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**EIRIANFA ASSOCIATION
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

Charity Number 1086687

EIRIANFA ASSOCIATION

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OBJECTS OF THE EIRIANFA ASSOCIATION

The Charity's objects are:

- (a) To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Denbigh and the neighbourhood thereof without distinction of gender, sexual orientation, race or of political religious or other opinions, by associating together the said inhabitants and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and other leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants".
- (b) to establish, or secure the establishment of Eirianfa, and to maintain and manage the same (whether alone or in co-operation with any statutory or voluntary body or other person or body) in furtherance of these objects.

The Association will be non-party in politics and non-sectarian in religion.

MEMBERS OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

TRUSTEES: **Mr John Williams**, Chair - Denbigh Gateway Club
 Mrs Mary Dent, Treasurer - Individual Member
 Rev Dafydd Cunningham, Secretary - Individual Member
 Mrs Eleri Ames, Individual Member
 Mr Mike Cottle, Tai Chi
 Mr Brian Davies, Individual Member
 Mrs Lilian Jones, Individual Member
 Mrs Trish Morris, Cottage Garden Society
 Mrs Nerys Owen, Denbigh & Ruthin Mencap
 Cllr Gaynor Morgan Rees, Denbigh Town Council
 Cllr Roy Tickle, Denbigh Town Council
 Dr Tim Webb, Denbigh Rotary Club
 Mr Alan Williams, Individual Member
 Mrs Lili Williams, Yoga

MANAGER: **Mrs Amanda Cunningham**

Charity Commission Number: 1086687

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Covid 19 once again affected the first part of our year, with community centres in Wales not reopening to the public until the 3rd May. During this time, however, we continued to play our part in the government's vaccination programme, with clinics being held weekly.

Towards the end of May, a few groups started to return, such as guitar and Slimming World but most groups wanted to wait. However, in September, we saw a few more of our regular groups come back such as Knit and Natter, Clwyd Quilters, Cottage Garden and our Tuesday Art group. As the term went on, we were also pleased to have some new groups start with us, such as SHINE, a children's drama group, Young Carers and Boccia, an exercise group for over 75's to help combat loneliness.

In October, we held our AGM, which had been severely delayed due to Covid. Eleri Ames and Bryan Davies decided that they did not wish to continue on the Management Committee. Also, sadly, Mrs Nerys Owen had passed away since we had last met. The Committee recorded their condolences at her death and gave thanks for the many years she served on the committee.

Mr John Williams also informed the committee of his decision to stand down as Chair. I agreed to be the new Chair on a temporary basis, pending someone from Denbigh itself being prepared to do so, and was duly voted to that position.

As we got nearer to Christmas, the Omicron variant of Covid was identified. Schools closed for Christmas early and most of our Christmas bookings at the centre were cancelled. As ever, Amanda was alive to the situation and we were able to offer the centre to the Welsh Government full time over Christmas for their enhanced vaccination programme. They were very grateful for this offer and took it up immediately.

In January 2022 the centre finally saw things start to get back to normal with many of our regular groups returning. By the end of March, the centre was averaging 20 regular groups per week and all Covid restrictions had been lifted. It was wonderful to see the centre functioning 'normally' again.

I would like to record our thanks to our staff, Amanda and Paul. Amanda, our manager, worked tirelessly to ensure that we were adhering to the frequently changing Covid regulations. She has also worked hard liaising with the Betsi Cadwaladr Health Board to enable Eirianfa to be used as a vaccination centre. This and the Welsh Government vaccination programme income helped the Association to keep on a secure financial footing during a very difficult time. Paul has been willing to adapt his working practices so that we were able to meet with the new hygiene regulations required for the Centre, as well as being flexible in increasing or reducing his hours when needed. We are indebted to both of them.

Finally, as previously mentioned, John Williams stood down as Chair in October 2021. I would therefore like to take this opportunity to publicly thank him for the many years of dedicated service he gave, particularly as Treasurer and then as Chair. Those titles do not even begin to reflect the amount of time, energy and commitment he has given the Association, over some 20 years. Many of you know John and are as grateful to him as we are as a committee. We are very pleased that he will continue as a valued member of the Management Committee.

