

Gwynfi Miners Community Hall

(A company limited by guarantee)



Report and Financial Statements for the

12 months ended 31st March 2020

Charity number 1154423

Company number 08275575

Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the 12 months ended 31st March 2020

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Report of the Trustees for the 12 months ended 31st March 2020

The trustees are pleased to present their annual directors' report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ending 31 March 2018 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	
Mr John Griffiths	Company Secretary
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*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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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 manager reports to the trustees each month on the activities undertaken during the month 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 discussion centres 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 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 been longest 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 risk. 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 is funding uncertainty. All of the Directors are aware of this risk and effort is focused on finding long term funding partners.

Chair's Report

The financial year 2019-20 was the last year of what passed as “normality” before the arrival of Covid-19.

It was a very successful year for Gwynfi Miners Community Hall with over 15,000 users. This was linked to the provision of a wide and diverse range of activities which reflected the needs of our community. We strove to maintain our mainstream provision such as our gym, community library, boxing club, coffee mornings, Remembrance Sunday concert and meeting rooms.

But as well we provided a range of new and additional activities outside our core provision.

We commemorated the 50th Anniversary of the closure of Avon Colliery. Local miners were the main supporters of Gwynfi Miners Hall until the colliery closure and it was fitting that their contribution was remembered. Linked to these events there was a showing of the Blue Scar film which was shot on location in Abergwynfi, a commemorative concert in Gwynfi Social Club where surviving Avon miners were guests of honour and visits to South Wales Mining Museum by local school children.

We also got our GP referral started and it was soon running at a maximum capacity. We are now looking at new ways to extend the scheme.

During the year we have built on a range of partnership efforts in furtherance of our charity objectives and to strengthen the sustainability of the Hall. We have worked with other bodies in the Upper Afan to explore joint working to our individual and collective benefit. We have made good progress but ultimate success can only be achieved from a foundation of a reasonable expectation of future stability through the provision of core funding.

Coalfields Regeneration provided us with considerable practical support through the year by facilitating important survey work and through examination of our governance arrangements. As always NPT CVS remained a constant source of advice.

Again we would like to thank all our funders who are listed in our annual accounts particularly local fundraisers, People's Health Trust, ABMU Health Board and Llynfi Afan Renewable Energy Party who have been constant supporters. We are also delighted to get first time support from the Garfield Weston Foundation which had no previous links with our valley.

But typical of an “old normal” year we had a range of additional challenges not least from flooding which affected the lower floor of the Hall. This meant a range of planned activities had to be cancelled which reduced our possible user numbers. We are grateful to NPT CBC for its response in sorting the problem out and to Cllr Jane Jones who secured financial support from the Council's Community Capital Fund.

During the year Peter and Viv Bowyer stepped back from their volunteering roles. They provided massive support over a long period of time and we were pleased to recognise it through a presentation. Our long standing director Norma Jenkins also had to step down as she was moving from Gwynfi – we thank her for all she has done down for GMCH through serving as director, as a fundraiser and doing credit union collections.

Sadly we lost two great supporters of Gwynfi Miners Community Hall during the year with the passing of John Radmore and Oliver Phillips. Their contributions have been recognised in memorials in the Hall. We would like to thank Conway John for his portrait of John Radmore.

Has always we will continue to operate on a year to year basis and our manager, Simon Matthews, makes a considerable effort to ensure that we run a very efficient organisation. He is constantly looking for opportunities to provide new activities to address community needs and seeking funding to allow us to continue at the heart of village life.

On behalf of our directors and members, I would like to thank our staff Simon, Leigh, Dionne and Pam for all their work during the year

And to our users we say that we can only look forward to the time which we can re-open Gwynfi Miners Community Hall at full operational capacity. Let us hope that it will be sooner rather than later.

Managers Report

Dear friends and supporters I have the privilege to welcome you to my seventh manager's report for the financial year 2019-2020.

The Gwynfi Miners Community Hall priorities are to help tackle the many health inequalities and to meet the growing needs of our communities. We seek to offer excellent services that includes a range of educational, cultural, social and wellbeing opportunities for all ages.

The Hall continues to be a vibrant and vital community space where we welcomed more than 15400 people from all backgrounds to exercise, socialise and enjoy themselves in a safe and welcoming environment. As someone who lives in the Gwynfi Ward, the health and happiness of this community is of paramount importance to me. I will strive to continue to keep the Gwynfi Miners Community Hall at the heart of our village life, for the benefit of all our local community and enhance the facilities available to bring forward a better quality of life for our community.

