

Gwynfi Miners Community Hall

(A company limited by guarantee)



Report and Financial Statements for the
financial year 31st March 2019

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Company number 08275575

Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the 12 months ended 31st March 2019

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Report of the Trustees for the 12 months ended 31st March 2019

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
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Trustees

Dr Brian Gibbons FRCGP, MB BCh BAO	Chair
Mrs Jane Jones	Resigned Company Secretary
Mr John Griffiths	Appointed Company Secretary
Mrs Norma Jenkins*	Resigned March 2019
Mrs Christine Isobelle Suzanne Keirle	
Mr Darren Matthews MBE MAAT FCCA	Resigned 20 February 2018
Mrs Mairlyn Young*	
Mrs Pamela Walsh	
Cllr. Ralph Thomas	

*Trustees who are not directors under company law.

Independent Examiner

Darren Norton FCCA
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Bankers

Co-operative Bank

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, so as to develop their capabilities 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 under taken 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 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

During 2018-19 Gwynfi Miners Community Hall has been successful in meeting its objective of providing a range of services and facilities for all ages in the electoral ward of Gwynfi and surrounding areas which met meet the recreational and well-being needs of its residents.

This role is all the more crucial at a time of continuing austerity where there is a constant erosion of public services. In previous times our public services played a key role in enhancing the quality of life and improving the life opportunities of more disadvantaged citizens and communities. But this mission now seems to be given less and less value.

Communities have been obliged to become more self-reliant and Gwynfi Miners Community Hall is a living example of this spirit in the Upper Afan Valley. There is nothing wrong with this in principle but it must be recognised that even the most resilient of communities have their limits in terms of promoting communal health and well-being. And where capacity and resources are lacking most, the levels of resilience need to be greater. This is the irony of austerity – those from whom the most is taken have to do the most to continue to survive with a decent quality of life.

Since it was established in 2013 Gwynfi Miners Community Hall has increased the range of services and facilities that it provides. This is reflected in an increase of 25% in user numbers while at the same time, as an efficiently run organisation, we have reduced our operating costs by a similar amount. This is a tribute to the excellent work of Gwynfi Miners Community Hall with staff and volunteers led by the Hall Manager Simon Matthews.

But despite this record of accomplishment, Gwynfi Miners Community Hall still operates on the edge of survival. Each year has to be treated as it comes and presents its own challenges – between meeting the needs of our community and financial survival.

During the year we have tried to broaden our approach to addressing this problem which is one we share with many other groups in the Upper Afan Valley. With that in mind we have had a series of meetings with these groups to see if we can establish an overarching body which can work together in areas of common interest. We need to wait to see how these discussions pan out.

We also have had very useful meetings with the Coalfields Regeneration Trust. These meetings have produced a number of very useful results in terms of both financial support and wider guidance.

Our Manager will give more details later, but as directors we are particularly pleased with the increased use of the GMCH's facilities by young people, and particularly the Library. The Library is now one of the most heavily used facilities with young people meeting there to use the computers for homework and for recreational activities as well just to chat and chill out. They rarely give any trouble and they are a credit to the community.

However for much of the year the Youth Club was not operating apparently due to lack of staff. Our Manager made repeated representations to the local authority to ensure that the Youth Club was re-started and this was met with success. If the Youth Club had operated as normal our user numbers, especially by our young people would have been even higher.

Gwynfi Boxing Club has also been a major attraction for our young people, both boys and girls, ever since GMCH opened. It has produced champion level boxers. John Radmore was at the centre of Gwynfi Boxing Club and there was great shock and sadness with John's sudden death in December 2018. One of John's last projects was to have a carol service at Christmas and despite his absence it took place with a full attendance in Clydfan. It is hoped that the carol service will become an annual event.

During the year Norma Jenkins, a founding director of GMCH, had to resign from the board as she was leaving the village. We are grateful to all the work that Norma has done for our community including taking responsibility for the Credit Union collection point. We are grateful to Verna Walker for taking over this role.

We also wish to thank Peter Bowyer and his wife Viv for all the work that they have done for the Film Club, Library and Book Club. Peter has now stepped down from these roles and we were pleased to make a presentation to him in recognition of his contributions over very many years. We also wish to thank Fran James who has resigned as our cleaner. We thank her for the work that she has done and we will wish her replacement Dionne Williams all the very best.

During the year one of our main staff members Leigh Owen undertook training to allow GMCH to start a "GP Referral Scheme". This is only available in Port Talbot for Upper Afan residents and we are delighted that Leigh has been able to take a lead in providing this important service in partnership with ABMU Heath Boards "Changing for the Better" grant programme. This grant also allowed us to work with Cariad to provide a defibrillator for our village. We will provide regular CPR training as well as training in the use of the defibrillator.

