



Chair Annual Report

*Year ending- 30th April
2024*

Charity No: 1046862

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Status

The organisation is a registered charity which registered 5th June 1995 and is governed by a constitution. Under the rules of the constitution the members of the management committee are elected at the AGM.

Management Committee 2023 - 2024

Throughout the year we have had a few changes to our Management Committee.

Rebecca Lydon has stepped down from her role on the Committee. Lisa Walstow has made the decision to resign as Chair to become Vice-Chair. We have a number of volunteers who have expressed interest in joining the Management Committee.

Lowri Matthews – Chair
Lisa Walstow- Vice-Chair
Rebecca Shrubbs- Treasurer
Martyn Vardon - Treasurer
Faye Matthews - Secretary
Paul Shrubbs
Rhian Smith
Laura Painter
Katrina Whale
Hannah Scobie
Camilla Harding
Rhian Davies

Principle Address

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The Management Committee present it's report and financial statements for the year ending 30th April 2024

We held a full programme of activities this year. In May 2023, we held a Coronation Party at Dragons Den. During the May Half-Term we restarted our sessions at the Lido and Aberdare Splash Park. We also attended Daerwynno, Horse Riding, Cwm Cycling, a family meal at the Brynffynon Hotel, Cinema, Surfing with Surfability and swimming at Aberfan. We also hosted our 28th Birthday Party at Dragons Den.

For our Summer Playscheme we again tried to keep to similar activities on the same day each week in order to give the children a sense of routine. On Mondays we had Family Lunch, Cwm Cycling and Splashpad. Tuesdays were our trip days and we visited Longleat, Brecon Canal Boat Trip, Mountain View Ranch, Pembrey Country Park and Weston Super Mare. Wednesdays we enjoyed trips to the cinema, horseriding and our regular Dragons Den visits. Thursdays were local activities and we visited Colliers Adventure Farm, Daerwynno, Summit Centre and Plantasia. We had multi sports at the Ron Jones Stadium and swimming on Fridays. Saturdays were our regularly scheduled Lido sessions. On Sundays we enjoyed a variety of activities including, Parc Play, cinema trips, Trago Playcentre and a trip to Gwili Steam Railway. We also went to see Winnie the Pooh at the Millenium Centre.

In September we enjoyed a visit to Circus Starr at Pagett Rooms in Penarth

During October Half Term we went to Family Lunch at Ynys View Café, cycling with Cwm Cycling and enjoyed our family swim session at the Sobell Centre. We enjoyed a visit to Aberdare Coliseum Theatre for King of Nothing Puppet Show and to the cinema. We had our Halloween party at Dragons Den. We had Family Lunch at Brynffynon Hotel and an exclusive session at Kingdom of Chaos. We attended Horse Riding and Swimming at Aberfan Leisure Centre.

We had a busy Christmas period with a trip to Brecon Mountain Railway to visit Santa. We saw Santa at Rhondda Heritage Park and Colliers Adventure Farm. We went to the pantomimes at Aberdare Coliseum and New Theatre Cardiff. We had our Christmas party at Dragons Den. We also enjoyed a Breakfast with Santa at Brewers Fayre in Aberdare. We again entered Team PALS into the Nos Galan Road Races.

In January we started to distribute the Winter Warm Packs. These ran as 'Winter Warm Hubs' at Dragons Den in addition to our monthly session. January also saw us visit the Wales Millennium Centre for the show 'Aladdin'.

In February Half Term we attended Trago Playzone and Egni. We also had a few of our regular half-term activities which included Family Lunch, at both Ynys View and the Brynffynnon, Cwm Cycling, Family Swim, Cinema and Horse Riding. We also put on a number of different activities which included Golf and Bowling, Lunch at Frankie&Bennys and Vertigo Trampoline Park. We ended half-term with our Warm Hub at Dragons Den.

In March we hosted our final Winter Warm Hub and also had a visit to the Wales Millennium Centre to see 'Bluey's Big Play'.

At Easter we had a busy two weeks. We were able to gift a number of children toys thanks to donations leftover from Christmas from St David's Centre. We also got to go and see Fireman Sam at Aberdare Coliseum.

We enjoyed going to Cwm Cycling. We took part in Easter activities at Daerwynno. We had an Easter party at Dragons Den. We went horse riding at Smugglers and had an exclusive Easter session at Colliers Adventure Farm. We went surfing to with Surfability at Caswell Bay. Our weekly sessions at Ponty Lido started. We also enjoyed visits to the Cinema.

At the end of April we were also presented with our King's Award for Voluntary Service by Peter Vaughan, the Lord-Lieutenant of Glamorgan. This was a fantastic opportunity for us to share the work of Cynon Valley PALS and our upcoming plans.

