

Charity no. 1154423
Company no. 08275575

GWYNFI MINERS COMMUNITY HALL
(A company limited by guarantee)

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2023

YOUNG AND PHILLIPS
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GWYNFI MINERS COMMUNITY HALL

For the year ended 31st March 2023

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GWYNFI MINERS COMMUNITY HALL
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
AS AT THE 31ST MARCH 2023

Charity Name	Gwynfi Miners Community Hall
Registered Charity Number	1154423
Registered Company Number	08275575
Registered Office	Gwynfi Miners Community Hall 98 Jersy Road Blaengwynfi Port Talbot SA13 3TE
Trustees	Dr Brian Gibbons (chair) Christine Keirle Marilyn Young John Griffiths Ciaran Gibbons James Arthur Jordan (Appointed 7/11/22)
Independent Examiner	Young and Phillips Ltd 77 Bute Street Treorchy RCT CF42 6AH

GWYNFI MINERS COMMUNITY HALL
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2023

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Gwynfi Miners Community Hall

Report to the trustees Gwynfi Miners Community Hall of the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2023, which are set out on pages 4 to 12.

Responsibilities and basis of report


As the charity's trustees of the Company (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited for this year under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act"). In carrying out my examination, I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act).

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102). IER 2 October 2018 I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.


Darren Norton FCCA
77 Bute Street
Treorchy
RCT
CF42 6AH

26th July 2023

GWYNFI MINERS COMMUNITY HALL
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>£</u> <u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>£</u> <u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>£</u> <u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>£</u> <u>Prior</u> <u>Year</u> <u>Funds</u>
<u>Incoming Resources</u>					
Grants and Donations	3	23,619	65,534	89,153	91,655
<i>Income from Charitable activities:</i>					
Operation of community hall		11,511	-	11,511	8,390
Insurance claim		-	240	240	3,204
Total Incoming Resources		<u>35,130</u>	<u>65,774</u>	<u>100,904</u>	<u>103,249</u>
<u>Resources Expended</u>					
Charitable Activities	4	2,511	92,560	95,071	109,698
Total Resources expended		<u>2,511</u>	<u>92,560</u>	<u>95,071</u>	<u>109,698</u>
Net Income/(Expenditure) and net movement in funds for the year		<u>32,619</u>	<u>(26,786)</u>	<u>5,833</u>	<u>(6,449)</u>
<u>Reconciliation of Funds</u>					
Total funds brought forward		<u>32,038</u>	<u>49,340</u>	<u>81,378</u>	<u>87,827</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>64,657</u>	<u>22,554</u>	<u>87,211</u>	<u>81,378</u>

GWYNFI MINERS COMMUNITY HALL
BALANCE SHEET
AT THE 31ST MARCH 2023

	Notes	£ Unrestricted Funds	£ Restricted Funds	£ Total Funds	£ Prior Year Funds
<u>Fixed Assets</u>	8	1,530	5,907	7,437	1,727
<u>Current Assets</u>					
Debtors	9	1,040	8,558	9,598	3,314
Cash at bank and in hand	10	63,836	15,981	79,817	79,998
Total current assets		<u>64,876</u>	<u>24,539</u>	<u>89,415</u>	<u>83,312</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	1,749	7,892	9,641	3,661
Net current assets		<u>63,127</u>	<u>16,647</u>	<u>79,774</u>	<u>79,651</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>64,657</u>	<u>22,554</u>	<u>87,211</u>	<u>81,378</u>
Net Assets		<u>64,657</u>	<u>22,554</u>	<u>87,211</u>	<u>81,378</u>
<u>Funds of the Charity</u>					
Unrestricted funds	13	64,657	-	64,657	32,038
Restricted income funds	12	-	22,554	22,554	49,340
Total funds		<u>64,657</u>	<u>22,554</u>	<u>87,211</u>	<u>81,378</u>

The company was entitled to exemption from audit under s477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.


The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

Approved by the board and signed on its behalf by


Chair- Dr Brian Gibbons

Date 21/8/2023


Company secretary- John Griffiths

Date 13-10-23

GWYNFI MINERS COMMUNITY HALL
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

1 Basis of preparation

1.1 Basis of Accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with:

- the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014
- and with the Charities Act 2011

1.2 Going Concern

These accounts have been prepared on the basis that the charity is a going concern.

2 Accounting Policies

2.1 Income

Recognition of income

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability

Offsetting

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS 102 SORP or FRS 102.

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS102 SORP).

In the case of performance related grants, income must only be recognised to the extent that the charity has provided the specified goods or services as entitlement to the grant only occurs when the performance related conditions are met (5.16 FRS 102 SORP).

