trust
Local Authorities
Subscribers—individuals and business firms

We also thank the Women's Clubs for their invaluable financial contributions.

Thanks are due to our Honorary Officers for their support and encouragement to the staff and organisations during the year. Dr. Alun. Oldfield Davies has wisely guided our affairs in general, whilst Mr. Leslie Sketch has given invaluable advice on financial matters. Mr. Peter Lean, our Honorary Solicitor, has tendered legal advice with his usual promptness and courtesy. We are also indebted to Mann Judd March and Company, our Auditors, for their assistance.

In preparing notes for the compilation of this Annual Report, my colleagues have referred to the gratitude they feel toward the Honorary Officers, Committee Members and supporters of their Associated Organisations and for their courteous help during the year. Instead of incorporating these expressions individually throughout the Report, I would record herewith their united thanks to all.

Executive Membership

In the course of the year Mr. Christopher Cory and Mr. A. V. S. Lochhead resigned from the Executive Committee. Mr. Cory has rendered valuable service as Chairman of the Standing Conference for Wales of Voluntary Organisations (SCWVYO) for a period of nine years. His presence will be sadly missed. We are, however, delighted that The Rt. Hon. The Lord Davies of Llandinam has succeeded him in that position and as a member of the Executive. Mr. Lochhead, who is Director of Overseas Courses in the Department of Social Administration at the University College of Swansea, has always been prepared to give his expert advice and we are grateful for his long and valuable support. Mrs. M. Whitehouse, who has just joined the Committee, was forced through other commitments to resign.

Special mention must be made of the resignation of Mrs. Jennie Jenkins Not only was Mrs. Jenkins one of the signatories forming the Council, but she has been Chairman of the Welsh Association of Women's Clubs and the National Association over a long period. The Clubs held a special Presentation Luncheon to honour Mrs. Jenkins and the Director spoke in warm appreciation of her work. We are glad to know that she has been elected President of the Welsh Association of Women's Clubs. She is succeeded as Chairman by Mrs. Susan Richards who joins our Executiveand we welcome her to our midst.

Diolchwn hefyd i'n Swyddogion Anrhydeddus am eu cefnogaeth brwd i'r staff a'r cymdeithasau drwy gydol y flwyddyn. Bu Dr. Alun Oldfield Davies yn ddyfal yn ei waith o'n twys yn gyffredinol, a chawsom gyfarwyddyd gwerthfawr iawn gan Mr. Leslie Sketch ar faterion ariannol. Cawsom help gyfreithiol Mr. Peter Lean, ein Cyfreithiwr Anrhydeddus sydd bob amser mor barod a moesgar ei gyfarwyddyd. 'Rydym yn ddeledus hefyd i Mann Judd March a'r Cwmni, ein Archwilwyr, am eu cymorth.

Yn eu nodiadau ar gyfer yr Adroddiad Blynyddol hwn mae gan fy nghydweithwyr gyfeiriadau lawer at gymorth moesgar y Swyddogion Anrhydeddus ac Aelodau a chefnogwyr ein Pwyllgorau. Yn lle bod pob un yn mynegi diolchgarwch yn ei dro drwy gydol yr Adroddiad, hoffwn gofnodi nawr ein diolch unedig i'n cynorthwywyr drwy'r flwyddyn.

Aelodaeth y Pwyllgor Gwaith

Yn ystod y flwyddyn ymddeolodd Mr. Christopher Cory a Mr. A. V. S. Lochhead o'r Pwyllgor Gwaith. Bu Mr. Cory yn Gadeirydd Cynhadledd Barhaol Gymreig y Mudiadau Ieunectid Gwirfoddol (SCWVYO) am naw mlynedd, a rhoddodd wasanaeth gwerthfawr i'r Gymdeithas. Fe welwn ei eisiau'n fawr. Fodd bynnag 'rydym yn hapus fod y Gwir Anrhydeddus yr Arglwydd Davies o Landinam wedi ei ddilyn i'r swydd ac fel aelod o'r Pwyllgor Gwaith. Mae Mr. Lochhead, sy'n Bennaeth Adran Gweinyddiad Cymdeithasol yng Ngholeg Y Brifysgol, Abertawe bob amser yn barod i rhoi ei gyfarwyddyd profiadol ac 'rydym yn ddyledus iddo am ei gefnogaeth hir a gwerthfawr. Bu'n rhaid i Mrs. M. Whitehouse, a oedd newydd ymuno a'r Pwyllgor, ymadael oherwydd ymrwymiadau eraill.

Nodwn yn arbennig ymddeolaeth Mrs. Jennie Jenkins. Yr oedd Mrs. Jenkins yn ogystal â bod yn un o gytundebwyr sylfaenu'r Cyngor hefyd yn Gadeirydd Cymdeithas Clybiau Merched Cymru, a'r Gymdeithas dros y Deyrnas Gyfunol am gyfnod maith. Cynhaliwyd Cinio Anrhegu i anrhy deddu Mrs. Jenkins ac fe ddiolchodd y Cyfarwyddwr iddi'n wresog am ei theyrngarwch. Yr ydym yn falch o glywed ei bod wedi ei hethol yn Llywydd Cymdeithas Clybiau Merched Cymru. Dilynir hi gan Mrs. Susan Richards ar ein Pwyllgor Gwaith ac fe'i groesawn i'n plith.

Blin iawn gennym gofnodi marwolaeth Wynne Ll. Lloyd, CB a oedd yn ystod y flwyddyn wedi ymddeol o'i swydd fel Prif Arolygwr Ysgolion Cymru ac wedi derbyn gwahoddiad i ymuno a'r Pwyllgor Gwaith. Galwn i gof ei bersonoliaeth hawddgar a'i gyfraniad gwerthfawr i addysg yng Nghymru.

Trist yw cofnodi marwolaeth tri o aelodau'r Cyngor yn ystod y flwyddyn sef yr Henadur W. J. Sadler, y Parchedig T. Alban Davies a Mr. J. C. Griffith Jones.

Estynnwn ein llongyfarchion gwresog i un o'n haeoldau ffyddlonaf, Syr William Thomas, Bt, ar gael ei wneud yn Uchel Siryf Sir Fynwy.

Llongyfarchwn y Cynghorwr John Hughes, YH hefyd (un o is-lywyddion Cyngor Cenedlaethol Henoed Cymru) a fu'n Gadeirydd Cyngor Sir, Frycheiniog yn ystod 1972/73.

It is with deep regret we record the death of Wynne Ll. Lloyd, CB., who, during the year, had retired from the post of Chief Inspector of Schools for Wales. Mr. Lloyd had accepted an invitation to join our Executive Committee, but was struck down with a fatal illness from which he never recovered. We shall always remember his genial personality as we recall the great service he rendered to education in Wales.

Three longstanding individual members of the Council who passed away during the course of the year were Alderman W. J. Sadler, the Reverend T. Alban Davies and Mr. J. C. Griffiths Jones.

We offer our warmest congratulations to one of our faithful Executive Members, Sir Williams Thomas, Bt., upon becoming the High Sheriff for the County of Monmouth.

We congratulate also, Councillor John Hughes, JP (one of the Vice-Presidents of the National Council for the Elderly in Wales), who was Chairman of the Breconshire County Council during 1972/73.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Guest Speaker at our Annual General Meeting was the Countess of Swinton (Baroness Masham of Ilton). Lady Masham, who has been disabled for many years, gave an inspiring address upon the problems facing the handicapped. The impact of her speech was very far reaching on the large audience who saw in her leadership the very embodiment of triumph over disability.

Chair of the Council

Dr. Alun Oldfield-Davies gave notice at the Annual General Meeting in November, 1972, of his intention to retire from the Chair of the Council by the next Annual General Meeting. He said that he felt that a change would be beneficial and that from time to time fresh ideas could be initiated by a new and possibly younger Chairman.

The meeting heard this news regretfully because of the high esteem in which Dr. Oldfield-Davies is held, not only by our own members, but also throughout the whole of Wales.

On the initiative of the President, the Honorary Officers and Executive Committee have given thought to this matter during the course of the year and it has been unanimously decided to recommend the name of Mr. Wynford Vaughan Thomas to the Annual General Meeting on November 1st, 1973, to become Chairman of the Council.

Mr. Vaughan Thomas commenced his career as a Member of the Staff of this Council before embarking on a career that has made him famous as a broadcaster and administrator in the world of the media. He has graciously consented to allow his name to go forward and if the meeting approves we can be assured of the guidance of a deeply knowledgeable and experienced leader.

Opportunity will be given in due course for the Council to express its appreciation for the services rendered by Dr. Alun Oldfield-Davies.

IVOR V. CASSAM

Y Cyfarfod Blynyddol

Y siaradwr yn ein Cyfarfod Blynyddol oedd Iarlles Swinton (Arglwyddes Masham o Ilton). Cafwyd anerchiad gwych gan yr Arglwyddes Masham ar anawsterau a'r cyfleusterau sy'n gwynebu'r claf o gorff. Teimlwyd fod yr anerchiad yn arbennig o briodol a hithau ei hun wedi ei llesteirio gan anghaffael corfforol ers blynyddoedd lawer, a dal ei thir yn fuddugoliaethus.

Cadairyddiaeth y Cyngor

Rhybuddiodd Dr. Alun Oldfield-Davies ein haelodau yn y Cyfarfod Blynyddol o'i fwriad i roi'i fyny ei swydd fel Cadeirydd yn ystod y flwyddyn. Dywedodd ei fod yn credu y byddai newid yn beth dai'r Cyngor oherwydd yr oedd o'r farn y byddai Cadeirydd newydd (hwyrach un sydd yn iau) yn debygol o gyfrannu syniadau newydd i'r swydd. Derbyniwyd y newydd hwn gyda thristwch oherwydd y parch uchel y mae pawb yn dal y Dr. Alun Oldfield-Davies nid yn unig yn ein Cyngor ond trwy Cymru gyfan. Ar awgrym ein Llywydd y mae ein Pwyllgor Gwaith wedi penderfynu yn unfrydol i gymeradwyo enw Mr. Wynford Vaughan Thomas fel Cadeirydd newydd y Cyngor.