We were also able to host a wonderful exhibition about "Women in WW 1" and "Votes for Women" in conjunction with Cwm Brombil Women's Institute. The exhibition was supplemented by an excellent talk, with tea and biscuits, from the main organiser of the exhibition Bev Gulley.

While all of this was taking place, we had a set-back with the re-emergence of flooding in the Weights' Room. We sought professional advice to advise on the necessary remedial work. While this has not totally solved the problem, it has resulted in a great improvement. However just when that problem was addressed we had a leak from the toilet system which resulted in the closure of the main Sports Hall. At the end of the financial year we are still in discussion with the NPT Council to address the issue. The closure of the Sports Hall has had a knock-on effect on both the range of services we can provide and with an adverse effect on our user numbers and income

As been already mentioned we continue to face a major challenge in addressing our annual funding gap. To date we have been successful but this uncertainty means we can only operate with a short horizon for the future. As our accounts show about 20% of our income comes from user fees with the rest coming from grants and local fundraising.

Again we are very grateful for the substantial grants we receive from Llynfi Afan Renewable Energy Park (LAREP) and from the People's Health Lottery. These grants have been crucial in keeping GMCH open. During the year we have also received support from Pen y Cymoedd Wind Farm Community Fund, NPT CBC Third Sector Grants, Tesco and ABMU Health Board. As well we have benefited from local fundraising efforts from the Coffee Morning, Craft Club / Table Top Sale, SNS, fundraising events at Gwynfi Social & Athletic Club and at G2. This local support allows us to fund a wide range of activities for all age with a particular eye on making sure we have a range of activities for our young people over the holiday and weekend period.

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Once again this year we held a music evening at the G2 which is now linked in with Remembrance Sunday following the end of the Remembrance Sunday Commemoration at the Pen Afan Primary School. We are grateful for the excellent support we receive for this event from the Ogmore Male Voice Choir and the Treherbert & District Brass Band under the leadership of local boy Craig Roberts.

Much of what is listed above are in addition to the usual range of services and activities that are taking place routinely at Gwynfi Miners Community Hall such as our gym, community library, meeting rooms, Coffee Mornings, Film Club, Jobs Club, meeting rooms for local groups and for our MP and Welsh Assembly members.

None of this takes place by chance. We would like to thank our directors for their support throughout the year. Our Company Secretary, Jane Jones, has stepped down and we are lucky that John Griffiths has been able to take on this post. We must also thank our staff, including Pam Griffiths who provides valuable relief cover, and volunteers who are the people who make things happen on a day to day basis. And in particular we must give a special thanks to our Manager Simon Matthews who provides leadership, advice and makes sure that Gwynfi Miners Community Hall remains the heart and sole of community life.

Managers Report

Every AGM marks a milestone and I am very proud and extremely grateful to be given the opportunity to be writing and presenting my sixth manager's report. I have had the privilege to manage the Gwynfi Miners Community Hall during this period where I have met many inspiring like-minded groups and individuals whom strive to create opportunities to improve the well-being and quality of life for people living in the Afan Valley. We provide a base for the community to meet and take part in various activities and events that have been determined in consultation with local users and our many partnerships. Local residents, groups active in the community and agencies working in the area can make use of the facilities, resources and equipment.

I am very passionate to promote equality, build stronger community relations and promote active citizenship. As someone who lives in the Gwynfi Ward, the health and happiness of this community is of paramount importance.

The directors and I have a care of duty to protect the health, safety and welfare of our employees and the people who use our facility. We take the health and safety management very seriously where we make sure that workers and others are protected from any risks or hazards that have a potential to cause harm. I complete the risk assessments and introduce safety measures to address any identified risks and hazards. The organisation has guidelines and policies that are reviewed periodically and strictly adhered to.

I attend meetings with the board of directors to update them on the organisations operations and performance and we discuss any relevant matters that arise. We work as a team to find proactive solutions to ensure we provide the best service to our customers and that we carry out our business in a safe, professional and legal manner at all times.

I cannot deny that this has been one of our most difficult years with the sudden death of Mr John Radmore who sadly passed away in December. John was a kind, caring and generous person. Apart from the recognition for his outstanding contributions to boxing and his beloved boxing club Gwynfi ABC, John was a long serving member of the SNS, a community social group of men whose unwavering dedication over the years have helped them to raise considerable amounts of money that they would donate to help people and charities like the Gwynfi Miners Community Hall. We are extremely grateful for their kindness and overwhelming support.