Every year I have reported on the impact of change and uncertainty on our activities and the ability to plan confidently for the future. Once again this has been a key theme for the year and perhaps now this should be considered the `new normal`.

Voluntary organisations like the GMCH are operating under increased pressures and our services are at a high demand therefore it is essential that we continue to work in consultation and partnership with the local community, non-statutory and statutory bodies to develop our programmes to respond to the emerging needs and to introduce new initiatives.

This year was successful in terms of fundraising, service development and delivery. In light of the effects of the public funding cuts and within the challenging external environment that we operate we have still managed to support our core activity, introduce new services and commemorate or celebrate historic events in relevance to our heritage and geographic location.

Carol Singing, musical concerts, exhibitions, children shows are just a few examples to mention.

Once again sporadic flooding as damaged our newly refurbished downstairs areas causing further disruption to some of our activities. Apart from the inconvenience to our customers and negatively affecting our financial viability, children of our communities are missing out on leisure time activities which can affect their ability to remain healthy and build resilience for their future.

Unfortunately neither the Local Authority or Dwr Cymru have realised the severity of the problem and the impact it is having on our organisation and the communities. We strongly believe that the problem is caused externally and with-out the cooperation and support from the local authority and Dwr Cymru we are fighting a losing battle as it will be inevitable the GMCH will encounter further flooding and disruption.

There has been an increasing appreciation of the importance of community organisations operating in the Afan Valley, not just in terms of what we have provided but more broadly the positive impact we are having on reducing social isolation, individual wellbeing and promoting community engagement.

Unfortunately approaching our year end the pandemic emerged which has caused an unprecedented crisis and has impacted us all. This will leave a lasting legacy for families, businesses and community organisations for some time to come.

Despite the risks and impact on their own lives the residents stepped forward and recruited volunteers to help others who were in isolation. Elderly loved ones may have passed away or family members have moved closer to the towns and cities to seek enhanced job opportunities and a better standard of living leaving many have no other means of accessing essential items or at higher risk of becoming isolated. It is not only our elderly community that were in need during the pandemic. The self-employed, redundant employees were some of the other people who were facing financial hardship and in need during these unprecedented times.

Designated Street Volunteers passed on their phone numbers to residents so that they can contact them if they require any assistance with shopping, accessing the food bank or even if they were feeling lonely and low mood and just wanted to chat with people in the community for companionship.

The Gwynfi Miners Community Hall were privileged to be part of this initiative where we provided a base to house the community food bank and a point of contact. Thankfully there was low demand for this service, but it was crucial that the foodbank was in place if required. The other services proved to be in much higher demand, and we must be thankful for the volunteers for their willingness, desire, involvement and concern for our local community. We thank them not only for their reaction to the pandemic but for their outstanding contribution to the Gwynfi Miners Community Hall since we were established back in 2012.

I would like to mention that the other villages in the Upper Afan Valley provided the same kind, good will gestures. People have questioned the lack of community spirit in recent years, how-ever in times like this it shows that this is not the case and that through collective spirit anything can accomplished.

I send my sincere thanks and gratitude to the Coalfields Regeneration and Natalie Sargeant as well as the NPTCVS and Carys Miles. Both voluntary sector organisations over the years have provided a monumental level of support to our organisation and undoubtedly have played an influential part in the development and growth of the Gwynfi Miners Community Hall.

There are so many individual donors, community groups and grant giving bodies to personally thank individually so on behalf of the Gwynfi Miners Community Hall I would like to this opportunity to thank you all for your overwhelming support, kindness and commitment to helping organisations like ourselves. Our projects could not take place without you.

I would like to thank our loyal staff Leigh Owen, Dionne Williams and Pamela Walsh Griffiths. Has a team we make things happen.

I must thank our excellent team of directors who bring a wealth of professionalism to the organisation. These are local people who share the same passion to help others.

Lastly on behalf of the Gwynfi Miners Community Hall I would like to thank our loyal and resolute community for their custom and overwhelming support. You are the heart and soul of the community and the reason why we exist.

Achievements & Performance

The figures in this section refer to the period 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020. Some figures may be based on estimates.