Deferred income

Deferred income has been included in the account in line with the depreciation of assets.

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Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts.

2.2 Expenditure and liabilities

Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Governance and Support costs

Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Creditors

The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts

2.3 Assets

Stock and work in progress

Goods or services provided as part of a charitable activity are measured at net realisable value based on the service potential provided by items of stock.

Debtors

Debtors (including trade debtors and loans receivable) are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amount advanced by the charity. Subsequently, they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.

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3 Analysis of Income

	<u>£</u> <u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>£</u> <u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>£</u> <u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>£</u> <u>Prior</u> <u>Year</u> <u>Funds</u>
<u>Donations</u>				
Donations	1,818	-	1,818	500
Bereavement Bequest	585	-	585	-
<u>Grants</u>				
NPTCBC- Rent	-	9,100	9,100	8,700
NPTCBC Economic Resilience Fund	-	-	-	2,000
NPTCBC Third sector Grant	-	5,000	5,000	5,000
NPTCBC Councillors Community Fund	-	-	-	1,602
People's Health Trust	-	1,497	1,497	4,493
Llynfi Afan REP Community	-	-	-	19,001
Garfield Weston Foundation Grant	-	15,000	15,000	15,000
Quatro public relations	21,216	-	21,216	-
UK Community Renewable Fund	-	22,288	22,288	-
Welsh Government cultural grant	-	-	-	14,250
HMRC Job retention scheme	-	-	-	1,215
Coalfields regeneration grant	-	-	-	2,000
National grid warm space community matters	-	7,162	7,162	-
Heritage Lottery Grant	-	410	410	410
NPTCBC Warm spaces Grant	-	1,157	1,157	-
NPT AWPOG Capital Grant	-	634	634	634
Afan cluster grant	-	3,286	3,286	-
Thynne Elizabeth Gill Craigie Events	-	-	-	350
West Glamorgan Prevention & Early Learning Grant Scheme	-	-	-	8,000
National Lottery Grant	-	-	-	8,500
	23,619	65,534	89,153	91,655
<u>Income from charitable activities</u>				
Fundraising events	2,137	-	2,137	260
Community Cinema	444	-	444	212
Room Hire	4,259	-	4,259	3,473
Gym	4,671	-	4,671	4,445
	11,511	-	11,511	8,390
<u>Insurance claim</u>	-	240	240	3,204
	35,130	65,774	100,904	103,249

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4 Analysis of Expenditure

	£ <u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	£ <u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	£ <u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u>	£ <u>Prior</u> <u>Year</u> <u>Funds</u>
Charitable activities				
Core activities	210	51,669	51,879	41,244
Children's Funds	95	1,370	1,465	106
Cinema & funding events	625	-	625	754
Governance costs (note 6)	1,331	3,680	5,011	2,083
Support costs (note 5)	250	35,841	36,091	65,511
	<u>2,511</u>	<u>92,560</u>	<u>95,071</u>	<u>109,698</u>

5 Support costs

All support costs have been allocated on the following basis.

	£ <u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	£ <u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	£ <u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u>
Rent	-	9,884	9,884
Repairs & maintenance	250	4,403	4,653
Equipment	-	1,535	1,535
Light, heat and water rates	-	11,506	11,506
Insurance	-	3,439	3,439
Telephone	-	683	683
Cleaning	-	709	709
Printing & stationery	-	710	710
Accountancy	-	1,008	1,008
Other office costs	-	1,427	1,427
Professional fees	-	537	537
	<u>250</u>	<u>35,841</u>	<u>36,091</u>

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6 Governance costs

	£	£	£
	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>
Independent examination	552	-	552
Depreciation	779	3,680	4,459
	<u>1,331</u>	<u>3,680</u>	<u>5,011</u>

7 Paid employees

Employee costs were £ 42,933 (2022-£38,712), including social security costs of £0 (2022-nil) There were no pension costs.

During the year various grants were received to cover wages totalling £ 42,933. (2022-£25,469).

No employee received more than £60,000 during the year (2022- nil)

8 Tangible Fixed Assets

	2023	2022
	£	£
Fixture & equipment		
Cost		
Brought forward 1 st April 2022	12,718	10,742
Additions	<u>10,169</u>	<u>1,976</u>
At 31 st March 2023	<u>22,887</u>	<u>12,718</u>
Depreciation		
Brought forward 1 st April 2022	10,991	9,922
Charge for the year	<u>4,459</u>	<u>1,069</u>
At 31 st March 2023	<u>15,450</u>	<u>10,991</u>
Net book value	<u>7,437</u>	<u>1,727</u>

During 2021 a computer was bought using restricted funds and in 2022 a PA system was purchased mainly using restricted income with the balance paid out of general funds. In 2023 gym equipment using partly restricted funds.