Throughout the year our regular sessions at Lido Ponty, Coliseum Cinema, Dragons Den and Cwm Cycling continued.

Fundraising

Nos Galan - £1176.88

Choc Free February - £1401.00

Zippering for PALS - £250.75
One Lottery – £615.48
Raffles - £414.32
Donation Tubs – £3.00
Stalls- £117.50
Celebrate 28- £1204.25
Badges and Pins- £80.00
Charity Night- £667.00
Calendars- £174.60
Christmas Fundraising- £159.05
Rotary Raffle- £1000.00
Band Fundraiser- £250.00
Facebook Birthdays- £7.83

Grants- ALL HAVE SPENT

Pen Y Cymoedd- £1,100.00
Interlink- £520.00
Interlink- £1,000.00
Magic Little Grants- £500.00
National Lottery Awards For All- £10,000.00
National Grid Community Matters- £9,450.00
Charity Foundation Wales- £2,000.00

Donations

Aberdare Town FC- £101.50
Amazon Smile- £19.17
Blaengwawr Close- £125.00
Bonus Ball- £470.00
Facebook Donations- £64.00
Laura Painter- £60.00
L Evans- £40.00
K Langmead- £60.00
Mr Hill- £20.00
Mr Jones and Mr Furnish- £1000.00
Paypal Donation- £0.01
R. Smith- £15.00
S. Day- £14.00
T. Harris- £20.00
Townsend- £90.00
Townsend's Golden Wedding- £50.00
Whitehall Golf Club- £1600.00
Y. Halford- £12.00

Future Strategy

We continue to evaluate the services that we provide to our families and are always looking for new ways to meet the needs of the children and the families we support. The focus for

next year will be to continue to find ways of working and supporting families, taking in to account the cost-of-living crisis. We need more committee members to help out.

Risk Review

The management committee has conducted its own review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed and has set out plans to minimize these risks.

Risk 1- The charity's current committee is small in number and some roles are vacant

- Job descriptions for roles to be circulated
- Training for all committee members to be arranged.

Risk 2- We need more people to help out at and lead in person activities

- Readvertise for a playscheme leader
- Training for all volunteers to be arranged.

Risk 3- Financial stability

- although PALS have a good amount of money in the accounts a lot of this is restricted and can only be used for specific spending.
- fundraising is proving more difficult in the current climate and the number of grants available for have dramatically decreased
- continue to apply for grants as they are available
- continue with fundraising including monthly raffles, fundraising events

Financial Review

The attached accounts were presented by the treasurer. A review of financial practise was carried out. A review of policies was carried out.

Policies Review

A review of all current policies was carried out.

Responsibilities of the Management Committee

The Charity Commission required the Management Committee to prepare financial statements for each financial year. They must ensure that the accounts are prepared and formally approve them, along with the annual report.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP)- Accounting and Reporting by Charity, and has been approved by the Management Committee on June 14th 2024, signed on its behalf by;

Lowri Matthews (Chair)

Rebecca and Martyn are happy to continue in the role as Treasurers. We will ask if anyone has any links to accounts that could assist in formulating reports. Possibly investigate funding an accountant with grant funding by applying through admin fees.

Meirion Townsend will join the management committee.

Katrina Whale has resigned from the management committee.

Cynon Valley PALS Account Summary - Year Ended 30 April 2024									
Income									
						Restricted Funds		Unrestricted Funds	Total
Fundraising								£7,521.66	£7,521.66
Parent Contributions								£12,810.73	£12,810.73
Donations								£3,760.68	£3,760.68
Grants									
	Pen Y Cymoedd					£1,100.00			£1,100.00
	Interlink					£520.00			£520.00
	Awards For All					£10,000.00			£10,000.00
	Community Fund for Wales					£2,000.00			£2,000.00
	National Grid Energy					£9,450.00			£9,450.00
	Magic Little Grants					£500.00			£500.00
	Interlink					£1,000.00			£1,000.00
	Total								£24,570.00
Gift Aid									£346.17
Interest									£499.16
Total Income									£49,508.40
Expenditure									
Admin									£5,334.03
Fundraising									£600.00
Trips									£13,053.60
Playscheme									£16,909.04
Family Support									£6,944.64
Refunds									£10.00
Publicity									£217.68
Total Expenditure									£43,068.99
Surplus / Deficit									£6,439.41

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees / members of Cynon Valley PALS, charity number 1046862 on accounts for the year ended April 30th 2024.

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Cynon Valley PALS ("the Trust") for the year ended April 30th 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). You consider that the Trust is exempt from audit for the year ended April 30th 2024 under the Act and is eligible for independent examination. I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: C. S. Chick

Date: 27/2/25

Name: Mrs Cheryl Chick

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): Retired bank clerk

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