The total number of people who visited the Gwynfi Miners Community Hall during this reporting period was 15,306. Taking into account that Gwynfi has an ageing, declining population and a rural geographic location, the footfall recorded is very impressive and confirms the need and importance for the services community organisations provide.

Our basement area continued to encounter intermittent flooding causing further damage and disruption to some of our activities. Apart from the cost involved local children are missing out on leisure time activities that can lead to lower levels of physical inactivity and may affect their ability to build resilience for their future.

Health and Well-being

The weights and fitness gymnasium remained a popular fitness activity at the hall where users aged 14-80 years made more than 3,460 visits during the year. Although we have not witnessed a decrease in user numbers compared to the previous year we have lost a small number of our client base to rival gyms.

We are aware that the fitness industry is incredibly competitive and it is difficult for GMCH to compete with the larger chains and gyms who solely provide gym services unlike the GMCH which is a one shop stop where we provide multiple services to meet the demands of the wider communities. This is an important area of our activities and apart from the many health benefits the income generated from our memberships contributes to a large proportion of our overall turnover.

Exercise can reduce the risk of major illnesses, such as heart disease, stroke, type 2 diabetes and cancer. Taking part in regular exercise promotes weight loss and can help to improve physical and emotional well-being.

We were successful in receiving another “Changing for The Better” Grant from the SCVS and the ABMU Health Board. We have an excellent track record of delivering projects effectively which are value for money and fulfil the aims and priorities of the grants.

Following on from the success of our last scheme this year's funding paid for our Fitness Trainer Leigh Owen to further enhance his skills where he attended specialist exercise courses to instruct people with more complex conditions. Training elements included exercise for older adults, exercise for pre and postnatal women and advanced diabetes.

Group sessions were delivered by Leigh covering the categories previously mentioned. Although still in the early stages we witnessed positivity and, like the GP Referral Scheme, I have no doubts that when the classes become more established we will see an increase in patronage.

The GP Referral Scheme has been welcomed and I am pleased to report with the excellent support we have received from our local primary care team and our many partners the scheme is now running at a maximum capacity. The Exercise Referral scheme covers a wide range of health conditions including high blood pressure, diabetes, asthma, arthritis, obesity, depression or anxiety, osteoporosis among other conditions.

The Upper Afan Valley Primary Care Cluster realise the importance of such initiatives and we must thank them for their kind gesture to provide funding that will allow the GP Referral Scheme to be extended for a further twelve months.

The personal achievements, development and health improvements witnessed by the people who have attended our schemes, fitness classes or gymnasium is inspiring. This is one of the reasons why the Gwynfi Miners Community Hall exists.

PASS organised after-school sports club for children aged 7-12 years. Children were given the opportunity to take part in a variety of sporting activities and have fun. Due to the Sports Hall being out of use these sessions took place in the local primary schools outdoor MUGGA. On average 20-25 children attended the weekly sessions which were run during the school term time.

Gwynfi Amateur Boxing Club continues to be a popular activity at the Hall where 1,910 adults and children attended the boxing gym during the year. We are very proud to accommodate Gwynfi ABC. We must show our appreciation to Owain Davies, Rhian Davies, Kieran Fry and Sam Davies who under the most difficult circumstances have been fully committed to support the running of the Gwynfi ABC. The gym has attracted new members from the village and neighbouring communities. Thanks to you all.

Leisure, Recreation and Other Activities

Youth clubs give young people a low-cost place to go outside of school, offering them a sense of belonging. The activities and support from club leaders and volunteers allow young people to learn new skills and build confidence and resilience for the future, as well as have fun. The Gwynfi Youth Club was one of the most popular youth clubs running in Neath Port Talbot but unfortunately sessions were cancelled due to the shortage of staff but also our Sports Hall area being out of commission. This has had a negative impact on the clubs numbers.

Gwynfi Miners Community Hall aspires to provide children activities free of charge or for a subsidised cost. This prevents families facing financial hardship and ensuring that the children are not being placed at a disadvantage through missing out on the activities that takes place in the GMCH. Consequently the majority of the children activities are financially supported by grants and money generated from our community fundraising events.

Arts and crafts sessions were organised during the summer holidays where a total of 135 children attended. The age range varies from 2 years and upwards and the adults have as much fun as the children. They can try a variety of arts and crafts techniques. Arts and crafts are fun, experimental, can improve eye-hand coordination, creativity and can help the child to develop their fine motor skills. We would like to thank our volunteers who help to assist and supervise these sessions.