Dechreuodd Mr. Vaughan Thomas ei yrfa gyhoeddus fel aelod o'n staff. Oddiar hyny y mae wedi enill enwogrwydd byd-eang fel darlledydd ac arweinydd chyoeddus. Y mae wedi cytuno i dderbyn y swydd os bydd y Cyfarfod Blynyddol ar Dachwedd 1, af yn cytuno.

Llawenydd mawr yw clywed am ei barodwydd i ymgymeryd a'r gwaith. Byddwn yn ffodus iawn i gael rywun i'o brofiad a'i wybodaeth helaeth i'n harwain. Bydd cyfle yn ystod y flwyddyn i gofnodi ein dyled i'n Cadeirydd pressennol am ei lafur diflino a'i arweinyddiaeth ddoeth.

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Rural Committee

The Rural Committee of the Council was formed in order to advise the Council's Executive Committee on rural matters in general, and to provide a means for co-ordinating and strengthening the work of organisations and individuals concerned with rural community development in Wales. The membership of this Committee covers a fair cross-section of people particularly concerned with, or interested in, rural affairs. Rural Community Councils are represented by three elected members chosen from the Standing Conference of Rural Community Councils in Wales to serve for a period of three consecutive years.

During the year 1972/73 there have been four meetings of the Rural Committee, and matters which have been considered include the following:—

(1) The appointment of an officer in Monmouthshire to carry out work in rapidly expanding rural communities.

Following recommendations in the Bretherton Report and a subsequent letter to Chairmen of Rural Community Councils from Lady Albermarle, Chairman of the Development Commission, the Rural Committee recommended Monmouthshire as being the Welsh county most likely to be affected by problems of rapid expansion in rural communities. Monmouthshire Rural Community Council, after investigating the situation in their area and discussing the problem in general with Gloucestershire Rural Community Council, submitted an application to the Development Commission. The experiment has now been approved by the Commissioners, and they have provided a grant to cover the cost of an officer who has now been appointed.

(2) The co-ordination of Rural Community Councils in Wales, following local government re-organisation.

This problem is still under consideration at county level by Co-ordinating Committees of the Rural Community Councils in each of the three new county areas, Dyfed, Gwynedd and Powys. These three Co-ordinating Committees are each comprised of three representatives from each of the three constituent Rural Community Councils and all three are under the Chairmanship of Mr. H. Noel Jerman, CBE (formerly of the Welsh Office). The Co-ordinating Committees are slowly but surely working out detailed proposals for the formation of one integrated Rural Community Council in each of the three new county areas. These proposals are aimed not only at producing an efficient new administrative structure, but also at ensuring that the important work of the Rural Community Councils on the ground, where they have always attempted to carry out the task of assisting the inhabitants of small towns, villages and hamlets, is enabled to continue and, if possible, to be expanded and improved.

(3) With the introduction of the title of "Community Council" in Wales as a third tier in the new structure of local government, consideration is being given to the possibility of changing the names of the present Rural Community Councils so as to avoid confusion. The Rural Committee have discussed this matter, and made recommendations. The views of Rural Community Council Executive Committees are now awaited.

(4) Other matters which continue to be investigated include Rural Postal Services, Rural Transport, Urban Aid, the future of Glamorgan Community Council and the possibility of establishing a Community Council in the new county of Clwyd (there is an existing RCC in Denbighshire but there has never been one in Flintshire).

Rural Community Councils

As things stand at present there are 12 Rural Community Councils in Wales. They are financed, in the main, by grants from the Development Commission, together with local authority grants and a certain amount of financial support from individual subscriptions within the counties. It is part of the duty of the CSS for Wales to co-ordinate the work of these Rural Community Councils and to act as a link between them and the Development Commission.

Through its Rural Committee the Council is charged with the task of examining, in detail, the annual grant applications of Rural Community Councils. At the same time, close attention is paid to the annual work programmes which are submitted. By this means the Development Commission are in full possession of the views of the CSS for Wales when the time comes to give approval to grants at the annual Inter-departmental Meeting which is held in London early each year to discuss the financial affairs of all RCCs in England and Wales. Particular attention is paid to the annual reports and programmes of work because it is important to ensure that Rural Community Councils continue to maintain the high standards which they have set themselves over the years.

There is no Rural Community Council in Flintshire but reports are received from Mr. Eifion Jones on the work of the Flintshire Association of Parish Councils and the Flintshire County Playing Fields Association.

When Rural Community Councils were originally brought into being, the main object was to serve the welfare of the whole rural community, i.e., both the statutory and the voluntary organisations in a county. It is still true to say that Rural Community Councils play an important part in sustaining and improving the general quality of rural life, and in spite of the rapid growth of statutory social services these Councils form a vital link for those living in villages and outlying areas.

Amongst the activities carried out by Rural Community Councils in Wales are the giving of advice on village halls and community centres; the promotion of the arts, including drama, music and literature; the welfare of the elderly and of children who are handicapped or domestically unfortunate. Secretaries of RCCs are more often than not Secretaries of their local Parish Council Associations and they become involved in such things as Post Office Advisory Committees, Playing Fields Associations and Best Kept Village competitions. It can be seen from this sample of their work that Rural Community Councils cover a wide field of activities and it must be borne in mind that all this work is done in each county by one Chief Salaried Officer (the Secretary) and one or two clerical staff.

It is to be hoped that when county RCCs are integrated in the near future on the basis of Local Government Re-organisation the personal contact on the ground in rural areas can somehow be maintained. The

CSS for Wales shares the view expressed by the Development Commission that the work of RCCs in general is becoming increasingly important. The Department of the Environment which has recently taken over the role of the Treasury in relation to the Development Commission, also seems to be convinced not only of the value of the Commission's work, but also of the value of the work of Rural Community Councils.

This year's meeting of the Standing Conference of Rural Community Councils in Wales was held at The Royal Goat Hotel, Beddgelert, Caernarvonshire on 2nd and 3rd May, 1973. It was attended by three members from each Rural Community Council in Wales, together with representatives from the Development Commission, the Council of Social Service for Wales and the National Council of Social Service. It provides an opportunity for matters concerning Rural Wales to be discussed by those who are involved, and this informal exchange of ideas has proved invaluable.

Tributes were paid to Dr. A. B. Oldfield-Davies, who was relinquishing the Chairmanship of the Council of Social Service for Wales. His guidance and advice had been largely instrumental in founding and establishing the Standing Conference, of which he had been the first Chairman.

Prince of Wales Committee

The Council maintains close links with the Prince of Wales Committee which is concerned with the maintenance and improvement of the environment, both rural and urban. The Director is a member of the Committee and serves upon its Projects Sub-Committee.

Councils of Social Service

In contrast to the wide network of Rural Community Councils there have until recently been only two Councils of Social Service as such in Wales, Colwyn Bay in the North and Swansea in the South. A third was added in January of this year—for Dinas Powis, near Penarth. Although representing a comparatively small community, this piece of local initiative has been encouraged by the Council's Youth and Community Officer and its creation warmly welcomed.

Many Rural Community Councils of course undertake pieces of urban work within their areas, while the Council of Social Service for Wales has, since developing twenty-six years ago from the South Wales and Monmouthshire Council of Social Service, retained a large measure of direct responsibility for local urban work as well as performing a national role. At the same time, the policy of the Wales Council has been to encourage and support the formation of urban councils. With the appointment of additional staff and a decision in the future to emphasize its national services, the Council is now hoping to give added weight to this policy.

Local Councils of Social Service in Wales are members of the Standing Conference of Councils of Social Service, a representative United Kingdom body under the auspices of the National Council of Social Service in London. They are not at present formally linked with each other in Wales although there is an informal relationship through the Wales Council and a close working association at officer level, particularly between Cardiff and Swansea, which has been strengthened over the year.

Community Work Forum

Following suggestions from a number of community workers and with support from members of staff in the University Colleges of Cardiff and Swansea, the Council's Senior Community Development Officer arranged a one-day meeting at Bridgend in November to explore the possibility of starting a Community Work Forum in South Wales. It was felt that such a forum, convened two or three times a year, would offer a chance for people with a mutual interest and involvement in community work to meet one another on an informal basis and to share ideas and experiences. Community workers, especially at neighbourhood level, so often operate in relative isolation from their fellows.

The exploratory meeting was followed by a second gathering in January at which discussion centred on the work of the Ty Toronto team in Aberfan, following up their post-disaster experience there in relation to the crisis of the South Wales Valleys as a whole, and on AID (Area Improvement Design and Management Limited) which is an agency working as a consultant to local authorities in General Improvement Areas, involving the community in plans for neighbourhood environmental improvement schemes under the 1969 and 1971 Housing Acts.

Building on the success of these two meetings each attended by 35–40 people from a growing list of over 70 contacts, it was agreed to hold a third Forum in April at Glyncorrwg in Glamorgan to hear about the Home Office sponsored community development project, the only Welsh project among the 12 in Britain. More than 40 community workers from throughout South Wales crowded into the lounge bar of the Great Western Hotel, Blaengwynfi, for a very lively discussion—and an excellent buffet lunch.

A most encouraging first year for the Forum concluded on 3rd July with a fourth gathering at the Gunners' Club in Pill, a redevelopment area of Newport (Mon.). A feature of this meeting, arranged by the Polypill Community Workers, was the participation of local residents who described on-going projects—street committees, a community newspaper (Pillbox), playgrounds and welfare groups.

Whatever its other merits or its future the Forum has already served a useful function drawing together people from throughout South Wales and from different working backgrounds and viewpoints but with a common interest in community work and development.

The Churches

In the Spring of 1972 the Minister of State for Wales, Mr. David Gibson-Watt, called together representatives of the major Communions and Denominations in Wales and invited representatives of this Council to be present. The object of the meeting was to encourage the Churches to give added support to local voluntary services. Representatives of the Churches said they felt a great need for up-to-date information on the rapidly changing scene in both statutory and voluntary social work and asked for facilities for advice and training when required.

This Council pledged its support in assisting the Churches to meet these requirements and a Conference has been arranged for October 1973

when discussions will take place as to the best methods of achieving this end. Speakers from Central and Local Government, and from this Council, will participate.

The Executive of the Council has expressed its pleasure at learning of this innovation.

Community Relations: Ugandan Asians

A number of meetings were held under the auspices of the Council to assess the situation in Wales regarding the resettlement of Asian families expelled from Uganda. The meetings were attended by representatives of voluntary organisations which had been involved from the start and those who had expressed their willingness to help. Local authority and Welsh Office representatives also took part.