The balance of restricted assets at the at the yearend is £5,907. (2022-£1,679)

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9 Debtors

	2023	2022
Trade debtors	9,464	-
Prepayments	134	110
	<u>9,598</u>	<u>110</u>

10 Cash at Bank and in hand

	2023	2022
Bank Account	76,813	77,399
Deposit Account	1,174	1,174
Cash at bank and in hand	1,830	1,425
	<u>79,817</u>	<u>79,998</u>

11 Creditors: Amounts falling within one year

	2023	2022
Deferred Income	5,907	1,679
Accruals	3,734	1,982
	<u>9,641</u>	<u>3,661</u>

Deferred Income

During the financial year ended 2021 the charity received a Heritage Lottery grant for £10,000 of which £1,230 was used to buy a computer.

In 2022 a PA system was purchased for £1,976 of which £1,903 was money from NPT AWPOG Capital Grant.

Gym equipment was bought mainly using restricted funds from an Afan cluster grant during 2023. The amount of restricted funds used was £7,908

The items have been capitalised in fixed assets and depreciated over its useful economic life. Standard accounting practice is to include this grant as deferred income on the balance sheet

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and to write back the grant to the statement of financial activities account in line with the depreciation on the relevant assets.

The grant income recognised in these accounts this year is £3,680 (2022-£1,044).

12 Restricted Income Funds

	£ <u>Balance</u> <u>at 1st</u> <u>April</u> <u>2022</u>	£ <u>Incoming</u> <u>resources</u>	£ <u>Outgoing</u> <u>resources</u>	£ <u>Balance</u> <u>at 31st</u> <u>March</u> <u>2023</u>
<u>Donations</u>				
GASP-petty cash for new junior cinema	100	-	-	100
Pamela Walsh donation	300	-	-	300
	<u>400</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>400</u>
<u>Grants</u>				
Groundwork grant	1,504	-	-	1,504
Asda	168	-	-	168
Llynfi Afan REP Community	207	-	-	207
Peoples Health Trust	5,002	1,497	6,499	-
Community foundation Wales	10	-	-	10
Welsh Government Cultural Grant- Library	4,750	-	4,750	-
Afan Valley cluster Grant	675	3,286	3,486	475
Heritage Lottery Grant	24	410	410	24
UK Community Renewable Fund	-	22,288	22,288	-
NPT AWPOG Capital Grant	-	634	634	-
National Lottery Grant	8,500	-	8,500	-
Garfield Weston Foundation Grant	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
West Glamorgan Prevention & Early Learning Grant Scheme	8,000	-	8,000	-
NPTCBC Third sector	5,000	5,000	5,433	4,567
Thynne Elizabeth Gill Craigie Events	100	-	-	100
NPTCBC rent	-	9,100	9,100	-
Nptcbc Warm spaces grant	-	1,157	1,058	99
National grid warm space community matters	-	7,162	7,162	-
	<u>48,940</u>	<u>65,534</u>	<u>92,320</u>	<u>22,154</u>
	<u>49,340</u>	<u>65,534</u>	<u>92,320</u>	<u>22,554</u>

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13 Analysis of Unrestricted Funds

	£ <u>Balance</u> <u>at 1st</u> <u>April</u> <u>2022</u>	£ <u>Incoming</u> <u>resources</u>	£ <u>Outgoing</u> <u>resources</u>	£ <u>Balance</u> <u>at 31st</u> <u>March</u> <u>2023</u>
General Funds				
Unrestricted income fund	32,038	35,130	2,694	64,474
	<u>32,038</u>	<u>35,130</u>	<u>2,694</u>	<u>64,474</u>

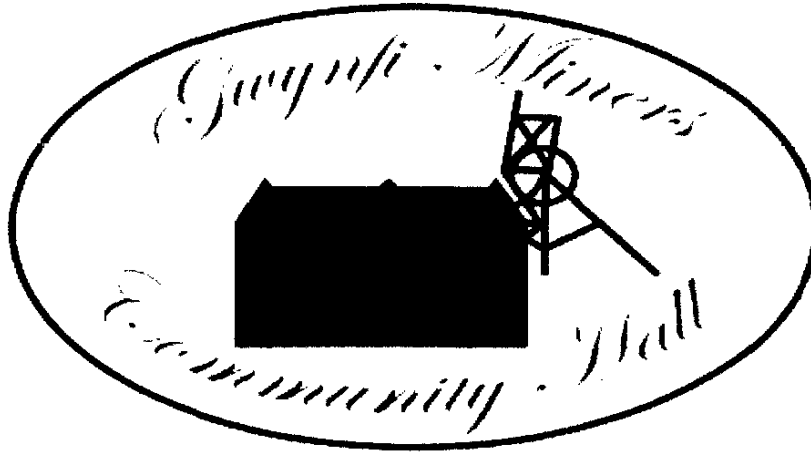
14 Related party transactions

Three members of the board of directors are also Directors of Gwynfi Community Co-operative Society.

