

## **Nantymoel Boys & Girls club / Community Centre**

### **Chairman's Report for 2020 / 2021**

Yet another year has passed, and we are still not rid of COVID 19.

The club was not fully open due to Covid 19 but we have completed the refurbishing of the building. We have a full school lease from LMP (Let Me Play, who deliver alternative curriculum to children and young people who do not attend mainstream education) which has been a success and we hope it will continue in the years to come. We have a community day weekly on a Thursday where outside support agencies provide information through representatives to the public offering advice on mental health problems, drug & alcohol support, housing advice and Bridgend carers also provide support even one to one if needed. We opened the Community Pantry providing food parcels to the general public who deserve them, and the numbers have increased weekly.

Again, the club was closed several times during this period. The Patio has been a success providing outdoor seating for members to take advantage of the scenery in readiness for the coming spring weather. The Berwyn land has been cleaned and the trees are starting to grow. The statue and dram are in place, benches also and people have commented that it is the best memorial to miners they have seen. The memorial to Lynn Davies needs to be sealed then we can have the official opening of the site.

The green area behind the club is starting to look like an allotment it has a large plastic green house, and we may be able to provide tomatoes, lettuce and perhaps cucumbers etc next year. The close circuit cameras have been a success as we have not had any damage to the property.

We have held Welsh Pool championships for under 16's and younger age groups. We were unable to travel to the British National Pool championships in Monmouth due to Covid restrictions.

We have a Ballet class on Sunday morning for tiny tots but need more usage from the general public. We need to advertise heavily on social media what facilities the building has to offer people of all ages. We have tried to encourage the public to use the club's facilities by reducing the time allocated to our younger members to 3 nights a week and this has allowed our sister club Wyndham B & G club to use our sports hall for football practice for their under 12's both boy's and girl's.

The club has had some help to continue providing these facilities but I must stress that more volunteers are needed to carry it on. The building states The MEM Community centre inc Nantymoel Boys & Girls club. It needs the public to use these facilities, they are a treasure many areas would wish for. It is up to the public of the valley to support this centre.

We do not intend to increase contributions for the young members in the future as we hope the general public will see the benefits on offer, not to just use the café but use the facilities that we have available to them.

The balance sheet for 2020 / 2021 was signed off by an accountant and forwarded to the Charity Commission who accepted them.

We are still short of Volunteers to help run the club, we need interested people to come forward and become a trustee, to see that the club is run properly. You do not need to be responsible for any financial outlay but just a keen and interested person who will be made welcome.

Lastly on behalf of the trustees and the club committee, I would like to thank all organisations that have used the club and we hope they will continue to do so.

Yours Faithfully Ken Davies (chair) 18/01/22.

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