In addition to those temporarily accommodated at the Tonfannau Camp in Merioneth, it was estimated that up to the end of 1972 some 220 Asians had come to resettle in Wales, half of them in Cardiff. Since then more have come, many of them to join families of Asian origin already living here.

Thanks to the efforts of local authorities, central government departments and many private individuals, those who have come have been enabled by and large to find accommodation and jobs. It will be some time however before they can feel permanently secure and become fully integrated into the life of their communities.

In Cardiff a local co-ordinating committee was formed including the representatives of the Asian families themselves. Social gatherings were arranged, language classes initiated, individual problems discussed and practical help given. Close contact was maintained with central agencies in London. The committee was greatly assisted by a social worker especially appointed by Cardiff's Social Services Department with a grant from the Uganda Resettlement Board, by other Council Staff and by individual voluntary workers.

Urban Aid Programme

Efforts were made by the Council directly and through its associated organisations to encourage voluntary bodies to submit projects under the Government's Urban Programme. Their attention was drawn by letter and by other means to Welsh Office Circulars giving details of the Programme under Phases 7, 8 and 9, copies of which have been distributed. A background paper was also prepared and issued. A meeting with Welsh Office representatives was arranged early in April, 1973 and attended by some 40 people from 30 different voluntary organisations. It became clear that still more information about the programme was required and that approaches to local authorities had to be made at an early date in any particular phase. The projects themselves had to be realistically framed in terms of the programme's criteria and well presented on paper. It was also obvious that claims on the limited money available were becoming very competitive. Fears were expressed that Programme funds were not going to the most needy, partly because of an inability to recognise and articulate their needs.

The Council's staff gave advice on a number of individual projects throughout Wales and are currently investigating the possibility of forming a consultancy group to which voluntary organisations might refer.

Volunteer Services

The Council has looked with particular interest at developments in the use of volunteers within the social and health services, developments stimulated in 1969 by the Aves Committee report "The Voluntary Worker in the Social Services". The commitment of both statutory and voluntary agencies to the recruitment, deployment and effectiveness of volunteers has greatly increased. Many of the new local authority social services departments have appointed staff with specific responsibilities in this regard. Hospitals or groups of hospitals have taken on voluntary help organisers. Voluntary organisations, particularly youth organisations, have stepped up their activities and more "volunteer bureaux" have come into existence as clearing houses and stimulators of voluntary action. The most recent development nationally, and arising from the Aves Report, has been the establishment in London of the Volunteer Centre, the aims of which are to promote information, training and research. It will attempt to bring together experience within the voluntary movement, the social services, the health services and the professions.

For some time the Wales Council has looked to ways of increasing its own contribution in this sphere. By the appointment of a Volunteer Services Officer, it hopes both to assist local co-operative action and services such as volunteer bureaux, and also to work for close consultation between interested parties within Wales as a whole. Unfortunately it was not possible to make an early appointment.

Social Welfare and Health

Wales Council for the Disabled

How many disabled people are there in Wales? A straight-forward question—one asked at the May Conference of the Wales Council for the Disabled—but no straightforward answer.

In 1971, Government estimates gave that there were 176,000 handicapped people in Wales, 75,000 of whom were considerably handicapped and likely to be in need of local authority social services. By 1973 local authorities had registered 23,368 disabled people in Wales—5,000 more than were registered in 1971. Surveys undertaken by Welsh local authorities under Section 1 of the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970 have indicated that the problem may be even larger than the Government has estimated.

Although most local authorities in Wales have undertaken a survey, or have plans to do so, most are sample surveys giving an indication of the size of the problem rather than giving a full indentification picture.

Juggling with statistics at this stage is therefore a rather fruitless exercise. We only know that the problem is a large one, that it is a very real one and that we are only beginning to uncover it.

These factors account for the purposefulness of the Wales Council for the Disabled. Each of its member organisations realises the depth of the problems that have to be faced and that it is only by working with other agencies that these problems can be met.

Financial support from local authorities in this first full year of the Wales Council for the Disabled has, with a few exceptions, been remarkably good and an additional grant from the Welsh Office has allowed the appointment of a second officer to the department. This is very fast progress but it is regarded as essential for the Wales Council for the Disabled to develop its programme and fulfil the needs of those it is committed to help.

In the year under review, from amongst all the many events and happenings associated with the council, it is interesting to pick out a few of these which could only have been undertaken by a Welsh national service bringing together disabled organisations—

THE WALES TOURIST GUIDE FOR THE DISABLED

This has been a joint operation with the Welsh Tourist Board outlining accessible accommodation, toilets, tourist attractions, etc, in Wales. It will be ready in draft form for the 1973 summer season and in brochure form freely available for 1974.

MEETING WITH WELSH MPS

On May 15th, 1973 three disabled and three able-bodied members of the Wales Council's Executive Committee met the Welsh Parliamentary Party in the House of Commons in order to brief Welsh Members of Parliament on the problems disabled people face in Wales and to seek closer links with them.

ACCESS SURVEY

The working party on accessibility which meets in North Wales has undertaken a full survey of local authorities seeking information about

implementation of the access sections of the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act, 1970.

SPORT FOR THE DISABLED

The Welsh Sports Association for the Disabled, now a sub-committee of the Wales Council for the Disabled, has achieved representation on the Sports Council for Wales (a development envied in England). Details of training courses in disabled swimming, sailing and wheelchair dancing have been advertised in the ordinary Sports Council for Wales brochure.

TRAVELLING AIDS EXHIBITION TOUR

The Wales Council for the Disabled has arranged for the Travelling Exhibition of Aids for the Disabled to visit six locations in Wales. During the six week tour attendant conferences were held advertising the work of the Wales Council and sowing the seeds of local co-ordination for the disabled.

EMERGENCY HOLIDAY UNIT

The offer of a site by a local authority, the donation of £1,000 from a voluntary organisation, and the offer of a subsidised chalet-type building by a commercial firm, have led to proposals for the establishment of a Holiday Unit for the Disabled at Aberavon Beach in South Wales.

INTERNATIONAL AWARENESS

Speakers of international calibre such as Dr. Arie Klapwijk have been attracted to Wales by the policy of holding first class conferences. Dr. Klapwijk addressed a conference organised by the Wales Council about housing schemes for the severely disabled in Holland and the future of community provisions for the disabled.

INFORMATION SERVICE

Voluntary organisations throughout Wales are linked by informal information avenues and by the more formal methods such as the "Disablement Action Bulletin" issued monthly by the Wales Council with a regular readership of 700.

It is difficult, perhaps, during the early days of establishing a new organisation, to regard this work in the total social work context. The new divisional structure of the Council of Social Service for Wales will however facilitate this and ensure continuing dialogue with similar organisations for the elderly, mentally handicapped and sensory handicapped in Wales. The appointment of additional support staff in training, information and volunteer services is warmly welcomed. It will allow the Wales Council for the Disabled to develop a professional approach to the organisations it is serving.

Blind and Deaf

During the year conversations have taken place with the Wales Council for the Blind regarding its future policy and administration. Assistance has been given to that Council in the survey it is currently undertaking to decide its future activities.

The Council also helps Glamorgan and Monmouthshire Missions to the Adult Deaf and Dumb in a secretarial role. The Director continues to fulfil the post of Honorary Secretary, as he has done for over 20 years.

National Council for the Elderly in Wales

The Council of Social Service for Wales, has, through its Old People's Department, been responsible, directly or indirectly, since 1947 for establishing County and Local Old People's Welfare Committees in Wales. Throughout the years it has continued to assist these Committees to carry out their tasks as co-ordinating units and promotors of voluntary services and schemes by means of advisory services, information literature, negotiation of grants for club buildings and recreational interests, national conferences and training courses. The Council has also succeeded by means of publicity—mostly through the medium of Old People's Week, press reports and radio and television broadcasts—to draw the attention of the public to the cause of the pensioner in Wales and to encourage community participation in caring for the elderly through good neighbours.

The belief underlying the Council's work is that government provision for old people must be supplemented by voluntary provision and effort. To this end, it has fostered a close relationship with individual national voluntary organisations and personnel of appropriate central and local government departments. It has brought them together in consultation through the National Council for the Elderly in Wales in order to provide a nationwide service for the elderly. The National Council for the Elderly is a sub-committee of the Council of Social Service for Wales which provides the Secretariat through its Officer for the Elderly in Wales.

The word "change" has appeared in reports for a number of years and unavoidably it is introduced into this present report since this is a period of time when local government changes are becoming a reality. This will demand that the National Council and its County and local counterparts rethink and work out a committee structure which to be effective must as far as possible fall into line with local government reform. Papers on future policy, the structure and role of Old People's Welfare Committees have been prepared for future discussions and planning. Amidst the plethora of administrative, departmental and boundary changes one must not lose sight of the needs of those who seek our services and help.

FIELD WORK

As part of its policy the National Council has maintained contact, and associated itself with the activities of County and local Old People's Welfare Committees, Old Age Pensioner organisations, Clubs and other individual organisations. Wherever possible the Officer has with pleasure accepted invitations to attend, advise and address meetings of the above committees.

Some concern is felt however, that a number of Committees on all levels hardly ever meet and therefore fail to provide a platform for discussion on co-operative ways to assess and meet the needs of the elderly in their respective districts.

There are still some local committees that are not quite clear on the role of an Old People's Welfare Committee and although they have adopted the constitution of such a Committee, remain constitutionally unsound. Unfortunately, there are Committees who still limit activities to the Christmas period leaving the remainder of the year devoid of services.

In view of what has been stated before, Committees must review their structures and role for the future. Social Services Departments are increasingly looking for the support of voluntary organisations, but understandably they will not entrust agency work to inefficient Committees.

The Officer is at all times available for consultation with a view to helping local committees to achieve a measure of efficiency that their elderly folk deserve.

On the other hand, the National Council pays tribute to the work undertaken and the achievements of a large number of Committees and organisations who through their efficiency leave no stone unturned and no channel of service unexplored to meet the variety of needs that arise in their communities.

To them and the host of known and unknown workers is extended this "Thanks", which is the theme of the 21st Old People's Week in Wales in October, 1973.

OLD PEOPLE'S WEEK 1972

The twentieth Old People's Week in Wales was celebrated from 1st-7th October, 1972. The theme was "Belonging" ("Perthyn") and was introduced to the public through the national poster provided by the Welsh Office and distributed throughout Wales at the end of August.