15 Company limited by guarantee

Gwynfi Miners Community Hall is a company limited by guarantee. Every member of the company undertakes to contribute such an amount as may be required not exceeding £1 to the assets in the event of its being wound up while he or she is a member, or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member.

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**Report and Financial Statements for the
12 months ended 31st March 2023**

Charity number 1154423

Company number 08275575



Annual Report and Financial Statements
For the 12 months ended 31st March 2023

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Report of the Trustees for the 12 months ended 31st March 2023

The trustees are pleased to present their annual directors' report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ending 31 March 2023 which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity name:	Gwynfi Miners Community Hall
Charity registration number:	1154423
Company registration number:	08275575
Registered Office and Operational address:	98 Jersey Road Blaengwynfi Port Talbot SA13 3TE

Trustees

Dr Brian Gibbons FRCGP, MB BCH BAO	Chair
Mrs Jane Jones	Deceased
Mr John Griffiths	Company Secretary
Mrs Christine Isobelle Suzanne Keirle	
Mrs Mairlyn Young	
James Arthur Jordan	Appointed 7 th November 2022

*Trustees who are not directors under company law.

Independent Examiner	Darren Norton FCCA Young and Phillips Chartered Certified Accountants
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Bankers	Co-operative Bank
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Accountant	Joanna Surman FCCA Young and Phillips
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Objectives

Our charity's objectives as set out in the objects contained in the company's memorandum and articles of association are:

To promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of the electoral ward of Gwynfi and the surrounding area, the provision of facilities for well-being, self-improvement, recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances or for the public at large in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the condition of life of the said inhabitants.

To help young people, especially but not exclusively through leisure time activities, to develop their capabilities so that they may grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society.

Ensuring Our Work Delivers Against Our Objectives

Our objectives are borne in mind when considering new activities, services or facilities provided by the charity. During our first year of operation a review of activities was undertaken to determine core activities offered to the community so as to achieve our objectives. Since then, every year we have continued to build on our prior achievements, trying new activities as well as reviewing those already in place.

The Gwynfi Miners Community Hall has had to change from being a traditional village hall to becoming a community hub that hosts multiple agencies and services. This was crucial if we were to continue meeting the communities needs and organisations objectives.

The manager regularly reports to the trustees on the activities undertaken with reference to what was done, activity attendance levels and usage rates for the hall facilities. The manager also reports on future activity plans and discussions around who would benefit from the provision of any suggested activity or facility provision. Any activities or facilities that are reviewed and found to be no longer suitable or supported by the community are stopped so that resources can be redirected to new activity which better achieves our objectives.

We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our objectives and in planning and implementing our future activities.

Structure, Governance & Management

Governing Document

Gwynfi Miners Community Hall is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales on 31 October 2012 and registered as a charity on 31 October 2013.

The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

Recruitment and Appointment of Directors

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law. Directors are appointed at the annual general meeting or co-opted for a particular skill sets during the year.

Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association the directors are appointed to serve until such time as they are required to retire at a subsequent annual general meeting. At each annual general meeting one third of the directors or, if their number is not three or a multiple of three, the nearest to one third, must retire from office. The directors to retire by rotation shall be those who have longest served in office since their last appointment.

All directors give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or benefits from the charity.

Management

The directors manage the business of the charity and the premises are managed operationally by two paid members of staff providing cover between them during opening hours.

Risk Assessment

The Manager has carried out an appropriate health and safety risk assessment and has established systems to reduce identified risks. Assessments are kept up to date with regular reviews by the Directors. The Directors receive a Health & Safety report at their monthly meeting.

The most significant risk was our funding uncertainty until the Corvid Pandemic took precedence but unfortunately after this revival, organisations and communities were then faced with the challenges of the Cost-of-Living-Crisis and Fuel Poverty.

The Directors and staff are aware of these risks and every effort is focused on helping families and individuals at risk. The Gwynfi Miners Community Hall is committed to working with our partners to provide essential services and activities locally for free or at a subsidized cost so that our services are inclusive to everyone that needs them.

The water ingress to our lower floors remains a great concern and continues to have a significant impact on the community hall, affecting both the building itself and the disruption to scheduled activities and events. Installing preventative measures and repairing the damage caused by flooding will be significantly expensive and therefore we will be reliant on external grant funding or government support.

