

Canolfan Cymuned Llanwddyn / Llanwddyn Community Centre
Chairs/Trustees report 2019/2020

The Llanwddyn Community Centre Management Committee, have been a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) since 7th April 2014 (Registered Charity Number 1156546)

I write this report at a time which is indeed very worrying and strange for all of us with the impact of the COVID 19 Pandemic hitting the whole Country with great impact. COVID-19 has put a stop to the whole of the UK and includes us at the community centre. My report can only reflect on 2019/2020 with positive results throughout 2019 and up to March of 2020. Since then as we know, the country has almost come to a complete stop. The community centre has been closed since the government's instructions to close such services since March 2020. All our plans our bookings and future fundraising opportunities have disappeared for the foreseeable future. Any opportunity to open under COVID rules will be taken, of course with all COVID safety precautions in place, but we are sorry for the most part, we cannot provide the weekly activities and events we would normally be able to bring you from the centre. At the time of writing no one knows when things will return to normal.

Since April 2019 and up to March 2020, the hall committee have once again continued to engage in a number of activities as part of their role in running the community Centre, with affiliated members, the Sheep Dog Trials, Merched y Wawr, British Legion, Line Dancing group, Llanwddyn Events, The Bowls Club and Sports Club continuing to make great use of the facilities that are provided within the centre and also organising social and fundraising activities.

Some of the highlights were:

- Christmas and New Year community Celebrations
- 'NASA ' Activity and Speaker fundraising event
- Llansilin' Choir fundraising concert
- Our ever popular annual Tea Dance
- 'Llanwddyn Events' Ball
- Children's Christmas party with Santa

Our dedicated members continued to run weekly events, from Bowls nights, line dancing to Sport Clubs activities and Yoga classes. Not forgetting the monthly Hall social on the 3rd Friday of every month. This continued to be most successful and enthusiastically attend by the community, especially during the summer months when we include BBQ@s, Quiz, and Bingo into the nights. This particular event gives our more rural residents a chance to get together and catch up on the goings on around Llanwddyn, farming and livestock issues, and all manner of other things from the day to day. This is a great opportunity also, to reduce social isolation. All of these efforts continue to take a lot of dedication and volunteering time and it is greatly appreciated by the Hall committee.

Our village post office remains open every Monday and Thursday mornings offering a valuable service to the community and where ever possible and as of March 2020 adhering to COVID rules continues to open through 2020.

To continue with a more positive report, Llanwddyn Events had yet another very successful festival in 2019. We were very happy to hear they sold out again. The annual Half Marathon also took place the following weekend and again proved very popular.

Our Community Centre facilities were widely used on both occasions, with people visiting Llanwddyn from all over the country and overseas to enjoy the music, run the marathon, or just enjoy the atmosphere both these events create. Everyone in the area benefits from these 2 events, including hotels, B&B's, shops and other businesses.

The concerts our members organised at the centre, where a popular Welsh Choir visit, are always very popular and the one held in the summer of 2019 was no exception. The funds raised went towards the

refurbishment of the community centre main hall floor and the Bowling Club's new mats. Our thanks to all involved.

I mentioned the Autumn Fair for 2019 in my previous 2018/19 report and confirm it did go very well indeed. Guest speaker, Assembly Member, Russell George did a fine job throughout the evening and our final total raised was the best so far. I think it's safe to say, honorary president Dave Proctor was the winner again for the most sold Grand draw Tickets! His powers of persuasion at his Bethania adventure Boathouse by the lake, seem to continue to work very well. Thank you Dave.

While the Community Centre continues to provide a base for many charities who use the hall for fundraising, sadly we did see a demise in bookings from them. On enquiring with our regular charities, they are finding it increasingly difficult to get people to attend these challenges. This is a sure sign of tougher times for everyone, with possibly the need to rethink theirs and our approach to fundraising.

Encouragingly, we see an increase in private business and people hiring the hall for their own events. This includes: The Gwyndwr way challenge, Cycle challenges, Welsh Classes, birthday parties, Christenings, weddings and funeral teas, meetings, open days and more. Income from private hire is always encouraged and of great benefit to us as it helps financially. We have seen a greater increase of support from Severn Trent Water and the RSPB and Lake Vyrnwy Expedience Project over recent months as they are using the hall facilities to hold regular meetings. Our sincere thanks go to all those who have and continued to use our centre.

As previously mentioned, the roof refurbishment has begun with vigour and we were scheduled to have the work completed by December 2019 on the condition the weather remains on our side. We are very happy with the progress Pinnacle Roofing has made, but can say we were not so luck with the weather and the external work was finally completed in the early springtime. Monitoring of its progress has been carried out by Ruth Powell and Ken Powell, with help from Norman Gill, an experienced roofer who has been keeping a watchful eye on the work. The internal water ingress repairs are expected to be completed late summer of 2020 once the building has had time to dry out properly.

We have also now had the main hall floor refurbished with financial help from Tesco 'Bags of Help' and the fundraising donation from the Bowls Club, the Sports club and Llanwddyn Events. The committee give our thanks for the efforts made from the members and Tesco. The floor looks superb and has transformed the hall dramatically.