The highlight of the "Week" was the launching ceremony at Porthmadog and Penrhyndeudraeth on the 21st October. This was the culmination of months of preparation and consultation with the Welsh Office, particularly the Information Division. The National Council was most pleased that the Minister of State for Wales, Mr. David Gibson-Watt, MP, agreed to undertake the launching ceremony and stayed throughout the afternoon. The launching ceremony was preceded by a buffet lunch kindly given by the Chairman of Porthmadoc Urban District Council to some 100 guests, representatives from most Counties in Wales, who were invited to participate. After the ceremony, held at the Memorial Chapel Vestry, and chaired by Mrs. Helen Latham, Chairman of the National Council for the Elderly, guests were invited to go on an excursion on the narrow gauge Ffestiniog Railway from Porthmadoc to Dduallt returning to Penrhyndeudraeth. Tea was provided by the Chairman of Deudraeth Rural District Council and catered for by Deudraeth Old Age Pensioners' Committee.

The "Week" was again given a great deal of publicity and coverage by the press, radio and both television channels. The Officer for the Elderly gave a number of interviews and was again given the opportunity of preparing and introducing Welsh Hymn Singing, "Caniedaeth y Cysegr", on Sunday afternoon, 2nd October. This year Skewen Old Age Pensioners' Choir were invited to assist with the broadcast.

Local committees, clubs and organisations arranged a variety of activities throughout Wales. It is only hoped that the "Week" succeeded in drawing

the attention of the public to the cause of the pensioner and encourages more community participation in caring for the eldlerly, particularly those in need.

"Helping the Elderly"

The National Council was particularly pleased to be invited by members of the Welsh Section of the British Geriatric Society to be responsible for the publication of a bilingual booklet "Helping the Elderly" ("Helpu'r Henoed"). The booklet consists of a number of articles and papers written by specialists in geriatric medicine in Wales, giving advice to relatives, friends and organisations caring for the elderly, and to the elderly themselves.

The booklet appeared in time for the Annual General Meeting of the Wales Council of Social Service in November and the first thousand copies were sold in no time. This was the National Council's first publishing venture and it was delighted at the generally favourable reception given to the booklet.

Age Concern

Over the years the National Council for the Elderly in Wales has been closely associated with the National Old People's Welfare Council in London, now more widely known under the cover name Age Concern. The Officer for a number of years has represented Wales on the governing body of Age Concern and has been pleased to co-operate with its officers in many ways. There was, however, something amiss in the relationship and possibly much left to be desired.

An opportunity to meet representatives from the four home counties was therefore welcomed. A meeting was held at Liverpool on the 6th November when the representatives of the National Council for the Elderly in Wales met representatives of the National Old People's Welfare Committees of Scotland, Northern Ireland and Age Concern. This was the first time such a meeting had been held and it was thought to be very worthwhile and a sound basis for establishing a continued forum discussion and the formulation of general policies. The discussions were most helpful in clearing up some points with regard to relationship with Age Concern. One of the most important was the recognition of the autonomy of and bounds of responsibility of each of the four national organisations. Other matters of importance discussed were finance, national appeals and general resources. Representatives agreed with enthusiasm that such meetings might take place annually. Age Concern invited the three other countries to participate in a two year U.K. project, the preparation of a Manifesto on the place of the retired and the elderly in modern society, the final printed report to be a basis for a conference in 1973.

The National Council at a subsequent meeting enthusiastically accepted the report of the Liverpool meeting and gave the Officers plenary powers to continue discussions and build on the "Liverpool Formula" of relationships. It also agreed that the Council co-operate with Age Concern with the Manifesto. The Chairman, Mrs. Helen Latham, and the Officer for the Elderly have since joined in discussions on planning and procedures in preparing papers and convening local study groups. Details for the Manifesto

have been circulated to all Committees in Wales and it is hoped that some 300 study groups can be set up to discuss and provide written reports on various aspects of the care of the elderly.

Residential Refresher Course

The Department once again, after consultation with the Welsh Office and local authority training officers, agreed to arrange a residential refresher course for senior staff of residential homes in Wales. The course was held at the Hotel Metropole, Llandrindod Wells in October, 1972, when some 35 delegates from among the staff of local authority and voluntary run homes were in attendance.

The good response and support given by most authorities in Wales was greatly appreciated. There is still some reluctance on the part of some authorities to support these arrangements. It is intended that further courses will be arranged in the future, since at the moment there is no other machinery in being for bringing staff from different parts of Wales together for training. The matrons and wardens who attended felt the course to be very worthwhile.

Circulars

The National Council has continued to provide relevant information and issued bi-monthly information circulars which were despatched to all Old People's Welfare Committees. The circulars provided knowledge of up-to-date legislation and provisions for the elderly. They included information on emergency assistance for the elderly, heating, action group reports, explanation of VAT, provision of dog licences for pensioners by the Caring Defence League, rate rebates, hearing aids, budget and pension increases.

It is hoped that Committees found the information useful and that they were able to pass on the information to would be enquirers. Old People's Welfare Committees are in one respect information bureaux and to this extent must be well informed.

Telephone Fund

The Help the Aged organisation made a nationwide appeal for funds to provide telephones for the elderly, special consideration to be given to those who had failed to qualify for telephones provided by local authorities under the Chronically Sick and Disabled Act.

Age Concern, who were invited by Help the Aged to administer the fund, requested that the National Council be responsible for administering the proportion of funds allocated to Wales. The Welsh allocation is £640 towards telephone installation and £320 for rental costs.

The above sum meant that about two telephones could be offered to every county in Wales. Details of the scheme were circulated to County Committees who were invited to be responsible for seeking applicants in their areas.

Correspondence has also taken place with the Telecommunications Department for Wales and the Marches concerning the provision of telephones under this scheme. Support has been promised wherever possible.

Gas Workers Industrial Action

The beginning of 1972 saw a threat to the warmth and health of the elderly with the miners' strike. This year the Council was greatly concerned at the possible effects of the decision of the gas workers in February/March to take industrial action in support of a pay claim. An appeal was sent to the Unions to treat difficulties encountered by elderly people as priority cases. There was evidence that some elderly people were affected but gratefully matters were settled without any reports of undue hardship.

Circulars were sent to all Old People's Committees urging them to observe and advise elderly people in the event of any cut in supply and resulting difficulties.

Insurance

The National Old People's Welfare Council has over the years arranged a Special Insurance Scheme whereby for a nominal premium Old People's Committees and Clubs can cover their members and voluntary workers against Private Accident and Public Liability. Participants in Wales have been very few indeed. However, over the last year as more Committees are providing practical services, there have been an additional number of enquiries and an increase in the number of Committees that have taken out a policy under the scheme. It may well be that other Committees in future should consider safeguarding themselves in the event of accidents to their voluntary helpers.

Enquiries

There has been a notable increase in the number of requests for guidance and advice on a variety of problems encountered by elderly people from all over Wales.

The Officer for the Elderly is indebted to County and Local Secretaries for following up the enquiries and in many cases helping to alleviate some of the difficulties by the provision of local services.

There has also been a large number of requests for literature and information from students and school children.

Glamorgan County Old People's Welfare Committee

The National Council for the Elderly in Wales was responsible in 1966 for establishing the Glamorgan County Old People's Welfare Committee and its three Area Committees centred around Neath, Bridgend and Pontypridd. Since that time it has provided the secretariat and administered the work of all these committees.

As far as possible the Committees have met about twice a year. This provided an opportunity to review from time to time their work and progress.

It is assured from reports that their work and service continues to increase and that their voluntary members are making every effort to meet an increased demand.

The Glamorgan Committee, as in previous years, produced its half yearly bulletin, "Y Ddolan", which has by now become established and accepted as a useful carrier of information and articles of interest to pensioner clubs.

An Information Course was arranged during the year by Pontardawe OPWC which was tutored by the Secretary.

The County Committee has continued in its endeavour to increase the network of Local Committees and preliminary discussions have taken place at Neath, Pontypridd and Rhondda. New Local Committees were established at Llantrisant, Llantwit Fardre and Clydach. There are now 40 such committees, all of which are serviced through the County Committee.

It is noted that Glamorgan Social Services Department have appointed a number of Community Work Organisers within the County. The County and Local Committees will undoubtedly value their guidance and expertise in the furtherance of their work for the elderly.

One of the most important items discussed at the last meeting of the County Committee was its future and that of Area Committees in the light of local government reform within the administrative County. It was expected that when Glamorgan was split into three counties the structure of the existing committees would require revision. There was a divergence of opinion (a) that the present structure should continue (b) that it would be advisable to restructure the Committees to be in tune with the expected county developments. This was to be discussed at the next meeting when the restructuring of the County became law.

Cardiff Council for the Elderly

The well-being of most people depends a great deal on the way they integrate within the main stream of society and it has long been recognised that medical and social needs are inter-related. This is highlighted in the case of elderly people, particularly among those who feel cut off from the rest of the community in which they live. Many people of goodwill meet this need by a kindly, neighbourly interest, others visit elderly people as fellow members of the church, of clubs or other organisations, but far too many old people still remain isolated and have little contact with anyone in the neighbourhood.

CARDIFF VISITING SCHEME

The principal object of the Cardiff Visiting Scheme is to co-ordinate voluntary visiting as much as possible and provide a voluntary visitor for all who are lonely or in need of social contact.

A considerable amount of organising is necessary as the scheme involves a great deal of liaison work with volunteers and with statutory workers or members of the public who make requests for voluntary visitors. Many cases of need, previously not known, have been found by friendly visitors and their reports passed to organisations are able to provide the service required.

During 1972/73 over 700 volunteers continued their established visits and 159 new volunteers offered their help.

Summary of Requests and Reports

Requests for voluntary visitors received from:		*Reports from voluntary visitors passed to:*	
Cardiff Health Dept.	59	Cardiff Health Dept.	31
Cardiff Social Services Dept.	39	Cardiff Social Services Dept.	39
Dept. of Health and Social Security	13	Dept. of Health and Social Security	41
Hospital Social Workers	21	Hospitals	17
Members of the public	106	Voluntary Organisations	21
	238		149

Tasks carried out by voluntary visitors included collecting pensions and shopping for the housebound, letter writing and supplying firewood. These services were given in addition to providing social contact for the lonely and some relief to relatives responsible for the care of old people.