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Chair's Report

During the year we sadly lost one of our founding directors, former Councillor Jane Jones. Jane was a great supporter for Gwynfi Miners Community Hall from the very start and this was reflected in her advocacy for GMCH over her years of Council service. In addition, Jane was able to use some of her Councillor's Capital Grant Fund to support work to improve the Hall. We will miss Jane's support and mischievous sense of humor.

During the year, two new directors, Jim Jordan and Ciaran Gibbons, joined us. Gwynfi Miners Community Hall will always need directors and we are very grateful to Jim and Ciaran for the contribution. And if there are any other members of the community who would like to help then we would welcome their support.

As the shadow of Covid recedes we are delighted to see that user numbers are back to, or even better than pre-Covid time with 15,278 users in the 12 months to the end of March 2023. A particular feature of these numbers was the use that was being made by younger members of our community. This is an excellent development and is all the more remarkable with the continuing problems with flooding in the downstairs rooms of our building.

The Directors decided that Gwynfi Miners Community Hall needs to take a wider view of its charitable purpose to improve the quality of our residents. Since we were established, our primary objective was to survive and as we approach our 10th Anniversary, we can say we have done that. And while every year is a challenge for survival, we agreed that we needed to do more to address the many problems that socially disadvantaged communities such as ours face after a dozen years of destructive Austerity.

In this context we are pleased to say that our relations with a range of statutory bodies have improved over the years. The CEO of Neath Port Talbot Council, Karen Jones, has visited the Hall on numerous occasions and commented positively on the work that we are doing as well as being more supportive in seeking to address the structural problems we face. We also need to work more closely with our Council to maximize the benefits of programs such as the Levelling Up and Shared Prosperity Funds.

We noted that the local council is committed to taking Leisure Services back in-house as part of improving the leisure experience of their residents. We have pointed out that while such a move is welcomed it will have no effect on the Upper Afan Valley as our facilities are virtually all run by local community groups as social enterprises. We are lobbying hard to make sure that our needs are not overlooked in any new arrangements for the Council's Leisure Services.

We have also improved relations with our local University Health Board and with the Afan Cluster in particular. We have greatly expanded our GP Referral Scheme, Flying Start is going very well and we have had support with getting new equipment. These developments give us great encouragement.

We would like to thank our funders once again this year – there are too many to mention in this address but will be listed in the Annual Accounts. However, a special thanks is due to Llynfi Afan Renewable Energy Park for their continuing regular support. We would also like to thank Garfield Weston Trust for their continuing vote of confidence. And we must thank Neath Port Talbot CVS for their continuing support at all levels and to congratulate Carys Miles on her recent good news.

Our manager, Simon, will give more details of our activities during the year, so I will not be stealing his thunder. On behalf of our directors, I would like to thank Simon, Leigh and Pam for their work during the year – their commitment and welcome to users are crucial to the success of Gwynfi Miners Hall. And we would like to thank Dionne Williams who left our employment during the year.

And as the year came towards an end, we had the excellent news that Simon had been extended an invitation to attend a Buckingham Palace Tea Party in recognition of the excellent work that he has been doing here in Aber – Blaengwynfi. But you will have to wait until next year's AGM to find out how that visit went.

And, as Chair, I would like to thank my colleague directors for their work in the year. It is all done on a voluntary basis but without it, Gwynfi Miners Community Hall would not survive. And, of course, thanks to our supporters and users. Y

Manager Report

It is an honor and still a great privilege to serve as the Manager for this fantastic Organisation especially at such a critical time for children, young people and families.

We ended the 2023 Financial year reaching an important milestone. The Gwynfi Miners Community Halls 10th Anniversary which demonstrates the hall's resilience and ability to sustain itself and remain a valuable asset to the community over an extended period of time.

Gwynfi Miners CH appreciates that we have not achieved this alone and maintaining a community hall for ten years signifies the dedication and hard work from our volunteers, staff, and supporters who have contributed their time, effort, and resources to keep the hall running. It showcases the importance of community engagement, collaboration and volunteerism.

The last twelve months have been no less important as circumstances change from the horrific war in Ukraine to the growing cost of living crisis and fuel poverty and people seem to need the GMCH now more than ever. Unfortunately, we were all saddened to hear of the passing of one of the Gwynfi Miners Community Halls Director's Mrs. Jane Jones. Jane was a big part of the organisations journey and will be dearly missed but not forgotten.

To the community the GMCH offers that degree of readily accessible, practical support by either accessing our range of core services and activities or by the organisation signposting people towards the support or advice they need. Our regular programme of activities have now returned to normal after a difficult few years. Over fifteen and a half thousand users visited the GMCH during this reporting period to access key services, educational programs, cultural events and other recreational pursuits that address multiple facets of well-being.

