## **Cross Party Group on Waterways**

# Annual Report and Financial Statement January 2014

## **Annual Report**

At the thirty-fifth meeting of the Cross Party Group on Waterways, held in Tŷ Hywel on Wednesday 4 December 2013, the group held its first AGM under the new National Assembly for Wales' rules on the operation of Cross Party Groups.

## Membership & Secretariat

The membership and secretariat, as of December 2013, is as follows:

#### Members

- Nick Ramsay AM (Chair)
- Julie James AM
- Llyr Gruffydd AM
- William Powell AM

### Secretary

• Glandŵr Cymru – the Canal & River Trust in Wales (currently Matt Francis)

## Meetings in the past 12 months

During 2013 the group held a total of 3 meetings.

Date of meeting	Assembly Members in attendance	Topics discussed	External speakers
24/4/2013	Russell George AM Mark Isherwood AM Mike Hedges AM William Graham AM Aled Roberts AM	Waterways and tourism in Wales	Dan Clayton-Jones (Chair, Tourism Sector Panel)  Julie Lewis, Hazel Bowen (Powys County Council)
9/10/2013	Nick Ramsay AM Mohammed Asghar AM Russell George AM Byron Davies AM William Graham AM Mark Isherwood AM	Waterways and ecosystems	James Byrne, (Wildlife Trusts Wales) Cat Griffiths Williams, (CPRW)
4/12/2013	Nick Ramsay AM Julie James AM Russell George AM Antoinette Sandbach AM	'Beyond the Towpath': Glandŵr Cymru's ten year prospectus	Andrew Stumpf & Dr Mark Lang (Glandŵr Cymru)

The Cross Party Group holds open meetings; a full list attendees at each meeting is provided as part of the minutes, available on the relevant page of the National Assembly for Wales. Throughout 2013, secretariat services were provided for the Group by representatives from Grayling public affairs, on behalf of Glandŵr Cymru.

#### **Financial Statement**

During 2013, refreshments (tea, coffee, water and Welsh cakes) totalling £205.20 were provided for attendees by Glandŵr Cymru, across the three meetings.