Associations of Care for the Elderly

Associations of Care for the Elderly (ACE), jointly sponsored with area Councils of Churches, are established in the following districts:—

Butetown	Riverside
Canton	Roath
Cathays	Splott
Plasnewydd	Tremorfa
Rhiwbina	Whitchurch

ACE organisations are affiliated to the Cardiff Council for the Elderly and have made a notable contribution to the network of care which this Council is endeavouring to achieve. A considerable amount of work is involved in the forming of each ACE but this is well rewarded by the response received. The principle of co-operation between voluntary organisations, individual volunteers, health visitors, social workers and others at area level has proved beneficial to many of our elderly people.

Requests have been received to form Associations in other areas including Ely, Fairwater, Grangetown, Llanrumney, and it is obvious that the project must be expanded as speedily as possible.

ACE organisations are also being encouraged among their other activities to give priority to the Volunteer Street Warden Scheme.

A description of the work of each ACE is given in the Cardiff Council's Annual Report.

Wireless for the Bedridden and Housebound

Being bedridden or housebound is not a pleasant experience under the best of circumstances, but attention has been drawn to elderly people who, in addition, cannot afford the cost of purchasing a radio or television

set. The Council is indebted to the Wireless for the Bedridden Society who have been a tremendous support in efforts to remedy situations of this kind. Three radios and one television set have also been supplied privately. It is impossible to describe the joy these give the recipients.

Holiday at Ilfracombe

The holiday arranged for 40 elderly citizens was voted a tremendous success. All were seen safely on the bus at Cardiff Bus Depot on October 14th and met a week later on their return. Several had never had a holiday before and others not for twenty years or more. Each member of the party had been interviewed personally on behalf of the National Benevolent Fund for the Aged who paid bus and hotel costs. The Council of Social Service for Wales paid all other incidental expenses.

George Hill-Snook Fund

Prompt financial aid is often required to meet certain needs, and may not be available from statutory sources. The Hill-Snook Fund has been of immeasurable value for this purpose. Associations of Care for the Elderly and other volunteers have found elderly people living in deplorable conditions. Often a little repair work or decorating has produced a transformation. The fund has covered the cost of much painting and decorating carried out by volunteers.

Financial aid has been given for a variety of purposes, ranging from the supply of blankets and bed linen, electric kettles and clothing, to a small electric fan provided on medical grounds.

At the request of the Cardiff Crime Prevention Panel, arrangements were made to purchase door safety chains: 75 were distributed during January and February free of charge. A further 200 purchased in May, have been issued at a nominal charge of 25p each. Further supplies will be needed as requests continue to be received from elderly people concerned about the safety of their homes.

5,000 Dayglo Information Cards have recently been printed for us and supplies can be obtained from Associations of Care for the Elderly, Cardiff Social Services Department and Cardiff Health Department. Details which should be entered on the card are:—

Name and address of Doctor

Name of next of kin

Name of person to contact when in difficulties or in an emergency.

Elderly people are urged to keep the card in a prominent position in their homes.

Conference "Crises in the Home"

Only within the framework of co-operation and understanding between the various statutory services, volunteers and the community at large can the increasing social problems of old age be adequately dealt with, particularly in the field of domiciliary care.

This conviction prompted the Cardiff Council for the Elderly to hold a one day Conference on March 31st at University Buildings, Cardiff.

Four speakers addressed the Conference on various aspects of the main theme "Crises in the Home".

"Geriatric Care"
Dr. Morag Insley, Consultant Geriatrician, Newport and East Monmouthshire Hospital Committee.

"Meals Matter"
Miss G. H. Powell, Senior Lecturer in Dietetics, College of Food Technology and Commerce, Cardiff.

"Safety in the Home"
Mr. Tom Miller, Public Safety Officer, Cardiff.

"The Place of the Volunteer"
Mr. David Hobman, Director, Age Concern.

During the afternoon session, the Conference separated into eight groups and after discussions each group reported on its conclusions and recommendations. A full report was subsequently issued.

The eighty delegates included health visitors, social workers and members of the administrative staff of local hospitals, members of the British Red Cross Society, Women's Royal Voluntary Service, St. John's Ambulance, Samaritans, volunteer street wardens, voluntary visitors and others.

Heating Fund

The Heating Fund is intended to provide help to those who through lack of heating or of other facilities are liable to develop hyperthermia. Coal, electric fires, and Heinz "One Meal" packs have been supplied. Grants have also been made towards the payment of heating bills.

Royal Alfred Merchant Seamen's Society

Changing circumstances, new legislation and regulations, together with the form filling which accompany these changes, can cause a great deal of confusion and bewilderment in the minds of elderly people. This situation is certainly found among merchant seamen who, having spent the greater portion of their lives at sea, and having reached retirement age, now live in various parts of Cardiff, concentrating mainly in the Butetown area. As Honorary Agent to the Royal Alfred Merchant Seaman's Society the Cardiff Council's Secretary is in contact with over 100 retired merchant seamen and the widows of merchant seamen and is asked to deal with many of their problems.

Those who are beneficiaries of the Royal Alfred are paid a small quarterly pension and others are interviewed as applicants for a grant paid annually to purchase clothing or contribute towards the cost of heating requirements.

Christmas Gift Project

The Clearing House arrangements enabled food parcels and gifts to be distributed to over 2,000 old people during Christmas 1972. This form of co-ordination has reduced the amount of duplication which had previously taken place and enabled a more equitable distribution to be made. Scores of more deserving cases are now receiving help at Christmas for the first time. The success of the project is largely due to the co-operation received from many organisations, which increase in number each year.

Future Development

Objectivity, practical planning and hard work are necessary ingredients in the development of the work of the Cardiff Council for the Elderly, and it is deeply aware of the considerable effort which has to be made during the years ahead in order to provide the opportunity for elderly citizens to enjoy the quality of life, personal dignity, and the care to which they are entitled.

Annual Report

Full details of the work of the Cardiff Council for the Elderly are given in its Third Annual Report, available on request. The Report records the invaluable work of many volunteers concerned with its work in Cardiff.

Mental Health

The Council welcomed the setting up during the year of a Wales Committee of MIND (The National Association for Mental Health) and the appointment of a Director for Wales, Mr. John Payne, with an Office in Cardiff. The Committee and its Director have among their objectives the promotion of local voluntary associations for mental health of which there are now four already in existence in Wales. Practical programmes are being worked out to improve facilities for those suffering from mental illness and stress and to encourage greater public awareness and sympathy.

In addition to giving direct support and assistance to this development, the Council expressed its wish to see close co-operation between MIND in Wales and other voluntary organisations at national and local levels.

Health Services

On April 1st, 1974 the Welsh Office will assume direct responsibility for Health Services in Wales. The Welsh Hospital Board will cease to exist and the present Hospital Management Committees will cease to function and their place will be taken by Area Health Authorities.

The Council has been involved in various ways with the preparations for this important change. The Director is Vice Chairman of the Voluntary Services Committee of the Welsh Hospital Board, which brings together organisations and individuals who volunteer their services in hospitals. It is now becoming clear that this Committee will continue to exist after April 1st, 1974 and thus an opportunity is provided to clarify and safeguard the service and status of those who are prepared to give their time voluntarily to assist the sick.

The Director succeeded the Chairman of the Council as a member of the University of Wales Hospital Management Committee (Heath), Cardiff, the largest HMC in Wales. Through this link and other personal involvements by individual members of the Council the Welsh Office has been urged to consider a national pattern in electing members from voluntary bodies to Area Health Authorities and Community Health Councils.

The Policy Committee of this Council is convinced that it should play a more prominent role in this particular field. Now that Hospital and Community Health Services are to be integrated under one administration it is important that the Voluntary Organisations in Wales become aware of the significance of this event and the opportunities it presents for public participation.

Prisons and After-Care

The Council has consulted with the Home Office regarding experiments currently taking place in England whereby offenders, as part of their sentence, give service to communities. The supervision of this service is in the hands of professionally qualified workers in the Probation and After-Care Service. Wales is not among areas selected for experimentation at this stage but the Council has been assured that it will be contacted by the Home Office once an assessment has been made of the viability of such experiments in England. It should be recalled that this Council initiated a Standing Conference on the After-Care of prisoners in South Wales before statutory authorities become responsible for this work.

The Director is a member of the Probation and After-Care Committee in Cardiff, whilst Mr. Asquith Morgan, JP, is a member of the Board of Visitors to HM Prison, Cardiff, and of the Local Review Committee of the Parole Board.

Social Education

Standing Conference for Wales of Voluntary Youth Organisations

The Standing Conference for Wales of Voluntary Youth Organisations (SCWVYO) is an associated body of this Council, the secretariat of which is undertaken by the Community/Youth Officer.

Membership of the Standing Conference is made up of over thirty constituent bodies, which represent the variety of organisational youth service work currently undertaken in the Principality. SCWVYO has the important task of strengthening and fostering good relationships between these agencies, and from time to time aims to speak and act on their behalf.

During the year numerous meetings of an occasional, and of a regular nature, have been convened of the Executive and Sub-Committees of the Standing Conference, in addition to the arranging of Annual and Half Yearly Conferences.

At the Annual Conference held at Swansea in November, 1972, Lord David Davies of Llandinam agreed to succeed Mr. Christopher Cory as Chairman. Tributes were paid to Mr. Cory for his informed and able leadership over a period of nine years, and it was pleasing to hear him formally addressing the gathering on the "Past and Future Role of the Standing Conference".

A decision was taken at the Annual Meeting for a review to be made of the constitution, and at the Half Yearly Meeting held in May, 1973, a revised constitution was adopted.

The Standing Conference will be known in future as the COUNCIL FOR WALES OF VOLUNTARY YOUTH SERVICES. Some important changes have been made in the aims of the body and also in the scope and structure of its future membership.

The Biennial Meeting of Officers of the National Councils and Standing Conferences of Voluntary Youth Services/Organisations in the United Kingdom, was held during April, 1973, in London. Lord Davies and the Secretary attended this three day conference which covered a number of important areas of concern in relation to current issues and developments in the field of Youth Service.