We must express our sincere gratitude to Owain Davies, Rhian Davies and their team of volunteers who under these difficult circumstances stepped in to take over the running of Gwynfi ABC. This is what John would have wanted and John`s wife Sonia and daughter Vicky have shown their appreciation. The club is going from strength to strength and I am sure that the club will follow in John`s footsteps and develop and inspire many more boxers in the future.

Sadly we also lost Ms Olive Phillips who was a huge part of the GMCH and community life. Olive was such a caring and inspiring lady whose infectious smile could not go unnoticed. In memorandum of John and Olive they both have memorial plaques that are displayed in the Hall.

There was an SNS Christmas carol service that was held in the Hall and over 50 people attended and took part in the festive carol singing. This was John`s idea but unfortunately he could not attend the service. This will now become an annual event and weather permitting it will take place on the square. Both Olive and John are sadly missed but I am sure they will never be forgotten.

Maintenance has proven yet again how much of a blockade it can cause to the interruption of the services we provide. In January flooding lead to the closure of our basement and Sports Hall. We are covered by the NPTCBC building insurance but unfortunately this matter has not been dealt with any urgency and the remedial work has still not been completed. I express my serious concerns over the lack of support Gwynfi Miners Community Hall and other community organisations operating in the Afan Valley are receiving from the Local Authority.

Apart from the loss of income the children are missing out on leisure time activities and skill building exercises that are essential for their growth and development and their ability to build resilience for the future.

Due to the severe money-saving exercises imposed by the local authority the competition for grant funding is becoming more fierce and organisations are finding themselves operating under increased pressures. This will have an adverse effect and could eventually lead to the demise of many community services operating in the Afan Valley.

We have been fortunate this year to have received several restricted grants that were used for maintenance and to provide additional activity provision. We also secured unrestricted grants that were used to support the running costs of the facility and organisation. We are now more experienced in grant bid writing and have a better understanding of what the funding bodies want. Dr Gibbons submitted an application to the Garfield Weston Foundation and I am glad that we were successful and received a £7500 unrestricted grant. This is a great achievement as this is a difficult grant to source. It positively shows that we have met their criteria and we are providing the services and activities that they want to support. There is a potential of receiving further funding support from this body if we continue to meet their criteria. We were also pleased to receive the continued support from the Peoples Health Trust, LAREP and the NPTCBC Third Sector grant.

Local fundraising still remains an integral part of our income that brings our local community together. Many activities could have not taken place without the funds we receive from fundraising. This demonstrates that there is still a strong communal spirit and people pull together to support our community facilities and groups.

Whilst working for the organisation I have gained a better understanding of austerity and the social detriments that are affecting many families living in the Afan Valley that is preventing people from accessing key services and activities. From the start we have adopted a community ethos where we have been proactive to provide broader services and activities. Creating a more diverse community hub that can meet the local needs. We will continue with our cradle to grave attitude where we will offer something for everyone.

Despite the cutbacks, 2018-2019 has still proven to be another successful year and this is down to the community we live in where people have the willingness and desire to participate in our activities and support the services we provide.

During this reporting period over 15300 people visited the Gwynfi Miners Community Hall to take part in the variety of educational, social, recreational and well-being activities and services that the organisation provides.

If the downstairs area was functional I would have anticipated at least a further 1000 users would have attended the hall. For a village with a declining and ageing population you must agree this is quite an impressive footfall and clearly supports the needs for the services and activities we provide.

A full breakdown of activities, services and achievements is included in the Achievements and Performance section in this report.

In my experience it has been important to consult and effectively communicate with the other bodies that serves the communities. By exercising a collaborative practice we have been able to access more resources and strengthen relations. A prime example is the joint application with the Cymmer Library where we applied for funding from Ffilm Cymru Wales. We were successful and the grant was used to fund the support costs to provide a community cinema in the both venues. This makes the cinema provision more cost effective but also has helped to promote community engagement and bring villages together.

We must thank Peter Bowyer, Viv Bowyer and The Library Friends Book Club who are committed, passionate people who have worked tirelessly over the years so that people can enjoy the benefits of cinema. Their efforts have helped to reduce isolation, self-exclusion and bring enjoyment to many people. We must thank them for the outstanding service, support and the many hours they have given over the years to the community cinema and library. On behalf of GMCH and the community I wish them a happy and long retirement in good health.

I would like to thank the Gwynfi Miners Board of Directors for their hard work and dedication throughout the year. The Directors and volunteers from the local community bring a range of vital skills to the organisation and like I have a genuine interest and passion in the benefits that GMCH can deliver. They are a group of people that work for the betterment of our community and I thank them for their time and effort in helping to shape our strategy. I would like to thank Norma Jenkins for her active service to our organisation who retired as a director this year.