We like to have a diverse approach and try new things. This year we organised a live reptile workshop where children were given the opportunity to handle and learn about a variety of different reptiles and their habitats. We recorded our highest audience ever for a family event. More than 90 children and adults joined us for this educational and enjoyable activity.

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.

The weekly Coffee Morning is run by an established community group who have been providing a coffee morning in the village for many decades. Loneliness and social isolation poses a real problem for many older residents as their families have moved away to seek work or their life partner may have died. Activities such as our weekly coffee mornings provides the only social outlets for many of these residents.

It is a great way of engaging the community where people can come and chat with friends in a welcoming and safe environment. The organised activities can help to keep people's minds stimulated and their bodies active. The coffee morning attracts over 40 people each week. Apart from the weekly sessions the committee organise shopping trips and cultural days out. During this period they visited Cardiff Castle for a banquet and visited Chepstow and Weston-super-Mare. The ladies who are attend are very passionate about the Gwynfi Miners Community hall and where they live. They always have nice gestures to help raise funds to support the running of the hall and other community groups.

Our volunteers help with the many activities and events that takes place at the hall. Volunteers provide supervision to our well used community library and Credit Union collection. The community can borrow books, browse the free internet and generally use the space to meet up with friends. Since extending the opening times and marketing to specific groups the library has proven to be one of our most popular services where people made over 4550 visits to our library during this period.

Due to the impact of the Covid pandemic we plan to relocate the existing library to a larger space where social distancing can be practised safely. The works involved will also give us the flexibility to introduce new services and increase the room capacity to accommodate larger events and the scope to increase new revenue.

A weekly job club is still run by the Communities for Work Plus where trained advisors provide employment support and training to the unemployed. They can get help with job searches, assistance to complete applications forms and write CVs. They have training opportunities and work placements in different sectors where people can learn new skills and gain workplace experience that will make them become more desirable to a potential employer and enhance their chances of finding employment. On average there were 6-8 appointments per weekly session.

The monthly cinema screenings and family films make it possible for the communities to enjoy the social and cultural benefits of cinema. Apart from the social enjoyment the cinema promotes community engagement, reduces social exclusion and isolation. The clubs offer families a more affordable leisure option with fewer concerns over travel and food costs compared to other activities. Some of the films on offer during the adult film season was Bohemian Rhapsody, A Star is Born and Downtown Abbey. The family and schools shows included Toy Story 4, How to Train Your Dragon and Pets 2.

On average 25 people were attending the monthly films and in excess of 50 people joined us for our family screenings.

In addition to the monthly screenings the club organised trailer evenings where the audience were given the opportunity to vote for the films that they would like to watch over the coming months.

We continue to work in Collaboration with the Cymmer Library to deliver community cinema to the Afan Valley. Apart from accessing more resources and cheaper film licencing the partnership we have bonded have helped to bring other communities together.

We were sad to see Mr and Mrs Bowyer retire from leading the cinema however it is fantastic to see both Peter, Viv and their friends regular attending the screenings and continuing to support community cinema.

Our annual Remembrance Sunday concert is now into the fourth year and is always a highlight of the year. This year was no exception and in excess of 130 people attended this sombre but enjoyable evening. The concert helps to raise funds for the GMCH but also gives people the opportunity to pay respects to the many people who sacrificed their lives for the country. We must thank the Treherbert & District Band, Ogmere Male Voice Choir and Mr Ciaran Gibbons an ex-serviceman himself who reads the Roll of Honour and have all supported the event from the start.

The year 2019 marked the 50th Anniversary of the closure of the Avon Colliery. In order to pay homage to the significance and heritage of coal mining in the South Wales Valleys we organised a list of events incorporating ex-miners, school children and residents of Aber-Blaengwynfi. The events were funded from a grant we kindly received from the Llynfi Afan Renewable Energy Park Community Fund.

There was a social evening where we welcomed for former MP, Dr Hywel Francis, to give a talk about his own memories and the history of mining in the South Wales Valleys. We were also privileged for Cllr Mr Scott Jones (Mayor of Neath Port Talbot) to be in attendance and for the Bois Afan Choir and Treherbert & District Brass Band who provided the fantastic entertainment. One hundred people joined us at the Gwynfi Athletic Social Club for this fantastic evening of storytelling, laughter and song.