Notably, forty five percent of these users were children. This was pleasing because the GMCH make a great effort to cater for the youth and younger children so that they can have a safe childhood and a positive future. It is great to see the Seniors Coffee Mornings are now back in full swing. Although we welcome our older residents at other times during the week, the Coffee Mornings are such a pivotal activity and brings an array of benefits to the members, community and the Gwynfi Miners Community Hall.

We continued to broaden and widen the areas of our work by working in partnership with local community groups, sports clubs, statutory bodies and agencies to develop and improve local services and activities. Unfortunately, we continue to live in immensely challenging and uncertain times, but it is fair to say that the Gwynfi Miners Community Hall have remained focused on our core purpose in supporting our local community.

We have an immense task ahead, but I am confident that our talented and committed colleagues and volunteers will continue to rise to the challenge.

I'm deeply grateful for the continued support of my leadership team, our Chair, Secretary and Board of Directors, who have all gone above and beyond.

I would like to thank our staff Leigh and Pam who have helped to keep the GMCH functioning, and I am sincerely grateful for their support and commitment to the GMCH.

I want to thank our supporters, partners and donors for sharing our values and commitment to working together to achieve better outcomes for the residents of the Afan Valley.

Lastly, I would like to give a massive heartfelt thank you to our loyal and resolute community members. You are the reason why we exist.

Achievements & Performance

The information in this section refers to the period 1st April 2022 to the 31st March 2023. Gwynfi Miners Community Hall ended this financial year reaching an important milestone, the Gwynfi Miners Community Hall 10th Anniversary and this is a proud moment, and an achievement in its own right.

During this period over fifteen and a half thousand people consisting of all ages attended the GMCH to take part in a wide variety of activities and access key services that has helped develop a culture of wellbeing across, social, mental and physical health.

Health & Wellbeing

Unfortunately, the basement flooding still remains our burden and we are limited with the range of physical activity we can offer. The GMCH are grateful to have access to the Pen Afan Primary School's MUGGA where children activities have taken place. However, these activities have been limited due to the unpredictable weather and the wet and cold winter months.

The weights and fitness gymnasium remains a popular activity at the GMCH that attracts children from 14 years to our most senior residents. We were fortunate to receive funding from the Swansea Bay University Health Board and the Afan Cluster to upgrade the weights section and with the new equipment the user figures have increased accordingly.

Boxing is a sport that fosters discipline and engages individuals with goals they once considered difficult to achieve, both in and out of the ring. Gwynfi Miners Community Hall acknowledges the importance of the Gwynfi ABC and provides the club with a free residency at the GMCH so that the club can continue to thrive and inspire.

An average of twenty- five children attend the twice weekly junior session`s and ten members attend the weekly senior classes. It has been a successful season with one member becoming the youth Welsh Champion and another finalist who lost a close contest. The GMCH are proud of all the members, Coach Owain Davies and his team of dedicated volunteers who took over the gym a few years back after the saddened loss of the founder and coach of Gwynfi ABC Mr John Radmore.

The GP Exercise Referral Scheme is a great way for people with short or long-term conditions to improve their health and increase levels of physical activity. Patients suffering with common medical conditions such as obesity, mental health, cardiovascular diseases, hypertension and diabetes have all benefited from the scheme.

The scheme is running at a maximum capacity which is evidence for the need of the GMCH so that there is an assured base where specialist health schemes can be delivered from.

Dance Aerobics has always proven popular at the GMCH and this year was no exception. On average twelve ladies from across the Afan Valley attended the weekly sessions to dance, keep fit and connect with the community.

The Walk and Talk Group was established so that people who were still feeling vulnerable or anxious after the pandemic would have the opportunity to take part in an outdoor physical activity. Due to the popularity of the group the walks were continued beyond the covid pandemic. Besides the many health benefits the walks create a platform for discussion and opportunity for residents to visit new scenery and make new friendships.

Leisure, Recreation and Other Activities

The GMCH is extremely proud of the way that the community groups and volunteers have adapted to the circumstances and continue to deliver a varied yet relevant program of meaningful activities - re- establishing old favorites like the Coffee Morning, Book Club and craft club (Gwynfi Crafters). Activities that are a keystone for the community to be socially active and connected.

The community cinema continues to be well supported where people experience a night out at the movies with friends locally without the concerns over cost and travel. Average audience numbers for the adult screenings were around twenty and the family screenings attracted audiences in excess of forty- five.