My sincere thanks must go to our supervisor Leigh Owen for his support to the daily running of the organisation. Leigh has a willingness to attend specialist health and fitness training to enhance his skills and knowledge. This has been a vital asset where we have been able to introduce a specialist GP referral scheme and provide additional fitness instruction to people with more complex needs.

Thanks to our cleaner Francis James who resigned from her post at the Gwynfi Miners Community Hall. I wish Francis all the best in her new employment and her future endeavours. We were fortunate to recruit Dionne Williams who has settled in well. Dionne works hard to maintain a clean environment for our customers and user groups. Lastly Mrs Pamela Walsh Griffiths for the cover she provides that allows staff to take annual leave. Pamela is also actively involved with the fundraising that takes place in the hall. Has a team we contribute to the efficient and smooth running of the hall.

I extend my sincere gratitude to our team of volunteers for their time and effort who assist with the supervision of activities and services that takes place at Gwynfi Miners Community Hall. Without our volunteers the many activities could not possible take place.

On behalf of Gwynfi Miners Community Hall I would like to thank the various funding bodies that have financially supported us during 2018-19. This includes the CFTBGS, LAREP, Garfield and Weston

Foundation, NPTCBC Third Sector, Tesco's Groundworks, The Health Lottery Trust, The Changing for The Better Grant Scheme and the Wave.

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I would like to thank our generous donors that include the Coffee Morning, The SNS, The Library Friends Book Club, Tunnel Hotel, Gwynfi Social Athletic Club, G2 Restaurant and Bar, Gwynfi Cooperative, Marks family Butchers, Cymmer Methodist Church, Gloria Parker and the local crafters.

Last but not least a most sincerely thank you and appreciation to our customers and user groups who have remained loyal and resolute to the Gwynfi Miners Community Hall.

We have a commitment to the community and we will strive to meet your needs and ensure that the Gwynfi Miners Community Hall will remains a diverse social hub in the heart of the village for many years to come.

Achievements & Performance

The figures in this section refer to the period 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019. 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 with the remote geographic location of the Gwynfi ward the footfall recorded is very encouraging.

Our basement area was closed from January to March therefore if this area was in operation we would have estimated at least a further 1000 people would have visited the GMCH during this period. This evidence clearly supports the needs for the services and activities Gwynfi Miners Community Hall provides.

We must thank the many groups and individuals of all ages who have continued to be loyal and resolute and have supported the services and activities that are available in the Gwynfi Miners Community Hall.

Health and Well-being

The Weights and Fitness Gymnasium continues to be a popular fitness activity at the hall where users aged 14-80 years made more than 3,339 visits during the year and thirteen new gym members enrolled. The gymnasium is well equipped and can bring many mental and physical health benefits. Working out can reduce stress and boost the body's ability to deal with existing mental tension. Exercise can also promote weight loss and can help to improve physical and emotional well-being.

Once again, we were successful in receiving another “Changing for The Better” Grant from the SCVS and the ABMU Health Board. The scheme funded our Personal Trainer Leigh Owen to attend specialist exercise courses to enhance his skills and training so that he could become certified to instruct people with more complex needs.

We have worked with our local health practitioners to develop a GP Exercise Referral Scheme. Previously people had to travel over ten miles to attend the nearest Exercise Scheme. Due to the poor public transport infrastructure and low car ownership the venue proved quite difficult for people to reach. Many people who were enrolled onto the scheme were recovering from stroke, heart disease and other serious illnesses so travelling alone and the fatigue from the session could potentially pose a threat to their health and safety.

The new GP Exercise Referral Scheme has proven very popular and beneficial. 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, all of which the scheme can help them with. Leigh's role as included designing, monitoring, mentoring, adapting and implementing individual exercise programmes for his clients suitable for their medical conditions.

Leigh Owen and our external fitness instructors have helped to deliver a comprehensive programme of fitness classes and sports clubs so that people of all ages and abilities were given the opportunity to take part in physically active. The classes included Zumba, Progressive Fitness, Monday Fitclub, Dancersize, Dodgeball, indoor football and a children summer sports club. All of which were funded as part of the Changing for the Better Grant Scheme. The personal achievements, development and health and well-being benefits our users have witnessed is exceptional. Children have become more active, more involved in

sport and fitness and now realise the importance of taking part in regular exercise. Adults have experienced weight loss, feel more energetic and overall are living a healthier lifestyle and better quality of life.

