

CROESO TEIFI (CIO) - CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1173014

**Receipts and payments accounts for AGM March 2018
Period 9 February 2017 to 8 February 2018**

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	4,669	-	-	4,669	-
Events/Fund Raising/Collections	13,145	-	-	13,145	-
Grant	-	3,485	-	3,485	-
Other	100	-	-	100	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	17,914	3,485	-	21,399	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, N/A					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	17,914	3,485	-	21,399	-
A3 Payments					
Teaching	373	-	-	373	-
Translation	551	-	-	551	-
Administration	708	-	-	708	-
Insurance	448	-	-	448	-
Petty Cash	200	-	-	200	-
House	1,465	433	-	1,898	-
Family and Arrival	304	1,145	-	1,449	-
Karwan Support	843	-	-	843	-
Sub total	4,892	1,578	-	6,470	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	4,892	1,578	-	6,470	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	13,022	1,907	-	14,929	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	13,022	1,907	-	14,929	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank	13,022	1,907	-
	Petty Cash	101	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	13,123	1,907	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK

NOTE CATEGORIES B2 TO B5 NOT APPLICABLE/NOT USED FOR THIS AGM REPORT

Prepared by Croeso Teifi Treasurer	Signature	Print Name	Date
	JTL	J.T. LESTER	2/14/2018
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date
		C. S. RICHMOND	2/16/2018

Treasurer's Notes to Accounts:

1. Accounts prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis.
2. Reference made to Charity Commission/gov.uk CC 16a and 16b but format adapted/summarised for AGM Report requirements
3. Minor/nominal cash items to be reconciled at next CT Meeting before end February 2018
4. Gift Aid to be processed during year 2018/2019
5. ESOL Grant from Ceredigion, total £1,700 was received after the year end 8 February 2017 and to be included in year 2018/2019
6. Gifts and Donations in kind for the House/Family not valued but list maintained
7. Viewed and verified the calculations Michael Easton 16/02/2018

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Reference and Administration

Croeso Teifi charity registration number: 1173014.

St Mary's Old School Hall, Pontycleifion, Cardigan, Wales, SA43 1DR.

Trustees:

Caroline Richmond, chair

John Bennett, vice-chair

Vicky Moller, project director

Caroline Juler, secretary

Jeffrey Lester, treasurer (from July 2017)

Gwyndaf Tomos (treasurer, retired July 2017).

Structure and Management

In early February 2017 an inaugural meeting was held for the charitable organisation to be known as Croeso Teifi. In May 2017 Croeso Teifi was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) with voting members other than its charity trustees.

Objectives and Activities

The objects of the CIO, for the public benefit are:

To provide aid to refugees, those seeking asylum or granted leave to remain in the U.K., who reside or wish to reside temporarily or permanently in the town of Cardigan and the surrounding area, and to promote their harmonious integration into the local communities.

The main activities undertaken to further these objectives are:

assistance with provision of accommodation, furnishings, clothing and other requirements essential for security and wellbeing.

arrangement with the refugees of education, providing English and Welsh language tuition, training and work activity leading to fulfilment, skills and employment.

facilitation of access to local services e.g. health, banking, schools, job centre, as well as social activities and the sharing of friendship, knowledge and skills leading to linguistic and social integration.

working with support organisations sharing any or all of the above charitable purposes.

For the Public Benefit:

The trustees have understood the guidance on Public Benefit and use it to guide decisions, such as to ensure funds are used to maximise the number of people we can benefit.

The activities of Croeso Teifi explained below have helped to build community cohesion through bringing diverse people to work together as volunteers.

The publicity, fundraising and information events have extended awareness of global situations in particular the situation of Syrian refugees forced to leave their war torn homes for camps in Lebanon. Preparing for and bringing a refugee family to Cardigan has advanced cultural awareness, as has the provision of social opportunities for cultural exchange.

The work of the charity has provided opportunity to extend welcome, empathy and kindness, which have enhanced individual self-esteem as well as pride in the local community.

Achievements of the charity during the year:

Croeso Teifi formed in February 2017 as an independent and separate charity from other Croeso groups in West Wales with the initial aim of bringing a refugee family to Cardigan under the government Community Sponsorship Scheme. Following the Home Office guidelines this involved first of all preparing a constitution/governing document for registration with the Charity Commission. With the help of local volunteers and support from Ceredigion Association of Voluntary Organisations (CAVO), Ceredigion County Council Refugee Co-ordinators and the Regional Community Cohesion Co-ordinator, the application was submitted mid March and the registration of Croeso Teifi as a CIO was approved on 12th May 2017.

Meanwhile volunteers organised and carried out fundraising and awareness raising activities so that by May 2017, thanks to the work of the volunteers and the generosity of the local community, the first £10,000 had been raised.

Meetings were held with Local Authority Officers from Ceredigion County Council, who were keen to support Community Sponsorship and anxious to ensure Croeso Teifi volunteers were a bona fide organisation capable of fulfilling their ambitions. The approval and backing of the Local Authority was an essential step towards gaining permission from the Home Office to undertake Community Sponsorship and be able to welcome a refugee family to the Cardigan area.

The charity volunteers divided into working groups to focus on different tasks. In May 2017 the First Friends group came together to prepare the Resettlement Plan an essential component of the Home Office requirements also being the activities that fulfil part of the charity's objectives. To achieve this training, guidelines and support for volunteers also needed to be put in place.

Policies were developed and adopted by the charity to meet legal and safety requirements.

Following its purposes Croeso Teifi was also able to invite and provide some support for an Arabic speaking refugee to come to Cardigan and help with interpretation when the family arrived.

In July 2017 Ceredigion County Council approved and supported Croeso Teifi's bid to apply to the Home Office to partake in the government Community Sponsorship Scheme.

In August 2017 the Home Office finally approved Croeso Teifi's application and the next steps of selection and matching, involving The United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR), The International Organisation for Migration (IOM), The Home Office (HO), The Local Authority (LA), and Croeso Teifi were underway. In September this process was complete and with information regarding the family final arrangements could be put in place.

School places as well as Arabic and Welsh speaking school support workers, were found and secured in October.

The family arrived in mid November and during the subsequent months, with help from dedicated interpreters, members of the First Friends group have been helping them settle in and access local services (e.g. health; bank; DWP) and social opportunities.

The children are full time in a (Welsh medium) school in Cardigan. The parents and the refugee interpreter are all involved in education and volunteering activities. The men have also joined local football teams.

The ESOL teachers have been extremely active in preparing, arranging and providing essential English language tuition tailored to individual need. These on going activities are further steps towards fulfilling the charity's stated objects

Similarly the First Friends group continue to support, facilitate and monitor the family's integration into the local community.

I would like to thank everyone involved for the skill, dedication, persistence, patience, support and effort exerted in making and continuing to make this happen.

It is clear many objectives of the charity have been met and Croeso Teifi trustees and volunteers will strive to continue to fulfil the charity's purpose.

Sally Richmond (Chair)