The enquiry being undertaken by Political and Economic Planning into the Work and Finances of Voluntary Youth Organisations in England and Wales commenced in the autumn of 1972, and the findings should be made available to the Secretary of State for Education and Science during the latter part of this current year. A series of discussions between SCWVYO representatives and the senior research workers of PEP were held before they embarked on their enquiry in Wales, and it has been agreed that their report, when published, will contain a separate section devoted to the situation in Wales. It is to be hoped that as a result of this enquiry an equitable and efficient distribution of grants to national headquarters of voluntary youth organisations can be made by the Department of Education and Science.

The training of full-time and voluntary leaders is important to the development of Youth Service provision, and the Secretary has been pleased

to assist colleagues in the statutory and voluntary sectors in arranging such courses during the year.

Courses and competitions for young people are also an important feature of the work undertaken by the Regional and County Standing Conferences of Voluntary Organisations in the counties of South East Wales and Breconshire. Both conferences are to be congratulated on the excellence of their "Adventure Weekends" and "Young Members' Conferences" held during 1972/73.

The Community/Youth Officer was the adjudicator at the 1973 regional finals of the Welsh Youth Public Speaking Competition organised by the Welsh Joint Education Committee. The competition was of a very high standard and the eventual winners were a team representing Breconshire. Youth leaders and organisers throughout Wales are to be congratulated on their careful preparation and instruction of young people in readiness for this competition each year.

Community Service by Young People

The Community/Youth Officer has maintained contact with groups of young people who undertake voluntary community service work in various parts of Wales. It is most encouraging to read some of the written reports of such groups as Bangor Community Service in the North and Swansea Youth Enterprise in the South. These and a number of other groups in the urban areas of the Principality are undertaking tasks of community care and community action.

A paper expressing the views of this Council was submitted to Lord Colville, Minister of State at the Home Office in July, 1972, prior to a conference on this subject which was convened by the Minister. It is hoped that Central Government can further stimulate and encourage the growth of this activity amongst young people in Wales into the future, and that local authorities and adult sections of communities lend their support to these young people.

For a number of years this Council has financially supported such groups from a fund which it administers on behalf of the King George V Jubilee Trust. During the past year this assistance has been given to Youth Enterprise Swansea; Swansea Volunteer Service; Port Talbot Adventure Playground Scheme and Community Service Bangor.

National Youth Bureau

Early in 1972, the Department of Education and Science approved proposals to expand the Youth Service Information Centre at Leicester into a new agency subsequently entitled The National Youth Bureau. The functions of the new Bureau, to be under the management of a Council widely representative of statutory, voluntary and professional youth and allied services, are to extend the services pioneered by YSIC in terms of information, training, research and experimentation. Financial backing from the DES would increase and be augmented by contributions from Local Authorities throughout England and Wales and from other sources.

Mindful of its own responsibilities towards voluntary youth services in Wales and the amount of public money invested in YSIC and NYB for both England and Wales, the Council made clear its view that Welsh interests should be well represented on the new Agency and in developing its services the needs of Wales should be fully considered. It was with pleasure therefore that the Council accepted an invitation into membership of the National Youth Bureau, along with the Council for Wales of Voluntary Youth Services and the Welsh Joint Education Committee. A place was also reserved on the Bureau's Executive Committee for one representative from Wales, to be agreed between the three Bodies mentioned.

Neighbourhood Groups

During the year the Council has pursued its policy of stimulating the growth of neighbourhood groups, and has also supported the activities of established community-care committees in urban areas.

The Community/Youth Officer has been associated with the development and work of Community Associations, Councils of Social Service, Public Halls and Centres within Glamorgan and Monmouthshire. Various points of contact were made at Port Talbot, Barry, Dinas Powis, Bridgend, Llantrisant, Aberfan, Trealaw, Penrhys, Nantyglo, Cwmbran, Pontypool, Newport and also in the cities of Cardiff and Swansea.

The advice given to these groups covered a variety of problems and details which face voluntary societies, and these included such matters as sources and procedures of obtaining financial aid, charitable, constitutional and trusteeship procedures, joint use and maintenance of buildings, sources of materials and equipment, and the importance of planning and stimulating constructive and beneficial activity within their catchment areas.

An enquiry has recently been embarked upon to enable the Council to establish the location and numbers of voluntarily controlled community centres and halls which are active in the urban areas of Wales at the present time. The co-operation and help of the statutory authorities is being sought in particular in this survey, the findings of which should be available during the Autumn of 1973.

Tentative enquiries and discussions have also taken place with a cross section of community associations and centres in South Wales, regarding the establishing of a forum or federation of such groups sometime into the foreseeable future. It is hoped that some positive steps can be taken to achieve this aim later in this current year.

Adult Education

The Council welcomed the publication of the Report on Adult Education by a Government Committee of Enquiry under the Chairmanship of Sir Lionel Russell. The Council did not submit evidence to the Committee directly but the interests and views of many of its associated organisations were reflected in evidence submitted by the National Council of Social Service and other bodies. The Council's earliest work, particularly in the pre-war days of unemployment in South Wales, was geared to the educational needs of adults in clubs and institutes. A strong educational element remains

in all its activities, both informally as well as formally. The inclusion in the report of R. T. Ellis's review of adult education in Wales was of particular interest, as was mention of the special needs of people disadvantaged by physical and mental handicap or by economic and social circumstances.

Since publication of the Russell Report the Council has been stimulating discussion on its findings and recommendations with the intention of submitting views to Government through appropriate channels.

Educational Exchanges

Informal discussions were initiated with British Council, local authority and other representatives in Wales, regarding the nature and scope of educational visits and exchanges in the Principality. The views of the Educational Interchange Council and the Central Bureau for Educational Visits and Exchanges were also sought. It was generally agreed that while extensive and significant programmes were undertaken particularly by the larger local authorities there was considerable room for development and experimentation. Possibilities for interchange with European countries other than Germany and France were increasing including those in Eastern Europe. At the same time cheaper air fares were bringing countries still further afield well within range. Opportunities for young workers, disabled people and younger professional groups require investigation and promotion. The level of recruitment from Wales on United Kingdom exchange programmes could be stepped up and more facilities provided for visitors to Wales especially for those wishing to study or participate in aspects of Welsh life at some depth.

In the course of these discussions however it became clear that there was need for more information relating to Wales as a whole and that there was a lack of consultation and co-operation at a Welsh level on these matters. The Council was seen as a possible means by which some consultative machinery might be brought into being in view of its links as an independent body with many statutory and voluntary agencies and recognising that its educational interest was a broad one.

Meanwhile the Council continue to offer the services of its staff wherever possible to assist agencies which are engaged in this field

In particular the work of the British Council and the Educational Interchange Council has been supported during 1972/73, and the Council's Community/Youth Officer has served on the Consultative and Executive Committees of these bodies.

During the year the Council has also distributed information to local authorities and voluntary bodies concerning subsidised youth group travel opportunities to Western and Eastern European countries.

A number of incoming groups from West Germany, Russia and Bulgaria were enabled to visit Carmarthenshire, Cardiganshire and the City of Cardiff during the year, and the Council is grateful for the co-operation it received from organisations and individuals in these areas who accommodated and entertained the visitors.

Welsh Association of Women's Clubs

The Welsh Association now has just over 100 clubs in membership involving women of all ages in both Rural as well as Urban areas. The clubs are situated predominantly within the present County of Glamorgan, the bulk of them being in the future Mid Glamorgan area. The clubs are, at the same time, social and educational in emphasis, their activities centering on programmes of instruction in craft subjects, but also include cultural and recreational events, fund raising and other services to the community.

Five new clubs opened during 1972/73 at Baglan, Cefn Hengoed, Hopkinstown, Llantrisant and Rhydfelin.

It is felt that there is plenty of scope for new clubs to open or existing groups to join the Association, especially in localities expanding with new industry and new housing.

CONFERENCES

At the 1972 conference of the Association held at Llandaff House, Penarth in April, the Rt. Hon. Baroness Phillips, JP, Secretary of the National Association of Women's Clubs, gave a very interesting and challenging talk on the theme of the conference "The Family of Tomorrow". Dr. Alun Oldfield-Davies, Chairman of the Council of Social Service for Wales, also spoke on the same subject and it was significant that the thoughts of both speakers ran parallel one with the other.

Thirteen resolutions were discussed among the 92 delegates on subjects ranging from the rating system, the effects of the drug paracetemol, sex education in schools, the sale of cigarettes to young children, to bus fares and the cost of TV licences for old age pensioners. The resolution sent to the National Conference of Women's Clubs was about the need to reform the rating system.

The 1973 Conference in the following April took as its theme "Our future as Women in the European Community". The Rt. Hon. The Baroness Phillips was again the main speaker ably supported by Mr. Ivor Cassam, Director of the Council of Social Service for Wales. Many resolutions were discussed, the one chosen to go forward to the National Association's Conference in July dealt with the impact of Britain's entry to the European Economic Community, the rising cost of living and the level of pensions.

Having been once again unanimously elected as Chairman of the Welsh Association for 1972/73, Mrs. Jennie Jenkins, announced at the 1973 Conference that she felt unable to continue for a further period. Mrs. Jenkins has been the well loved Chairman of the Association for very many years and the clubs owe her a tremendous debt of gratitude for her loyal service. Mrs. Susan Richards of Bryncethin Club was elected to succeed her. Mrs. Jenkins was subsequently asked to assume the position of President of the Association and she was graciously pleased to accept.

The Welsh Association was well represented at the Annual Conference of the National Association of Women's Clubs held at Guildford in July, 1972, where the theme was "The Wider World". The main speaker was the Rt. Hon. Lord Shackleton, PC, OBE. Mrs. Evelyn Pope was elected Chairman on the retirement of Mrs. Jennie Jenkins who was unfortunately unable to attend because of ill health.

Meetings and Activities

Five meetings of the Executive Committee, six area meetings and eighteen group meetings were held during the year. A further executive meeting was held on 19th June, 1972, to discuss the National Conference matters and resolutions.

The outdoor staff have met at the beginning of each term to exchange ideas for demonstrations in clubs, and so far these meetings have been a great success.

Individual clubs have again entertained the old, the lonely and the handicapped. They have raised money for cancer research, towards the purchase of a kidney machine and a wheelchair for a geriatric hospital unit.