With the support from the South Wales Mining Museum and Graham Thomas, collectively we managed to unearth an extensive range of photos relating to local history and our mining heritage. The exhibition was viewed by more than two hundred people which exceeded our expectations - not just from neighbouring villages people came from further afield. Ex-residents who moved away who still have strong links to Aber-Blaengwynfi travelled back for the exhibition.

We organised for our local Pen Afan Primary School to visit the South Wales Miners Museum where they were guided around the museum and afterwards the children took part in group activities to learn about the history of coal. These informative practical activities give the children a better understanding and keeps them interested for longer. It is paramount that the history of mining is included in their curriculum so that the legacy can live on.

Community Training Opportunities

We purchased a defibrillator back in 2017 which is located outside of our facility so that the community can summon the equipment quickly 24 hours a day. We were pleased that CARIAD revisited the Hall to train and refresh people in the community on how to use the equipment and administer CPR. Due to the delayed ambulance response times this is an essential piece of equipment that can be used to promote recovery and increase the percentages of survival.

We also organised Certified First Aid Courses for children to attend and an Emergency First Aid at Work Course specifically for adults. Taking a first aid course teaches people lifesaving skills and gives people the confidence to know when and how to act in an emergency.

Plans for The Future

During these unprecedented times with so much uncertainty it is difficult to predict when there will be normality and there is no indication when we will be back open operating at a maximum capacity.

We can only review the situation and adapt our services in-line with Government Guidance and Procedures. The organisation continues to identify the communities needs where we will adapt our services to ensure we meet the growing needs of our communities.

During these times we have been fortunate to secure a grant that will fund new initiatives and activities for all ages. These are planned to commence in January. However the welfare of our staff and customers will remain paramount and these will only take place when it is safe and appropriate to do so.

We must reassure our members, users and supporters that although many of our activities are placed on hold our staff and Directors are still committed to the cause and are working tirelessly behind closed doors to help strengthen the future of the Gwynfi Miners Community Hall.

Financial Review

The accounting period covered in this report is for the 12 months to 31st March 2020.

Gwynfi Miners Community Hall has now been operating for seven complete years and although we are continuing to witness growth and development in key areas and we must still be aware of our precarious financial position.

We continue to prudently manage our funds and keep a close eye on the fluctuating energy market so that we can compare energy suppliers. With the economic uncertainty it is difficult to determine the future energy prices. In the past we have been fortunate to negotiate fair contracts at the right stage before the energy prices escalated.

Due to the age and the large capacity of our heating system we cannot isolate zones therefore sections of the building are heated when not in use and this is neither cost/energy efficient. After weighing up our options we installed an electrical zoned heater in one of our high traffic areas which has helped to reduce our overall energy costs

Reducing annual consumption, installing alternative heat sources and signing up to better energy contracts have been key to significantly reducing our energy costs.

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 lowest possible price. However we only would ever consider using certified and reputable contractors to undertake maintenance and services at the Gwynfi Miners Community Hall.

Once again the sporadic flooding has caused a major disruption to our services and loss of income that otherwise would be generated if the Sports Hall and downstairs gymnasium were in use.

However taking this into account and the economic climate we are proud and astonished that our running costs are still more than 35% lower than they were before we took over the facility from Celtic Community Leisure and the Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council back in 2013. Our unwavering dedication and efforts have contributed to ending this year in a surplus. However this cannot be guaranteed every year as most of these grants are one off and are restricted to specific projects. Therefore cannot be used to fund standing, core running costs.

Despite exercising this very tight financial discipline we have sustained our current provisions and have been able to develop new projects to meet demands and community need.

Every year we consider and understand the importance to set aside funds each month to accumulate a maintenance contingency pot for future repairs. However our continuing yearly financial deficit has meant that we struggle to build our reserves and we remain heavily dependent on donations and grants on a year to year basis.

With the prevailing climate of austerity and more recently the Covid 19 Pandemic there will be more challenging times to come. Competition for grant funding inevitably increases as more local authority facilities across the country are transferred to the community as part of their on-going money saving exercises.

The period ended with a running annual deficit £12,023 (£9,532 – 2018-19): and unrestricted reserves of £30673 (£28,944 – 2018-19)

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.

Llynfi Afan Renewable Energy Park - LAREP (GAMESA / John Laing) have provided unrestricted index linked funding for the past three years and are committed to providing this for the next twenty-two years. LAREP is the only organisation who give long term unrestricted financial support to the Gwynfi Miners Community Hall. We are constantly grateful to them 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".