During the hall refurbishment, we have experienced some disruption in its use, as it hasn't always been possible or safe for people to use the building. We have for the most part found our way around this and hope the disruption hasn't caused too many problems for people using the premises.

The community centres running costs and revenue achieved each year continue to need careful consideration and review on regular bases. Our finance committee, led by our Treasurer Janet Roberts, continue to keep a check on spending and income, reminding us that every penny is vital to secure the fate of the hall for years to come. The Building subcommittee continue to care for the building along with many volunteers who have come forward to help whenever and however they can. Our thanks to all involved.

Considerable uncertainty as to the future use of the redundant school building is still with us. We understand at some point it will be sold off. But we, as a committee continue to concentrate on the Community Centre part of the campus. Including a substantial part of the former school playground. The kitchen and canteen facilities which are included in the new agreement, continued caretaking and cleaning, waste disposal and so on. Management and maintenance of the building will very much be managed in a different set of circumstances under this new lease with Powys County Council.

It is with great sadness to receive notice from Dewi Johnson of his resignation as Caretaker of the Community Centre. Dewi and Jane his wife, who everyone remembers from her days playing a vital role at the school, have been a fundamental part of the Llanwddyn community centre for many years. Their dedication is a credit to them and I am sure on behalf of everyone, I can say we will miss their involvement. We do however completely understand, and appreciate the hard decision Dewi has made and wish him all the best and hope both he and Jane will continue to come to the hall and enjoy it as respected members of the community. We promise we won't ask you to 'roll your sleeves up' when you do Dewi.

Thank you so much to both of you for your dedication and hard work over the years. We will miss you and hope you have good health again soon.

In the light of the COVID situation, Ruth and Ken Powell have been overseeing the role as joint caretakers since and will continue to do so on a voluntary basis until such time the hall is fully up and running again and we are able to hire our new Caretaker. We have selected Greg Anderson as our new Caretaker and look forward to welcoming him when the time comes.

On a personal note as Chair for the community centre, despite the setback we have encountered with COVID 19 Pandemic, (I do believe there remains a so(id future for the community centre. I remain proud to have been elected to be Chairman and with the help of the rest of the committee continue to be committed to the centre.

I end my report again thanking all the Trustees and officers — for all the work undertaken during the financial year 2019/2020, a lot of negotiations were carried out with PCC and will continue to in years to come. Thank you to former trustee and member Irwin, Secretary Ruth and Treasurer Janet for bearing the heaviest burden of running the Centre in the past year and to all members of the Committee, the caretaker and cleaner Dewi for all their help. Finally huge thanks to the residents and visitors to Llanwddyn, who continue to support us in many different ways. Without the community, there would be no centre.

A Community Centre like the one we have here in Llanwddyn, remains vital to our community, especially in such trying times as these. It requires the dedication of many, which I believe remains. Long may we continue to grow as a centre.

Thank you/Diolch yn Fawr
BRYAN ELLIS - Chairman
August 2020



Llanwddyn Community Centre Account 2019 - 2020

Statement of Income and Expenditure, 1st April 2019 - 31st March 2020

Opening Balance, as at April 1st, 2019 (Bank Statement 004/2019)			£182,329.53
		LESS unrepresented cheques '2018 2019	-£1,677.14
			£180,652.39
Income			
Affiliation	£280.00		
Autumn Fayre	£3,585.04		
Bar	£3,300.00		
Bowls	£722.00		
Caretaking	£0.00		
Defib, sited at Dafarn Newydd	£0.00		
Donations	£7,553.50		
Easy Fundraiser	£77.44		
Egg sales	£69.77		
Fundraising	£1,517.00		
Hall Hire	£2,723.00		
Line Dancing	£456.00		
Maintenance	£0.00		
Newsletter	£920.00		
Oil	£0.00		
Powys & Llanwddyn CC	£1,150.00		
Renovation	£1,150.00		
Snooker	£213.20		
Sports Club	£420.00		
2019/20 Income	24136.95		
2019/20 Opening balance and all incomes			£204,789.34
Expenditure			
Affiliation	£0.00		
Autumn Fayre	£150.00		
Bar	£0.00		
Bowls	£0.00		
Caretaking	£5,365.68		
Defib, sited at Dafarn Newydd	£284.60		
Donations	£0.00		
Easy fundraiser	£0.00		
Egg sales	£0.00		
Fundraising	£454.80		
Hall Hire	£0.00		
Line Dancing	£0.00		
Maintenance	£4,699.97		
Newsletter	£447.27		
Oil	£4,987.35		
Powys & Llanwddyn CC	£20.00		
Renovation	0		£75,679.40
Snooker	£0.00		
Sports Club	£0.00		
2019/20 Maintenance Expenditure	£16,409.67	Renovation Expenditure	£75,679.40
2019/20 Total Expenditure	£92,089.07		
NIL Unrepresented cheques	£0.00		
TOTAL FUNDS as at March, 31st 2020		£112,700.27	

Signed: *Eb Ellis* (CHAIRMAN)

Date: 20.08.2021