Lost Peatlands have proved an invaluable partner to the GMCH and wider communities. They have provided nature and craft activities for all ages that have taken place in the GMCH and in the green spaces around the Upper Afan Valley. Bush crafts, wood carving and nature walks were some of the activities that children and adults had the opportunity to try. The activities organised by the Lost Peatlands are well attended, educational, fun and can offer a wide range of physical, mental, and emotional benefits.

The Remembrance Concert remains a highlight on people`s social calendar, which is a somber but enjoyable evening and helps to raise funds to support the running of the GMCH. We are always grateful for the support we receive from the Ogmore Valley Male Voice Choir, Treherbert & District Brass Band and Solo Artist Josie Gibbons.

A full audience capacity of ninety attended this spectacular event to remember those who sacrificed their lives during World War 1 and World War 11.

Our seasonal fetes play a crucial role in fostering a sense of community, promoting social interaction, celebrating diversity, and contributing to the overall well-being and vitality of the community. Local crafters were given the opportunity to showcase their skills and sell their products. Many of the crafters would donate their takings to the Gwynfi Miners Community Hall and other good causes.

Fundraising remains an integral part of our business and our fetes and concerts help us to generate additional income that contributes towards the Gwynfi Miners Community Halls operational and activity costs.

Young People

Gwynfi Miners Community Hall makes a particular effort to cater for the needs of our young people. We work with the local council to provide a weekly youth club and we also seek to welcome our young people at other times.

We provided a warm and welcoming space for the children and youth to drop in after school where they could play pool, listen to music, play musical instruments and sing. They could access free Wifi, free refreshments and free charging points to recharge their scooters and smart devices. This helped families who were struggling with the cost of living and fuel poverty.

The GMCH invited the school to the GMCH at the end of each term to watch a movie. Over one hundred primary pupils attended each film and every child was provided with free snacks and drinks so that they could enjoy the full cinematic experience.

The organisation also planned trips to Country parks and museums for the pupils so that they could enjoy additional activities outside of their school curriculum.

During the school holidays we organised a variety of activities for young people such as film shows, arts & crafts, pool tournaments, cinema, science and wildlife workshops, graffiti workshops, bush crafts etc. Our youth and younger children activities always prove popular with some of the activities attracting more than fifty children.

Gwynfi Miners Community Hall provides a safe environment for our children to engage in enjoyable and useful activity. We believe that it is no coincidence that our levels of anti-social activity and crime is at such a low level that South Wales Police has deployed our village Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) to other duties for most of their working week.

Training, Learning and Family Support

The GMCH has had to change from being a traditional village hall to becoming a community hub that hosts multiple services. Communities4work provides employment support and training, whilst the Credit Union can offer financial products and support.

The Gwynfi Miners Community Hall invested in community training so that residents could acquire new skillsets and gain the confidence to volunteer for local organisations, sports clubs and for their own personal development. The training inspired residents to volunteer for local community groups and sports clubs and become employees of local businesses.

Shared training, sharing resources and collaborative working have significantly strengthened bonds and have contributed to the overall health, resilience and vibrancy of the community.

In total eighty-five local residents attended First Aid at Work Training, Food Hygiene Level 2 and Walk Leadership. This is a remarkable achievement and a testament to the hard work and commitment from the GMCH and our many volunteers to improve opportunities for the local people.

We are pleased that Library upgrades completed during lockdown continues to be appealing and suitable to accommodate the Welsh Governments flagship Early Years Flying Start Programme and other new initiatives.

Besides their weekly booking, Flying Start hired the rooms on additional days to provide activities, training and further support to families so that they can learn, develop and thrive.

All these services have been critical to supporting families affected by the aftermath of the pandemic and most recently the cost of living crisis.

Financial Review

The accounting period in this report covers the 12 months to 31st March 2023.

We exercise a very tight financial discipline and prudently manage our funds, keeping a close eye on the fluctuating energy market and comparing energy suppliers. In previous years we were fortunate to negotiate fair energy contracts at the right time, however when they expired the energy prices were far more expensive than previously negotiated due to the current economic climate.

This was a great concern and financial stress but fortunately we managed to secure a grant from the National Grid that covered a large percentage of the energy costs during this period. However, this is something that the GMCH must be mindful of for the upcoming winter months.

All of our expenditure is scrutinized and like our utility costs we obtain multiple quotes for services and purchases to ensure we get the resources for the best price. We have a reliable contract list who are experienced in various industries to carry out maintenance work at the GMCH. This has been invaluable as we now have contracts with reputable businesses that are trusted to provide a fair and first-class service.

In terms of grants and donations this financial year has been quite prosperous, however our annual accounts can be misleading to casual readers. Our financial position comes across more healthier, but in reality this is far from the truth. The majority of grants we received are restricted and allocated for specific projects therefore from year to year we continue to operate under a shoestring budget.