Unfortunately other funders are not willing to adopt this funding framework. As the environment in which communities such as ours struggle to survive change it would be wonderful if funders could change with them. The expectations and requirements previous decades are well past their sell-by date and fresh thinking is desperately needed.

The Gwynfi Miners Community Hall receive grants from other funders for smaller amounts that are equally important. The People's Health Lottery have been a consistent supporter over the recent years. They regularly evaluate the services that GMCH provide and it is always reassuring that we continue to meet their requirements. However this grant, due to Covid 19 and lack of lottery ticket sales, will be phased out later in 2020 which is a major blow towards community organisations such as ours. With this in mind we are already looking to find other ways to generate income to counter balance the loss.

The Garfield Foundation is a family-founded, grant-making trust which has been supporting charities across the UK for over 50 years. We were privileged to receive a grant from the Foundation which we admire for their outstanding work. This is their first investment into our valley and we hope to build a growing relationship with them over coming years.

We have been in receipt of the NPTCBC Third Sector Grant for the past four years that can be used for our core funding costs but this is always a competitive exercise. We welcome this grant but we are very disappointed that the Local Authority does not support "anchor" facilities in the Upper Afan Valley unlike some other authorities across the country.

Most of our other grants we receive are primarily used to fund specialist health related projects and additional activity provision. We are particularly grateful to Swansea Bay University Health Board (SBUHB – formerly ABMU HB) for its "Changing for the Better Grant" which has allowed us to trial and establish a range of innovative activities to promote local health and well-being.

Our other income streams are generated from our core activities, room hire charges and community fundraising. Fundraising remains an integral part of the community which helps us to top up our unrestricted income but also promotes community engagement.

I am pleased to report that thanks to the overwhelming fundraising efforts within our community we managed to raise just under five thousand pounds during this reporting period.

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 totally unrealistic to expect 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. 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.

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 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 Covid Pandemic as best we can and try to keep costs to a minimum.

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. It has been established that a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets held by the charity should be between 9 and 12 months of expenditure.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

Company law requires the trustees/directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is not appropriate to assume that the charitable company will continue on that basis.

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware;

- there is no information relevant for the examination of which the charitable company's examiner is unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps they ought to have taken in order to make themselves aware of any information relevant for the examination

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Chair – Dr Brian Gibbons

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Company Secretary – Mr John Griffiths

Date 9/02/2020

GWYNFI MINERS COMMUNITY HALL
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2020

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 2020, which are set out on pages 4 to 10.

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.



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15th September 2020

GWYNFI MINERS COMMUNITY HALL
BALANCE SHEET
AT THE 31ST MARCH 2020

	<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>Fixed Assets</u>	8	-	-	-	-
<u>Current Assets</u>					
Debtors	9	848	-	848	805
Cash at bank and in hand	10	31,965	2,702	34,667	33,015
Total current assets		<u>32,813</u>	<u>2,702</u>	<u>35,515</u>	<u>33,015</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	2,140	-	2,140	2,463
Net current assets		<u>30,673</u>	<u>2,702</u>	<u>33,375</u>	<u>31,357</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>30,673</u>	<u>2,702</u>	<u>33,375</u>	<u>31,357</u>
Net Assets		<u>30,673</u>	<u>2,702</u>	<u>33,375</u>	<u>31,357</u>
<u>Funds of the Charity</u>					
Unrestricted funds	12	30,673	-	30,673	28,944
Restricted income funds	13	-	2,702	2,702	2,413
Total funds		<u>30,673</u>	<u>2,702</u>	<u>33,375</u>	<u>31,357</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 9/12/2020


Company secretary- John Griffiths

Date 9/12/2020

GWYNFI MINERS COMMUNITY HALL
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2020

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

No material item of deferred income has been included in the accounts.

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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.