From the Gwynfi Miners Community Halls perspective this is a proud achievement. A key organisational objective is to provide a diverse range of leisure services to help promote and improve the health and well-being of people living in the Afan Valley. Evidently we are achieving our outcomes and meeting the wider needs of the community.

PASS organised an after-school sports club for children aged 7-12 years. Children were given the opportunity to take part in a variety of sports activities. Getting children active from an early age such as organised sports clubs can help lower levels of antisocial behaviour, improve the child health and help them to learn new skills that can help them in school as well as in their future careers. Through engagement in sport, they learn leadership, teamwork, problem-solving, responsibility, self-discipline, and a sense of initiative. Sport clubs help children – especially those who are disadvantaged – build lasting friendships and make them feel part of a wider community. An average of 25 children attended each weekly session.

Gwynfi Amateur Boxing club continues to be a popular activity at the hall where 1,864 adults and children attended the boxing gym during the year. We are very proud to accommodate Gwynfi ABC who operate from Gwynfi Miners Community Hall. Boxing training keeps people active and helps individuals to learn to become more disciplined. Thanks to the achievements from the boxers over the years the club has gained an excellent reputation that attracts people from local communities but also further afield.

It is with sad regret to report that Gwynfi ABC boxing coach Mr John Radmore suddenly passed away in December 2018. John will be sadly missed but we will remember him for his sincere kindness, community spirit, time, commitment, and unwavering dedication to the sport and more importantly to the people he has inspired and developed.

We must express our sincere gratitude to Owain Davies, Rhian Davies and their team of volunteers who under these difficult circumstances have stepped in to take over the running of the Gwynfi ABC. The gym has continued well patronised and I am sure that the legacy of John Radmore and the Gwynfi ABC will live on and continue to produce many more champions.

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. Over 605 youths attended the weekly club. There was a 58% reduction in users compared to the previous year. The Gwynfi Youth Club was one of the most popular youth clubs running in Neath Port Talbot but unfortunately the youth club was cancelled for long periods of time due to the shortage of NPT Youth Services staff. Hopefully lessons have been learned and measures have been put in place to prevent this from happening in the future.

Due to limited funding GMCH allows the Youth Service to use our sports hall free of charge so that they have the opportunity to take part in a wider variety of sporting activities. Costs are met by the Gwynfi Miners Community Hall and the efforts from our community fundraising.

Gwynfi Miners Community Hall have a strong commitment to provide children activities free of charge or for a subsidised cost. This prevents families facing financial hardship from not being placed at a disadvantage and missing out on the activities that takes place in the Gwynfi Miners Community Hall. 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 68 children attended. The age range varies from 2-14 years where they take part in painting, modelling, jewellery making and sculpturing. Arts and crafts can improve eye-hand coordination, creativity and can help the child to develop their fine motor skills.

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. It is a great way of engaging the community where people can come and chat with friends in a welcoming and safe environment. The sessions help to prevent people from becoming socially excluded and left feeling isolated. The organised activities can help the ladies to keep their 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. The women who 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.

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 our Credit Union Collection. The community can borrow books, browse the free internet and generally use the space to meet up with friends. The library has now proven to be one of our most popular services that is well patronised by children who use the computers and information resources to complete their homework. The libraries central village location is a popular place where people generally meet up with their friends after school. The parents are reassured and know that their children are in a safe, welcoming and supervised environment.

More than 4466 visited the library during the year this reporting period which is a staggering 72% increase compared to the previous financial year. This was once a service in decline and a specific area identified for improvement so we are very pleased with the outcomes.

A weekly job club is run by Communities for Work Plus where trained advisors provide universal credit advice, 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 work place experience that will make them become more desirable to a potential employer and enhance their chances of finding employment. On average 6-8 people were attending the club.

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 cinemas 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.

In addition to the monthly screenings the club organised trailer evenings where the audience selected the films that they would like to watch in the upcoming film season. There were also family screenings that took

place during the school holidays. On average up to 25 people were attending the monthly films and we recorded our highest audience for our family screenings where in excess of 50 people attended.

Our volunteers are the heart beat in the community who help to keep local services like the community cinema functioning. We are sad to see Mr and Mrs Bowyer retire from leading the cinema however we must thank them both for their unwavering dedication and outstanding contributions to the running of the Gwynfi Community Cinema Club.

We had the privilege to display an excellent exhibition about the Women in World War 1 that was created by Beverly Gulley, a lady from the Cwm Brombil Womens Institute. We were extremely grateful to be given the opportunity to display the exhibition at the Gwynfi Miners Community Hall that was previously displayed in Margam Park and gained a significant recognition and rightly deserved. In conjunction Beverly gave a talk about the women`s role during the World War 1. As a thank you we invited the Cwm Brombil Womens Institute to join us at the Hall for the talk, afternoon tea and buffet. High numbers of people came to view the exhibition and have the pleasure to meet the creator (Mrs Beverley Gulley) and join in with interesting discussions relating to the exhibition and talk.