The period ended with a surplus of £5,833 compared to a deficit of £6449 for the previous financial year 2021-22.

Principal Funding Sources

After our set-back with the loss of the grant from NPTCBC in 2016 we have still managed to provide a valued community amenity. We are always pleased to hear about the positive differences our services are making in people's lives and the local economy.

Llynfi Afan Renewable Energy Park - have provided unrestricted index linked funding for the past seven years and are committed to providing this for the next thirteen years. LAREP is the only funding organisation who provide long term unrestricted financial support to the Gwynfi Miners Community Hall.

We are constantly grateful to the LAREP for this loyal and much valued support. We appreciate that they have a sound understanding of how the third sector works and the importance to award such funding in the light of the consequences of "austerity, Pandemic and the more recent cost of living crisis.

Although most funders will not follow suit and provide long-term funding there are becoming increased opportunities to apply for core funding so that the Third Sector can continue its vital work and help the sector to grow.

The UK Shared Prosperity Third Sector Growth Fund, NPTCBC Third Sector Grant Scheme and the Peoples Health Lottery have all been consistent supporters over recent years and this year has been no exception. They have provided further funding to support operational costs, new activities and funds to provide a Warm Space in response to the Cost of Living and Fuel Poverty Crisis.

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The Garfield Weston Foundation awarded the GMCH a two-year multi grant and this year we received the £15000 final payment. The Garfield Weston Foundation are a prestigious funder and apart from receiving the large sums we are very proud to be selected, recognised and acknowledged for our hard work and commitment to the betterment of the communities we serve.

The GMCH is always grateful for the ongoing support we receive from the Neath Port Talbot Council for Voluntary Service who have played an influential role in the growth and developments of the GMCH. We have received funding from the Integrated Community Fund that replaced EU funding and was administered by the NPTCVS.

The Coalfields Regeneration Trust is another diverse organization that has been an avid supporter of the GMCH and like the NPTCVS have offered a wide area of support which we are all extremely grateful for.

Other income was generated from our core activities and room hire charges which only contributes to approximately 10-15% of the GMCHs annual expenditure. Due to the demographics of Gwynfi, much of what we provide is either free of charge or subsidized so there is little scope to generate adequate funds from these services alone to cover the GMCH annual support costs therefore we remain reliant on grant funding.

Our public services have traditionally been a key instrument in addressing social disadvantage and inequalities particularly in areas where there is a market failure in delivering facilities and opportunities. Consequently, these services have only operated with a subsidy. However, the recent decade of austerity has seen this policy being eroded in both statutory and non-statutory provision.

It is still totally unrealistic to expect facilities that operated with financial support in “the good times” should become financially self-sustaining particularly when the communities that they serve have been hardest hit by the policies of austerity, cost of living and fuel poverty. While funders like to see “innovative” and imaginative projects it is vital that they should not be at the cost of established well-valued, core community facilities.

The organization receives donations from community members and former residents that demonstrates a continued connection to the village and a sense of caring for the community, even after moving away. Donating to the Gwynfi Miners Community Hall can be a way for people who have moved away from Gwynfi to express their gratitude for the positive experiences and memories they had while living in the village and visiting the Gwynfi Miners Community Hall. These funds are reinvested back into the community by providing additional activities for all ages.

Plans for The Future

- Continue fundraising to provide quality services, activities and a facility that reflects diversity and meets the needs of the Afan Valley Communities.
- Sustain and develop our activities that will connect and engage with people in our community to promote equality, health and well-being through tackling social exclusion, isolation and loneliness.
- Develop a business plan that includes projects to tie in with local developments and tourism that could potentially generate more revenue streams to improve the organisation's financial viability.
- Retain our high profile and relevance to local needs through our social media, publicity, marketing and collaborative partnership working.
- To mitigate the impact of austerity and the cost of living crisis as best we can and try to keep costs to a minimum.
- Recruit and develop our team of directors and volunteer base so that they can help to shape and deliver the Gwynfi Miners Community Halls Strategy.
- Build a resilience to mitigate the long-term impacts caused by the prevailing climate.

Given the level of reserves and negotiations with other funding bodies, the Directors are confident that the charity can continue as a going concern for a period of at least 12 months.

Investment Policy

Most of the charity's funds are to be spent in immediate service provision so there are no funds available for longer term investment.

Reserves Policy

The trustees have examined the charity's requirements for reserves in light of the main risks to the organisation. We realise the importance of having a reserve fund worth six to twelve months of running costs. However, this will remain a massive challenge as year to year survival must be our top priority.