GWYNFI MINERS COMMUNITY HALL
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3 Analysis of Income

	£ <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>
<u>Donations</u>	2,079	-	2,079	750
<u>Grants</u>				
NPT CBC	4,980	13,622	18,602	13,280
People's Health Trust	10,000	-	10,000	5,000
Changing for the better	-	3,715	3,715	4,028
Quattro Grant	-	-	-	803
Llynfi Afan REP Community	18,211	1,100	19,311	17,666
The wave grant	-	-	-	500
Groundwork grant	-	-	-	1,875
Garfield Weston Foundation	7,500	-	7,500	-
Grant	-	300	300	-
Asda Grant	-	-	-	-
	<u>42,770</u>	<u>18,737</u>	<u>61,507</u>	<u>43,902</u>
<u>Income from charitable</u>				
<u>activities</u>				
Fundraising events	4,530	-	4,530	1,538
Community Cinema	780	-	780	-
Room Hire	3,297	-	3,297	4,202
Gym	5,434	-	5,434	5,353
	<u>14,041</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,041</u>	<u>11,093</u>
	<u>56,811</u>	<u>18,737</u>	<u>61,507</u>	<u>43,902</u>

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>
<u>Charitable activities</u>				
Core activities	34,410	3,096	37,506	35,156
Changing for the better	-	-	-	810
Children's Funds	1,919	1,175	3,094	872
Cinema & funding events	1,369	540	1,909	545
Governance costs (note 6)	923	-	923	1,772
Support costs (note 5)	16,461	13,367	30,098	25,372
	<u>55,082</u>	<u>18,448</u>	<u>73,530</u>	<u>64,527</u>

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5 Support costs

All support costs have been allocated on the following basis.

	£	£	£
	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>
Rent	200	8,300	8,500
Repairs & maintenance	4,442	5,322	9,764
Light, heat and water rates	6,033	-	6,033
Insurance	3,240	-	3,240
Telephone	505	-	505
Cleaning	508	-	508
Printing & stationery	285	-	285
Accountancy	960	-	960
Other office costs	288	15	303
	<u>16,461</u>	<u>13,637</u>	<u>30,098</u>

6 Governance costs

	£	£	£
	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>
Professional fees	383	-	383
Independent examination	540	-	540
	<u>923</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>923</u>

7 Paid employees

Employee costs were £34,231 (2019-£32,913). There were no social security or pension costs.
No employee received more than £60,000 during the year (2018- nil)

8 Tangible Fixed Assets

	2020	2019
	£	£
Fixture & equipment		
Cost		
Brought forward 1 st April 2019	9,512	9,512
Additions	-	-
At 31 st March 2020	<u>9,512</u>	<u>9,512</u>
Deprecation		
Brought forward 1 st April 2019	9,512	8,609
Charge for the year	-	903
At 31 st March 2020	<u>9,512</u>	<u>9,512</u>
Net book value	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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9 Debtors

	2020	2019
Trade debtors	431	415
Prepayments	417	390
	<u>848</u>	<u>805</u>

10 Cash at Bank and in hand

	2020	2019
Bank Account	32,715	31,708
Deposit Account	1,174	1,174
Cash at bank and in hand	778	133
	<u>34,667</u>	<u>33,105</u>

11 Creditors: Amounts falling within one year

	2020	2019
Taxation and social security	-	330
Prepayments	2,410	2,133
	<u>2,410</u>	<u>2,463</u>

12 Restricted Income Funds

	£ <u>Balance</u> <u>at 1st</u> <u>April</u> <u>2019</u>	£ <u>Incoming</u> <u>resources</u>	£ <u>Outgoing</u> <u>resources</u>	£ <u>Balance</u> <u>at 31st</u> <u>March</u> <u>2020</u>
Fundraising events/sundry funds	259	-	259	-
Amazon (for children)	3	-	3	-
Changing for the better	104	3,715	3,095	724
NPT CBC	38	5,322	5,360	-
TATA community award	7	-	7	-
Red Nose fun day	42	-	42	-
The Wave grant	456	-	456	-
Groundwork grant	1,504	-	-	1,504
Asda	-	300	33	267
Llynfi Afan REP Community	-	1,100	893	207
	<u>2,413</u>	<u>10,437</u>	<u>10,148</u>	<u>2,702</u>

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13 Analysis of Unrestricted Funds

	£ <u>Balance</u> <u>at 1st</u> <u>April</u> <u>2019</u>	£ <u>Incoming</u> <u>resources</u>	£ <u>Outgoing</u> <u>resources</u>	£ <u>Balance</u> <u>at 31st</u> <u>March</u> <u>2020</u>
General Funds				
Unrestricted income fund	28,944	56,811	(55,082)	30,673
	<u>28,944</u>	<u>56,811</u>	<u>(55,082)</u>	<u>30,673</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.