We purchased a defibrillator that is located outside of our facility so that the community can summon the equipment quickly 24 hours a day. CARIAD is a fantastic initiative where they provide qualified instructors to train people in the community on how to use the equipment correctly and to administer CPR. The course was held at the Gwynfi Miners Community Hall where 19 adults took part who were from the community, local sports clubs and businesses operating in the village. 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.

Our annual Remembrance Concert that is held at the G2 Function Room is always a highlight on many people`s social calendar. The evening is supported by the Treherbert & District Band and the Ogmore Male Voice Choir who provide the excellent music and singing. Mr Ciaran Gibbons, an ex-serviceman, read out the role of honour. The venue was packed to capacity where in excess of 120 people attend this sombre but enjoyable evening.

The concert helps to raise funds to support the Gwynfi Miners Community Hall but it also is an evening where people can pay their respects and remember those who sacrificed their lives for our country. There is no remembrance service in the village so this event will take place every year on the Friday that falls nearest to the 11th November.

Plans for The Future

We will be actively seeking new volunteers and directors to help with the running of GMCH which will help us to expand our services. So if anyone would be interested or know of anyone who would like to be involved please contact the hall for further information.

Gwynfi Community Hall will remain focused and committed to our community where we will consult, identify and develop our services in line with our charitable objectives and to ensure we keep up to date with the community needs and seasonal trends.

Financial Review

The accounting period covered in this report is for the 12 months to 31st March 2019.

Gwynfi Miners Community Hall has now been operating for six full years and we are continuing to witness growth and development in key areas, but we still need to be aware of our precarious financial position.

We continue to prudently manage our funds where we negotiate cheaper deals with energy suppliers. Due to the trend of annually increasing energy costs we agreed that it would be more practical to commit to longer term fixed tariff price contracts to prevent any sudden increases.

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.

We encountered flooding during the Christmas Holidays (2018) that caused damage to the female toilets and Sports Hall below. Following advice and for public safety both areas now have restricted access. The building is covered by the Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council Insurance Department (as part of our lease terms and conditions) but we have been very disappointed by the length of time it has taken to fully address our claim.

This has caused a major disruption to our services and has adversely affected our income that could have been generated through the Sports Hall room hire and other chargeable activities if the areas were functional.

However taking this into account we are still very satisfied to record another reduction in the overall annual expenditure. Quite astonishing these figures are 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. Our unwavering dedication and efforts have also reduced our funding gap and our running deficit for another consecutive year.

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.

Due to the age of the building we have considered the need to set aside funds each month to build a maintenance contingency pot to fund future repairs. However our continuing yearly financial deficit has meant that this has not been possible and we remain heavily dependent on donations and grants.

No doubt there will be challenging years ahead with the prevailing climate of austerity. Competition for grant funding will inevitably increase as more local authority facilities are earmarked for closure or transferred to the community as part of their on-going money saving exercises.

The period ended with a net deficit of £9,532 (£10,487 – 2017/18): and unrestricted reserves of £28,944 (£39,894 – 2017/18).

Principal Funding Sources

After our set-back with the loss of the grant from NPTCBC in 2016 we have continued to provide our community with a much valued amenity and service. Due to our operating deficit our reserves are continuing to decline.

Thankfully Llynfi Afan Renewable Energy Park - LAREP (GAMESA / John Laing) have committed to providing unrestricted index linked funding for the next twenty-five years. LAREP is the only organisation committed to providing long term financial support to the Gwynfi Miners Community Hall. We greatly appreciate this.

We are also very grateful to receive funding from other funders for smaller amounts that are equally important. The People's Health Lottery has been a consistent supporter over recent years. They regularly evaluate the work we do and we are pleased that we continue to meet their requirements. We have also been successful in securing a NPTCBC Third Sector Grant that can be used for our core funding costs but this is always a competitive exercise. We welcome this grant but we are disappointed that the Local Authority does not support “anchor” facilities in the Upper Afan Valley unlike other parts of the county.

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.

When we meet with the funding bodies we strongly emphasize the importance for reviewing their grant-giving strategy and stress the importance for the need of a more flexible approach when awarding funding to community organisations in the light of the consequences of “austerity”.

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.

Most of the facilities in the Afan Valley have always operated with the assistance of a subsidy whilst under the management of the local Authority or arm's length bodies such as Celtic Leisure. However some funders still work from an outdated framework that expects these former subsidised facilities to become financially self-sustainable.

