



# Community Covenant

## THE ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY COVENANT

Between

### **Caerphilly Local Service Board**

(which includes Caerphilly County Borough Council,  
Aneurin Bevan Health Board, Gwent Police and  
Gwent Association of Voluntary Organisations)

and

### **The Civilian Community of Caerphilly County Borough**

and

### **The Armed Forces Community in Caerphilly County Borough**

*We, the undersigned, agree to work and act together to honour the  
Armed Forces Community Covenant.*

Signed:

Name: **Col Tina Donnelly**  
**TD DL CCMI L/QARANC**

Position Held: **Commanding Officer 203**  
**(Welsh Fd Hosp)**

**Signed on behalf of the**  
**Armed Forces Community**

Date: **28th June, 2013**

Signed:

Name: **Cllr. Harry Andrews MBE**

Position Held: **Chair of Caerphilly LSB**  
**& Leader of CCBC**

**Signed on behalf of**  
**Caerphilly LSB**

Date: **28th June, 2013**



The Caerphilly Local Service Board is the collaborative leadership body for the area, which is responsible for ensuring that all public service organisations work together to improve the quality of life for our communities.

Members of the Caerphilly Local Service Board are:-

- Leader of Caerphilly County Borough Council
- Chief Executive of Caerphilly County Borough Council
- Chief Executive of Aneurin Bevan Health Board
- Chief Constable of Gwent Police
- Assistant Director of Gwent Association of Voluntary Organisations
- Director-General of Strategic Planning, Finance and Performance, Welsh Government

## **SECTION 1: PARTICIPANTS**

1.1 This Armed Forces Community Covenant is made between:

**The serving and former members of the Armed Forces and their families, working and residing in Caerphilly county borough**

And

**Caerphilly Local Service Board**

And

**Other members of the civilian community**

## **SECTION 2: PRINCIPLES OF THE ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY COVENANT**

- 2.1 The Caerphilly Armed Forces Community Covenant is a voluntary statement of mutual support between a civilian community and its Armed Forces community at the local level. It is intended to complement the national Armed Forces Covenant, a copy of which is attached at Appendix One, which outlines the moral obligation between the Nation, the Government and the Armed Forces.
- 2.2 The purpose of this Community Covenant is to encourage support for the Armed Forces community working and residing in the Caerphilly county borough and to recognise and remember the sacrifices made by members of this Armed Forces community, particularly those who have given the most. This includes in-Service and ex-Service personnel, their families and widow(er)s throughout Caerphilly county borough.
- 2.3 For Caerphilly Local Service Board and partner organisations, the Community Covenant presents an opportunity to bring their knowledge, experience and expertise to bear on the provision of help and advice to members of the Armed Forces community. It also presents an opportunity to build upon existing good work on other initiatives such as the Welfare Pathway.
- 2.4 For the Armed Forces community, the Community Covenant encourages the integration of Service life into civilian life and encourages members of the Armed Forces community to help their local community.

## **SECTION 3: AIMS OF THE COMMUNITY COVENANT**

- 3.1 The Armed Forces Community Covenant complements the principles of the Armed Forces Covenant which defines the enduring, general principles that should govern the relationship between the Nation, the Government and the Armed Forces community.
- 3.2 It aims to encourage all parties within a community to offer support to the local Armed Forces community and make it easier for Service personnel, families and veterans to access the help and support available from the Ministry of Defence (MOD), from statutory providers and from the Charitable and Voluntary Sector. These organisations already work together in partnership at local level.
- 3.3 The scheme is intended to be a two-way arrangement and the Armed Forces community are encouraged to do as much as they can to support their community and promote activity which integrates the Service community into civilian life.

## **SECTION 4: MEASURES**

- 4.1 Caerphilly Local Service Board and Caerphilly County Borough Council have and will undertake the following measures:-
- a) Councillor Alan Higgs has been Identified as the Caerphilly Armed Forces 'Champion';

- b) Howard Rees, CCBC Programme Manager, has been confirmed as the LSB/CCBC 'lead officer';
- c) Establish a Caerphilly Armed Forces Community Covenant Forum, with partners/organisations invited to become members of the Forum, to include the Armed Forces contact, the Royal British Legion, veterans or families groups (e.g. Gwent Veterans Association, SSAFA), reservists, cadet corps, Aneurin Bevan Health Board, Gwent Police, Gwent Police and Crime Commissioner, GAVO, South Wales Fire and Rescue Service, Caerphilly Business Forum, etc. Members of the Forum will work together to fulfil the aims and objectives of the Caerphilly Armed Forces Community Covenant;
- d) Create a Caerphilly Armed Forces Community Covenant scheme web page on the Council's website. This will provide access to the Caerphilly Armed Forces Community Covenant document, outline the scheme, list services available and provide useful tips on how to access these services. The web page will also provide an Armed Forces e-Directory, which will 'sign-post' potential users to organisations/services/providers, nationally, regionally and locally;
- e) Members of the Armed Forces community will also be encouraged to identify themselves as such when they make contact or access services (by telephone, online or face to face) in order that they may be provided with all available help and advice from Caerphilly County Borough Council and other partners organisations.

#### **CONTACT PERSONNEL AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS:**

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# THE ARMED FORCES COVENANT

An Enduring Covenant Between

**The People of the United Kingdom**

**Her Majesty's Government**

and

**All those who serve or have served in the Armed Forces  
of The Crown**

**And their Families**

The first duty of Government is the defence of the realm. Our Armed Forces fulfil that responsibility on behalf of the Government, sacrificing some civilian freedoms, facing danger and sometimes suffering serious injury or death as a result of their duty. Families also play a vital role in supporting the operational effectiveness of our Armed Forces. In return, the whole nation has a moral obligation to the members of the Naval Service, the Army and the Royal Air Force, together with their families. They deserve our respect and support, and fair treatment.

Those who serve in the Armed Forces, whether Regular or Reserve, those who have served in the past, and their families, should face no disadvantage compared to other citizens in the provision of public and commercial services. Special consideration is appropriate in some cases, especially for those who have given most such as the injured and the bereaved.

This obligation involves the whole of society: it includes voluntary and Charitable bodies, private organisations, and the actions of individuals in supporting the Armed Forces. Recognising those who have performed Military duty unites the country and demonstrates the value of their contribution. This has no greater expression than in upholding this Covenant.