Clubs again took part in the Open Day and Rally at Tregroes, Pencoed in July, 1972. The instructresses and organising staff put on a pleasing display of dolls in international costume with embroideries and crafts backed by a map of the world, illustrating the theme of "The Munich Olympic Games". Many of the dolls and embroideries came from club members. For their part the homecraft staff had a stall on British Regional Cooking at which new and exciting dishes were displayed.

Visits

In the absence of Mrs. Kane, as a result of her accident in March, 1972, Miss Ceri Williams, the Chief Woman Officer, took a party of club members from the Pontypridd and Mid Glamorgan areas on an eight day educational holiday to Jersey in May.

Later in the year, she took a further party to Lugarno in Switzerland.

Two Mystery Tours were organised during the year, one to Brighton involving over 1,100 members in two special trains, the other to Weymouth in May, 1973, when 1,800 women went in three trains.

The West Wales Area Clubs had not asked for a holiday for some time and something quite different was therefore arranged. In February, 1973, 60 club members went on a Cruise of the Greek Seas and Islands. The weather was lovely and many of the wonders of the days past were seen, a thoroughly enjoyable time being had by everyone.

Appreciation

On her retirement in June, 1973, Miss Ceri Williams, the Council's Chief Woman Officer, recorded her tribute to all members of Women's Clubs within the Welsh Association thanking them for their help and loyalty over the years. She expressed particular gratitude to the retiring Chairman Mrs. Jennie Jenkins, to the instructresses and to her colleagues within the Council of Social Service for Wales. She also thanked the staff of the Welsh Association of Women's Clubs for their interest and support. Finally, she expressed appreciation of the financial help given by the Glamorgan and Carmarthenshire County Councils.

In return, Miss Williams received many congratulations and expressions of thanks for her work over 38 years. She received many messages of affection and goodwill for a very happy retirement.

Cardiff and District Standing Conference of Women's Organisations

Miss Ceri Williams, Chief Woman Officer, continued during the year as Secretary of the Standing Conference of Women's Organisations in Cardiff and District. On her retirement in June, 1973, her position as Secretary was taken by Mrs. Jennifer Thomas, Women's Club Organiser.

Among its activities the Conference endeavoured to assist in solving the problems of patients leaving hospital and elderly people having to cope with transport and traffic. It helped to organise the Biennial Joint Conference for Standing Conferences and the Women's Group on Public Welfare in Cardiff last November.

Information and Training

Information Service

Community Work Information Centre for Wales

Training

Welsh Training Officers Group

Students

Information Service

All members of the Council's administrative and field staff are continually giving information and guidance in the course of their work. It was felt however that a central facility for collecting, storing and retrieving information was required to back them up. Stronger links should also be established with information sources elsewhere particularly those specialising in aspects of the Council's work, e.g. disability, youth work, community development. At the same time such a facility could be made available to any member of the Council's associated organisations and to the public at large.

With this in mind the Council approached the Welsh Office requesting funds towards the appointment of an Information Officer and an Assistant who would have training and experience in librarianship and information handling. These appointments were approved and Mr. David Streatfield and Miss Margaret Williams subsequently joined the staff in the spring of 1973.

Community Work Information Centre for Wales

To give the Information Service some special identity in the wider context the name Community Work Information Centre for Wales was adopted. It is hoped that all who see themselves as undertaking community work of some kind in a variety of professional settings or in a voluntary capacity will use the Centre as a place to which they can come in person and to which they can write or telephone whatever their information needs or problems.

The Centre, already referred to by its initials "CWIC", was inaugurated at a Press conference on May 16th, 1973. Contacts have been established with other agencies, basic equipment has been ordered and the process of gathering in and storing essential information has begun. The Centre will gradually build up a store of relevant information under such categories as:—

Organisations, agencies, institutions, etc., their functions, services and pesonnel.

Programmes and activities: forthcoming events, news items, reports, etc.

Policies: circulars, official reports, legislation, etc.

Resources: publications, audio visual and personal aids, training facilities, etc.

Special studies: bibliographies, research papers, case histories, comparative studies, etc.

Consideration is now being given to ways of distributing information and about other specific services to be offered. These include the production of general publicity material, the publication of a bi-monthly periodical, the publication of directories and guides and the provision of static displays. It is intended that the Centre should become fully operational by the Autumn 1973.

Training

The newly created Information and Training Division was reinforced by the appointment of the Council's first Training Officer, Mr. John James, who joined the Council on May 1st, 1973. The early tasks of the Training Officer include the formulation of a training policy which will provide a sound foundation for the systematical examination and development of priority training areas in the voluntary sector. It was been possible to identify the following areas as a framework of activity:—

Volunteer Training
Community Work Training
Management Training
Student Training

In addition attention will be paid to the in-service training requirements of the Council which will of course indirectly benefit voluntary organisations.

The job of identifying the resources available for training and the areas of known training activity is an important and continuing operation. A start has already been made in assessing the present and future training needs of voluntary organisations and it is the Council's hope that a comprehensive training service can be offered with the widest possible appeal. This will not only provide for a training advice service to voluntary organisations with either an existing training commitment or the desire to project such a commitment but will also offer a direct service in training which it is hoped will make its first contribution in the Autumn of 1973. Given the active support and co-operation of voluntary and statutory agencies it is certain that training can become a particularly effective element in meeting the needs of those with whom the Council has common cause.

Welsh Training Officers' Group

A group of training officers drawn mainly from local authority Social Services Departments has been meeting at regular intervals in different parts of Wales. Sponsored at first by the Welsh Office the group is now operating on its own resources. Members of this Council's staff have been invited to meetings and look forward to continued association with the group. Topics under discussion this year have been staff development and in-service training, residential care and the training of residential social workers, the role of the Welsh Advisory Committee of the Central Council for Education and Training in Social Work (CCETSW), and other matters of detail.

Students

Members of the Council's staff have, for many years, contributed to the training of social workers at Welsh Universities and Colleges. They have given lectures on the work of the Council and its associated organisations and on topics relating to voluntary activity and Welsh life.

Students have also come to the Council in Groups or as individuals as part of their practical work training. During the year under review, two students from the University College of Cardiff's School of Social Work

spent two weeks in September learning about and observing the various aspects of the Council's Departmental activities. During the first fortnight in January, three graduate students from overseas studying various aspects of social administration at Swansea University, were attached to the Council. The following March, a larger party of overseas students came from Swansea for a general briefing before being placed with Rural Community Councils throughout Wales. Plans to take social work students from the Cardiff College of Commerce during the Summer term did not, unfortunately, come to fruition owing to financial difficulties.

With a view to increasing the Council's contribution to students' field work experience of community work within the voluntary sector, discussions were held with University College, Cardiff and other interested parties. Considerable possibilities were seen in the idea of a "Student Unit" providing supervision and other services as an integral part of the developing work of the Information and Training Division.

Miscellaneous

Entry into Europe

It has become obvious that voluntary agencies in Britain will have to work closely with their counterparts in Europe now that this country is a member of the European Economic Community. The Director has been elected a member of the European Sub-Committee of the International Committee on Social Work which is a Committee of the National Council of Social Service. In this capacity he has attended Conferences at the Hague and Granada, Spain.

On May 17th, 1972 the Council, in conjunction with the National Council of Social Service, arranged a Conference at the Park Hotel, Cardiff, entitled "Wales into Europe—Social Policy and Planning".

In view of the vital importance to Wales of the regional economic policies of the European Economic Commission this Council is pledged to play a continuing and deepening role in the international sphere. One of our tasks will be to collate and present factual information on social work within the Principality and to comment upon social changes necessitated by the closure of large industries in Wales and to stress the need for economic and community provisions.

Guild of Social Workers in Wales

The Guild of Social Workers in Wales has been an associated body of this Council for some time, and for the past six years its secretariat has been provided by the Community/Youth Officer.

During this time it has been the policy of the Guild to arrange study weekends and conferences at the various University Colleges of Wales. These meetings have given opportunities for social workers of all disciplines, both professionally and voluntarily involved in the field, to review and discuss the many changes and issues which have faced the social services and the community in recent years.

The Executive Committee of the Guild has met from time to time during 1972/73, and arrangements have again been made to convene a National Conference at Bangor in September, 1973. Its theme will be "Who is my Neighbour?" and will be concerned with some of the implications to people and services of the impending Local Government changes and other reforms.

Consideration will also be given to a suggestion made at the last conference, that the Guild on this occasion should take stock of its position, and also assess its effectiveness as a national forum, in the light of the many changes which are taking place in the community and social work fields.

Charities

The Council continues to render service in the registration of charities and an up-to-date record is kept of extant charities in the Principality. Numerous enquiries are dealt with in the course of the year.

In addition, the Council was involved in the administration or distribution of funds for the following:—

The Alexandra Rose Day Fund

The BBC Children's Fund

Heating and Christmas Funds for the Elderly in Cardiff

The Hill-Snook Fund for the Elderly

The James Edward Harris Trust

Large Print Books

The Merthyr Educational Settlement Trust

"The People" Fund

The Prison Christmas Toy Fund

Royal Alfred Merchant Seamen's Society (Pension Fund)

Save the Children Fund

Tenovus

Wireless for the Bedridden Fund

The Council also distributes certain monies for community service by young people in Wales on behalf of the King George V Jubilee Trust.

The Finance Officer represented this Council on the Advisory Committee on Charitable Fund Raising which has produced a guide on "Fund Raising by Charities".

Consumer Groups

Miss Ceri Williams, Chief Woman Officer, was appointed Chairman of the *East Glamorgan Post Office Advisory Committee* which deals with complaints and problems of the consumer both on the postal and the telecommunications side. She was also the Regional Representative for Wales on the *Advisory Council on Solid Fuel* meeting in London. This Council assists in solving the problems of the consumer in the use of coal appliances of all kinds. It also supplies lectures and films and demonstrates various appliances. The Wales Council on solid fuel was reconstituted in April, 1973 as the Committee for Wales and the West and Miss Williams was nominated for membership of this new Body.

Finance

A perusal of the Income and Expenditure Account in the Appendices following reveals that the Council has sustained a deficit on its yearly budget of £4,521. This fact has been faced squarely by the Policy and Finance Committee and urgent steps are being taken to raise the level of voluntary money collected by the Council. Whilst every possible economy is being exercised it must be noted that the Council will have to find a very large capital sum to secure new premises and at the same time make strenuous efforts to raise income for its normal working commitments.