This is totally unrealistic as 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 people to the community and each other 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 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

Aside from retaining a prudent amount in reserves each year 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.

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

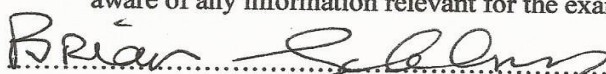
Company law requires the trustees/directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, 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 10-9-19

GWYNFI MINERS COMMUNITY HALL

(A company limited by guarantee)

**Financial Statements for the
Year Ended 31st March 2019**

**Charity number 1154423
Company number 08275575**

GWYNFI MINERS COMMUNITY HALL

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2019

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2019 £	Total 2018 £
INCOME					
Donations and legacies	2	29,199	14,703	43,902	50,045
<i>Income from charitable activities:</i>				-	-
Operation of community hall	3	11,093	-	11,093	12,186
Investment income	4	-	-	-	-
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		<u>40,292</u>	<u>14,703</u>	<u>54,995</u>	<u>62,231</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Expenditure on charitable activities:	5	(51,242)	(13,285)	(64,527)	(72,718)
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		<u>(51,242)</u>	<u>(13,285)</u>	<u>(64,527)</u>	<u>(72,718)</u>
NET INCOME AND NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS FOR THE YEAR	8	(10,950)	1,418	(9,532)	(10,487)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		39,894	995	40,889	51,376
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>28,944</u>	<u>2,413</u>	<u>31,357</u>	<u>40,889</u>

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised during the year.

All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities.

GWYNFI MINERS COMMUNITY HALL

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2019

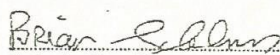
		31.03.19		31.03.18	
	Note	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	10		-		903
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	11	805		1,970	
Cash at bank and in hand	12	<u>33,015</u>		<u>40,807</u>	
		33,820		42,777	
LIABILITIES					
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	13	(2,463)		(2,791)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>31,357</u>		<u>39,986</u>	
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>31,357</u>		<u>40,889</u>	
NET ASSETS		<u>31,357</u>		<u>40,889</u>	
THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY					
Unrestricted income funds	14	28,944		39,894	
Restricted income funds	15	2,413		995	
		<u>31,357</u>		<u>40,889</u>	

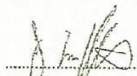
For the year ending 31st March 2019 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476.
- 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 companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with FRS 102 SORP.

Approved by the board and signed its behalf by:


Chair – Dr Brian Gibbons


Company Secretary – John Griffiths

Date: 09/09/2019
Company Registration Number: 08275575

GWYNFI MINERS COMMUNITY HALL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2019

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard (FRS 102) issued on 16/07/2014 the Financial Reporting Standard (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

DONATIONS

Donations are accounted for in the year of notification, where this is reasonably practicable.

GRANTS RECEIVED

Grants are credited to the accounts in the year to which they relate.

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.

RESOURCES EXPENDED

Resources expended are included in the statement of financial activities on the accruals basis.

Certain expenditure is directly attributable to specific activities and has been included in the costs relating to that activity.

DEPRECIATION

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Equipment	33% straight line
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GOING CONCERN

These accounts have been prepared on the going concern basis. The Trustees feel that there are sufficient existing funds within the charity, as well as potential future income, for the charity to continue as a going concern for the next 12 months.

GWYNFI MINERS COMMUNITY HALL

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YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2019

2 INCOME FROM DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>2019</u> <u>Total</u>	<u>2018</u> <u>Total</u>
Donations	750	-	750	1,042
Grants:				
NPT CBC	4,980	8,300	13,280	15,300
People's Health Trust	5,000	-	5,000	10,000
Changing for the better		4,028	4,028	1,812
Gamesa Windfarm		-	-	17,100
Pen y Cwmoedd Windfarm		-	-	4,291
Amazon			-	500
Quattro Grant	803		803	-
Llynfi Afan REP Community	17,666		17,666	
The wave grant		500	500	-
Groundwork grant		1,875	1,875	-
	<u>29,199</u>	<u>14,703</u>	<u>43,902</u>	<u>50,045</u>

3 INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>2019</u> <u>Total</u>	<u>2018</u> <u>Total</u>
Income from room hire, gym and cinema:				
Fundraising events	1,538	-	1,538	1,483
Community Cinema	-	-	-	-
Room hire	4,202	-	4,202	4,530
Gym	5,353	-	5,353	6,173
Total income from charitable activities	<u>11,093</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,093</u>	<u>12,186</u>

