

Beddau and Tynant Community Library

Annual Report 2018/19

2018-19 has been another busy and successful year for our Library, with loaning books and encouraging reading central to our activities. The library currently has 1300+ customers registered and 20400+ books. New book stock is regularly purchased.

Loan Figures

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
January		236	257	194	191
February	109	247	196	205	171
March	352	191	145	172	232
April	245	292	182	201	243
May	297	261	97	156	247
June	337	307	185	168	248
July	253	255	294	213	328
August	328	396	313	364	325
September	312	279	303	291	335
October	333	271	232	253	243
November	322	246	224	221	
December	193	189	128	118	
Total Loans	3081	3170	2556	2556	
Average Loans	280.09	264.17	213	213	256.3

In addition, in a role as a Community Hub, we continued to run many activities ourselves; to act as a venue for regular users, including our own Monday Club; and to host one off or less frequent events, which are important for our community. A list of the regular and frequently held events is attached at the end of this report. The Wellbeing of the local community is a central driver for many, if not all of these events; from improving fitness and mobility to tackling loneliness and stimulating new interests.

Some of this year's highlights

The Inter-generational project with Llwnocrwn School focused on the Centenary of the end of WWI continued through October and culminated in early November with a morning of fun and song featuring the Goldies Musical Group. The event was also attended by the Chair and other members of Llantrisant Community Council, whose financial support is vital for the Library's future. Everyone was really impressed at how this project succeeded in bringing together some of the youngest and older members of our community. All three primary schools then participated in the celebration of the VE Day anniversary in May.



We hosted Llantrisant Community Council's 'Carols round the Christmas Tree' event in early December. It was attended by over 150 local people, many of whom enjoyed refreshments served by library volunteers once the singing was over. It continues to be a popular annual event, and we are delighted to work in partnership with the Council to help stage it, though turnout was a little down on last year. We have worked with the Council to examine how to attract even more people this year, and we have changed the date so that it doesn't happen on a 'school night'. We were very glad that Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Castellau were able to bring the Welsh Language to the event through their contribution.



The fact that the Library has been the 'go to' venue for local initiatives was reinforced in early November, when the community was shocked to find that a pre-planning application had been published, proposing to build 125 houses on Tynant Woods and Common. In less than a week, and advertised only by social media, more than 40 people turned out for a meeting at the Library on a cold wet Friday night to discuss the plans, and to agree a campaign of action against them. A committee was elected and met in the Library several times in the run up to the end of the consultation. Organisers were grateful that the Library acted as a hub to collect letters of objection, and members presented more than 130 letters to the developers on deadline day. Having stated

that formal planning permission would be submitted in December on the pre planning consultation, formal plans have not yet gone in.

The Library has continued to host bi-monthly PACT meetings, as well as continuing to hold its place as the polling station for Tynant.

Litter-Free Beddau and Tynant have provided litter picking equipment in the Library for members of the community to borrow, as they would a book. This service could do with better publicity, as the group themselves admit, but many members of the community have taken part in the monthly local litter picks.

The children at our village primaries also participated in our celebrations for World Book Day in March. The event had the additional benefit of the Welsh Medium Primary, Castellau, passing on some of their knowledge of the Welsh Language, as part of their work for the Siater Iaith.



The Summer Reading Challenge this year was on the theme of The Moon Landing, and we launched it with a visit from Techniquest



And Llwynocrwn Primary's Gardening Club took over the two planters outside the Library, with one being planted with herbs for the community to cut and use.



There were plenty of activities for the older generation too. The Monday Club continues to go from strength to strength, attracting Grant Funding for many of its activities. They've also worked on podcasts to capture local memories.

THE MONDAY-CLUB

If you are aged 50+ and enjoy the company of others come and join us on a Monday and Wednesday.

Venue: Beddau and Tynant Community Library, Tynant Road, Beddau (next to Post Office)

WHAT'S ON AUGUST 2019

Monday at 10.30am

5th Tony Morris - Quiz

12th Creative Writing Group

19th Tirion and Sophie – Make-up Tips, demonstration

26th Bank Holiday

Wednesday at 10.30 – 2 Classes

7th Armchair Exercise or Sewing with Elaine

14th Armchair Exercise or Craft with Denny or Dave

21st Armchair Exercise or Sewing with Elaine

28th Armchair Exercise or Craft with Denny or Dave

THERE IS NO SING-ALONG THIS MONTH

We've had curling and carpet bowls sessions for all ages. Tai Chi continues to be a very popular, with a waiting list for participants.

In February we heard that Llantrisant Community Council will continue to support us financially for at least the next five years. We are extremely grateful for this annual grant which gives peace of mind that basic costs will be covered. We have also, once again been supported by the Co-op Community Fund.

We have also been very busy this autumn helping local people who need to apply for the new RCT bus pass

Behind the Scenes

Our volunteers continue to offer support to all our activities, from the Trustees who decide the strategic direction, to the small army of people who staff the premises whenever the Library is open.

We had blinds installed in March, which means we can shut out the light for certain events.

We are in the process of having the flat roof inspected as part of our tenancy agreement.

We have just had flyers printed to raise awareness of the Library and the facilities on offer.

Secretary, Helen Boldero has worked extremely hard on updating the Business Plan for the next five years.

We continue to meet regularly with RCT so that we're aware of what's happening across their Library Service, and Asset Transfer Programme.

Llantrisant Community Council won a 'One Voice Wales' Award for their support for the Library.

Our AGM was held in November and the following officers were elected

Chair Julie Barton

Treasurer Catherine Preston

Secretary Helen Boldero

List of activities at the Library

Monthly Evening and Daytime Book Clubs

Monthly Goldies Sing-a-long

Weekly evening Reading Group

Weekly Armchair exercises/patchwork

Weekly Yoga

Weekly Tai Chi (2 sessions)

Weekly History Club

Nordic Walking

Curling

Carpet Bowls

Additional Monday Club Activities

Watercolour Painting

Flower Arranging

Creative Writing

Needle Felting

Independent Examiner's Report

Beddau & Tynant Community Library, Charity Number 1157769

For the period ending 31st August 2019

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees requested an audit this year for funding and statutory purposes.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination has been carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charity Commission. The examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter of concern has come to my attention and in my opinion the accounts:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Charity's affairs as at 31st August 2019 and of its incoming resources and applications of resources, for the year then ended
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Signed.....

Date 31/10/19

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Relevant Professional Qualification or Body

Association of Accounting Technicians



Beddau & Tynant Community Library
Charity Number 1157769

Income & Expenditure Account
For the year ending 31st August 2018

	2019	2018
Income		
Grants	7,510	17,611
Donations	1,992	1,802
Fundraising	705	736
Room Hire	2,595	2,060
Other	260	500
	<u>13,062</u>	<u>22,709</u>
 Expenditure		
Gas & Electricity	865	1,109
Water	203	177
Insurance	836	946
Book Purchases	1,716	1,481
Telephone	1,378	1,155
Stationery & Postage	388	508
Fundraising Events	271	272
IT Expenditure	179	810
Dedicated Grant Expenditure	1,389	16,207
Dues & Subscriptions	38	118
Repairs & Renewals, Buildings	1,360	1,633
Professional Fees	126	126
Sundries	55	66
Total Expenditure	<u>8,804</u>	<u>24,608</u>
Income over Expenditure	4,258	(1,899)
Opening Balance, Bank	<u>18,722</u>	<u>20,621</u>
Net Incoming Resources for the Year	<u><u>22,980</u></u>	<u><u>18,722</u></u>