A substantial proportion of the expenditure increases can be attributed to salary awards made to the staff in the course of the year. The Council has endeavoured to honour salary grades that were instituted some years ago and feel that this is essential expenditure. The increase in the cost of living and salaries paid in comparable posts are factors which must be taken into account when trying to reward the work of our hardworking staff.

We sincerely hope that Trusts, Firms and individuals will realise the serious financial situation of the Council and act as generously as possible in alleviating our difficulties.

New Format

If required, more detailed information concerning Divisional activities and Associated Organisations can be furnished to anyone on request. It is hoped that the new form of this Annual Report will be acceptable and comments from Council members will be welcomed.

Appendices

Officers

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Finance—Income and Expenditure Account
—Balance Sheet

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Mr. B. H. Evans (*Welsh Office*)
Mr. David Hunt (*Mann, Judd, March & Company, Auditors*)
Mr. H. E. Leonard, OBE (*Welsh Office*)

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Mr. H. Noel Jerman, CBE
Prof. G. F. Thomason

RURAL COMMITTEE

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Secretary .. .. Mr. E. A. R. Davies

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Mr. Leslie Sketch
Mr. H. S. E. Snelson

**Elected representatives of the Standing Conference of Rural Community Councils in Wales*

ASSOCIATED BODIES

Cardiff Council for the Elderly

Chairman .. .. Mr. Walter John
Secretary .. .. Mr. Asquith Ll. Morgan, JP

Council for Wales of Voluntary Youth Services

Chairman .. .. The Lord Davies
Secretary .. .. Mr. Elfion W. Hopwood

National Council for the Elderly in Wales

Chairman .. .. Mrs. Helen Latham
Secretary .. .. D. Haydn Thomas

Wales Council for the Disabled

Chairman .. .. Dr. Joyce Rowley
Secretary .. .. Mr. Richard Marler

Welsh Association of Women's Clubs

Chairman .. .. Mrs. Jennie Jenkins, JP
Secretary .. .. Miss Ceri Williams

MEMBERSHIP

1. Representing Local Government

Anglesey	County Alderman Robert Roberts, MBE, JP
Breconshire	County Councillor John Hughes, JP
Caernarvonshire	County Alderman A. H. Davies
Cardiganshire	County Alderman Mrs. G. Eluned Jones, OBE, JP
Denbighshire	County Alderman R. E. Rowlands Mr. David W. E. Erasmus (*Education Committee*)
Flintshire	County Councillor L. M'Kown, JP
Merioneth	County Alderman Rev. E. Cadvan Jones
Montgomeryshire	County Alderman G. S. Hughes
Radnorshire	County Alderman Penry Pritchard
Cardiff	Alderman H. M. Salter (*Education Committee*) Mr. A. J. Mackay (*Director of Education*)
Merthyr	Alderman J. Williams, BEM

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Anglesey	Mr. J. D. Williams
Breconshire	Miss W. Phillips
Caernarvonshire	Mr. Albert Jones
Cardiganshire	Emeritus Prof. D. J. Llewelfryn Davies, JP
Carmarthenshire	Mr. S. J. E. Samuel, JP
Denbighshire	Mr. G. Trefor Hughes
Glamorgan	Mr. Herbert Davies
Merioneth	Mr. J. R. Roberts
Monmouthshire	Mr. A. W. Davies
Montgomeryshire	Mr. Edgar Spooner
Pembrokeshire	Mr. Dillwyn Miles
Radnorshire	Mr. W. I. Hughes

3. Representing Other Bodies

Coal Industry Social Welfare Organisation	Mr. E. G. Holten
Coleg Harlech	Mr. Ieuan Williams Hughes
Colleges of Education	Dr. E. D. Lewis
Confederation of British Industry ..	Mr. J. Aeron-Thomas, JP
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Council for Wales of Voluntary Youth Services	Mr. A. K. Stafford Mr. D. J. Plank
Honourable Society of Cymrodorion	Judge D. Watkin Powell
Joint Four	Miss L. F. G. Farthing
National Eisteddfod	Mr. T. W. Thomas, MBE, JP
National Library of Wales ..	Prof. A. O. H. Jarman
National Museum of Wales ..	Dr. G. O. Jones
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Rotary International District 115 (*South Wales*)	Mr. R. A. Jones
Royal British Legion, Wales ..	Captain E. G. Williams
Royal Welsh Agricultural Society	Mr. J. A. George
Soroptimist Clubs (Federation of) ..	Miss K. P. Kernick
The Sports Council for Wales ..	Miss Rita H. Morgan
Toc H (Wales)	Mrs. A. M. Cook, JP
United Nations Association ..	Mr. William R. Davies
Urdd Gobaith Cymru	Mr. J. Cyril Hughes
Wales Committee of the Young Farmers' Clubs	Mr. E. Elwyn Griffiths
Welsh Federation of Townswomen's Guilds	Mrs. E. Jones
Welsh Joint Education Committee ..	Alderman T. E. Walkley
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Welsh Secondary Schools	Miss Hap Evans
Workers' Educational Association ..	Mr. Allan R. Rogers
World Friendship Federation ..	Mr. A. McTaggart Short
YWCA	Mrs. Currie Jones

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Glamorgan Education Committee ..	Mr. Berian Edwards
Welsh Arts Council	Mr. Aneurin M. Thomas

STAFF AS AT 31st JULY, 1973

Director & Secretary	I. V. Cassam, JP
Senior Community Development Officer	A. T. Rees
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Rural Officer	E. A. R. Davies
Community/Youth Officer	E. W. Hopwood
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Officer for the Elderly in Cardiff ..	Asquith Lloyd Morgan, JP
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EXPENDITURE

1972 £		£	£
36,161	Salaries	39,606	
1,270	National Insurance	1,280	
37,431			40,886
2,773	Superannuation		2,844
479	State Graduated Pensions		747
250	Staff Pensions (inc. Widows)		425
5,654	Travelling Subsistence		6,881
125	Audit Fees		140
1,192	Printing and Stationery		1,568
1,387	Postage and Telephone		1,547
731	Lighting, Heating and Cleaning		865
244	Rent, Rates and Ground Rent		274
274	Repairs and Maintenance		130
69	General Insurance		232
143	Bank Charges		376
28	Office Expenses		173
143	Publications and Newspaper Advertisements		621
452	Office Furniture and Equipment		518
384	Drama Library and Equipment		396
124	Drama Festivals Competition, Schools and Courses		135
67	Drama Grants to Special Projects		150
565	Citizens Advice Bureau—Schools and Courses		481
936	Conference and Meetings (Exec. Committee and Delegates)		457
12	Glamorgan Expenses		29
94	Old People's Welfare (Wales)		56
100	Miscellaneous		151
—	Conferences (General)		571
£53,657			£60,653

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1973

INCOME

1972 £		£	£
	GRANTS FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES		
11,718	H.M. Development Commission	13,019	
2,720	Department of Education and Science..	3,150	
9,465	Glamorgan County Council	11,795	
350	Carmarthen County Council	—	
	Local Authorities:		
793	Grants for Old People's Work	904	
102	Grants for Old People's Work in Glamorgan ..	204	
—	Grants for Physically Handicapped	150	
	The Welsh Office:		
2,750	Old People's Welfare in Wales	3,000	
2,460	Physically Handicapped	4,000	
—	Information Training	1,009	
1,800	Cardiff City Council	1,800	
7,622	Dept. of Trade and Industry. Citizens Advice Bureau per National Council for Social Service	4,517	
2,856	Welsh Arts Council for Drama Work	1,644	
—	Drama Association of Wales for Drama Work.. ..	1,112	
42,636			46,304
	DONATIONS FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES		
135	Conference Receipts	41	
39	Affiliation Fees—Glamorgan	28	
2,642	Women's Social Service Clubs	1,930	
	Drama:		
784	Membership Fees	204	
478	Library Fees	331	
—	Voluntary Organisations—Physically Handicapped ..	45	
4,078			2,579
	GRANT FOR GENERAL PURPOSES		
2,500	Carnegie United Kingdom Trust		2,500
	OTHER GENERAL INCOME		
1,537	Subscriptions and Donations	2,758	
35	Affiliation Fees	8	
339	Agency Fees	413	
75	Rent—Sub-Letting	75	
1,189	Investment Interest and Dividends	972	
274	Interest on Bank Deposit Account	255	
88	Miscellaneous	53	
—	Cookery Book Sales	113	
—	Publications	102	
3,537			4,749
906	Balance, being Excess of Expenditure over Income for the year		4,521
£53,657			£60,653

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH, 1973

1972 £		£	£
	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, 1972	12,261	
	Less: Excess of Expenditure over Income for the year to 31st March, 1973	(4,521)	
12,261			7,740
5,000	PREMISES—DILAPIDATIONS AND REMOVAL RESERVE		5,000
	CARNEGIE UNITED KINGDOM TRUST		
	(Five Year) Grant	7,500	
	Less: Allocation this year	2,500	
7,500			5,000
5,124	FUNDS UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE COUNCIL AVAILABLE FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES ..		4,369
1,608	SUNDRY CREDITORS AND INCOME RECEIVED IN ADVANCE		7,004
£31,493			£29,113

1972 £		£	£
	FIXED ASSETS		
	Leasehold Property (1½ years unexpired) 2, Cathedral Road, Cardiff, (taken over from South Wales and Monmouthshire Council of Social Service (Inc.) at a nil book value).		—
6,608	QUOTED INVESTMENTS—At Cost ..		6,608
	(Market Value 31st March, 1973 £6,008 1972 £7,035)		
	LOANS		
7,597	Midland Bank Trust Corporation (Jersey) Limited	5,097	
518	Social Service Supplies	531	
8,115			5,628
	CURRENT ASSETS		
9,838	Sundry debtors and prepayments ..	9,059	
6,932	Cash at Bank	7,250	
—	Cash in Hand	568	
16,770			16,877
£31,493			£29,113

A. B. OLDFIELD-DAVIES, *Chairman*
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I. V. CASSAM, *Secretary*

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

We have examined the annexed Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account and report that in our opinion they give a true and fair view of the Council's affairs at 31st March, 1973 and of the excess of Expenditure over Income for the year ended on that date. Subject to the fact that 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, we certify that these Accounts comply with the Companies Acts 1948 and 1967.

CARDIFF
4th October, 1973

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