4 INVESTMENT INCOME

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>2019</u> <u>Total</u>	<u>2018</u> <u>Total</u>
Bank interest receivable	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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5 ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

			<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total funds</u>	<u>Total funds</u>
Core Activities	33,053	2,103	35,156	32,892
Changing for the better		810	810	1,819
Pen y Cwmoedd Windfarm	-		-	4,291
NPT Youth Service	-		-	1,803
Children's funds		872	872	425
Cinema & Fundraising events	545		545	175
Governance Costs (note 7)	1,772		1,772	1,993
Support Costs (note 6)	15,872	9,500	25,372	29,320
	51,242	13,285	64,527	72,718

6 SUPPORT COST ALLOCATION

All support costs have been allocated on the following basis

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Cost £</u>
Rent	167	8,300	8,467
Repairs & maintenance	3,642		3,642
Light, heat and water rates	6,446		6,446
Insurance	3,141		3,141
Telephone	508		508
Cleaning	367		367
Printing & stationery	184		184
Accountancy	960		960
Other office costs	457	1,200	1,657
	15,872	9,500	25,372

7 GOVERNANCE COSTS

			<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
Professional fees	329	-	329	892
Independent examination	540		540	-
Depreciation	903	-	903	1,101
	1,772	-	1,772	1,993

GWYNFI MINERS COMMUNITY HALL

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8 NET INCOMING RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR

This is stated after charging:

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
	£	£
Depreciation	903	1,101
	<u>903</u>	<u>1,101</u>

9 EMPLOYEES

Employee costs were £32,913 (2018- £32,892) : there were no Social Security or pension costs.

10 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
	Equipment	Equipment
	£	£
COST		
Brought forward	9,512	9,512
Additions	-	-
At 31 March 2018	<u>9,512</u>	<u>9,512</u>
DEPRECIATION		
Brought forward	8,609	7,508
Charge for the year	903	1,101
At 31 March 2018	<u>9,512</u>	<u>8,609</u>
NET BOOK VALUE		
At 31 March 2018	<u>-</u>	<u>903</u>

11 DEBTORS

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
	£	£
Trade debtors	415	345
Prepayments	390	1,625
	<u>805</u>	<u>1,970</u>

GWYNFI MINERS COMMUNITY HALL

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YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2019

12 CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
	£	£
Bank Account	31,708	39,569
Depositor Account	1,174	1,174
Cash in hand	133	64
	<u>33,015</u>	<u>40,807</u>

13 CREDITORS

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
	£	£
PAYE and social security	330	26
Other creditors	2,133	2,765
	<u>2,463</u>	<u>2,791</u>

14 RESTRICTED INCOME FUNDS

	Balance at 1 April 2018	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Balance at 31 March 2019	Balance at 31 March 2018
	£	£	£	£	£
Fundraising events/sundry funds	259	-	-	259	259
Amazon (for children)	500	-	(497)	3	500
Changing for the better	(10)	4,028	(3,914)	104	(10)
NPT CBC	197	8,300	(8,459)	38	197
TATA community award	7	-	-	7	7
Red Nose day fund	42	-	-	42	42
The Wave	-	500	(44)	456	-
Groundwork		1,875	(371)	1,504	
				-	
	<u>995</u>	<u>14,703</u>	<u>(13,285)</u>	<u>2,413</u>	<u>995</u>

15 UNRESTRICTED INCOME FUNDS

	Balance at 1 April 2018	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Balance at 31 March 2019	Balance at 31 March 2018
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	39,894	40,292	(51,242)	28,944	39,894
	<u>39,894</u>	<u>40,292</u>	<u>(51,242)</u>	<u>28,944</u>	<u>39,894</u>

GWYNFI MINERS COMMUNITY HALL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2019

16 COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

Gwynfi Miners Community Hall is a company limited by guarantee and accordingly does not have share capital.

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute such amount as may be required not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charitable company 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.

17 TAXATION

The hall is a registered charity and as such is exempt from income and corporation tax given that its income and gains are applied towards the charitable objects of the charity and for no other purpose. Value Add Tax is not recoverable and is therefore included within the relevant costs shown on the income and expenditure account.

18 CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

There were no capital commitments at the balance sheet date (2018: nil)

19 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

There were no contingent liabilities at the balance sheet date (2018: nil)

20 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Three members of the Board of Directors are also Directors of Gwynfi Community Co-operative Society.

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Independent Examiner's Report

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Gwynfi Miners Community Hall

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31st March 2019.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination 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) of the 2011 Act; and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the following requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities have not been met; or
- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.


Darren Norton FCCA
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Chartered Certified Accountants

31st July 2019

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