With thanks,

Alan Williams, Chair

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USE OF THE CENTRE BY VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

I want to list here the groups that use and have used Eirianfa, in order to demonstrate its importance as a facility for Denbigh and the district.

As mentioned in the report above, the crisis has had a major effect on groups being able to use our facilities in the first few months of the year, however, from September onwards, many of our regular groups returned and some new groups started. They are as follows:

Age Connect, Ballroom Dancing, Boccia exercise group, Cariad Crafts, Clwyd Quilters, Denbighshire County Council Housing, Dementia Choir, Denbigh Art Group, Denbigh Church Ladies Guild, Denbigh Citizen's Advice Bureau, Denbigh Community Choir, Denbigh Local History Society, Denbigh Male Voice Choir, Denbigh & Ruthin Mencap, Gateway Club, Grace Church, Guitar Classes, Knit & Natter, Merched Y Wawr, North Wales Cottage Garden Society, Positive Steps, SHINE drama club, Slimming World, Spanish Class, Tai Chi Classes, Young Carers, Welsh Blood Service, Welsh Presbyterian Church and Vale of Clwyd MIND Association.

Many other groups also used our facilities occasionally and include:

Autism Initiatives, Book of You, Christian Aid, Clwyd Family History Society, Cynnig, Denbigh Bowling Club, Denbigh Floral Art Society, Denbigh Men's Shed, Denbigh Twinning Association, Denbighshire Historical Society and 2wish Charity.

In addition, the Centre continues to be well-used most Saturday mornings by voluntary organisations and church groups for the purpose of fundraising and we are hosting more and more children's parties on Saturday afternoons. Grace Church continues to meet at the Centre every Sunday morning and the Welsh Presbyterian Church has now started to use the centre every other Sunday afternoon.

USE OF THE BUILDING AS AN OFFICE BASE BY COMMUNITY GROUPS

North Wales Model Sports Arena – utilises the space in the old garage area to provide a slot car racing club for the local community.

Domestic Abuse Safety Unit – uses the downstairs office to offer support and other services to abused families.

Adintra Counselling Services – uses an upstairs office to provide counselling services.

Grace Church – uses the small upstairs office to provide a base for the minister of Grace Church.

Age Connect – use the large upstairs office to provide support for elderly isolated and vulnerable people in the community. Became a licensee in June 2021.

We are grateful to have licensees who are all seeking to partner with Eirianfa in its mission to serve and support the local community.

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THE FUTURE

Whilst we are pleased to be on the other side of Covid, we are also aware that we are now entering a phase where the cost of living is extremely difficult for many. We are therefore conscious of the need to be thinking through how we support our community.

We are currently in talks with an organisation called Cowork Local, which works in conjunction with the local authority to provide affordable spaces for people to come and work, whilst also trying to provide a sense of community and to combat isolation.

We are also talking to the local housing association about helping them to run cooking and budgeting courses, to help people who have been homeless get into a tenancy and learn how to cope with it.

Meanwhile, we are mindful that the current energy crisis could also have a financial effect on the Association. We have had to increase charges but have kept these to as little as we have been able. We have applied for support through Renew Wales to have an energy audit done, in the hope that we can look at ways to be more energy efficient going forward. Once we have this audit, we hope to apply to the Clocaenog Forest Wind Farm Fund for funding for the changes.

Financially, we are pleased to report that we are on a firm footing because of government grants received during Covid and income from the vaccination programmes. As they finished, our regular groups started to return and we were able to cover a small window of a drop in monthly income. However, we do have some large expenses on the horizon. We are due to close down in August for a week to have some major plumbing work done in the building. We also need to address a problem on the front of the building with bricks wearing away because of water splashing up from the road. In addition, of course, there will be a further rise in the cost of energy in the Autumn, so we are very aware of the need to be careful.

However, having said all of this, we go forward with positivity. We are pleased to be able to play the part we do in supporting the local community and grateful for the partnerships, both new and old, that we have built up over the years to do this.

We look forward to the year ahead.

Amanda Cunningham
Manager of the Eirianfa Centre
31.03.2022

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Report to the trustees/ members of	EIRIANFA ASSOCIATION		
On accounts for the year ended	31/03/2022	Charity no	1086687
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Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

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 was carried out in accordance with 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 the 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 requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 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

Signed: *S Murray-Williams* *5/7/2022*
Date: *5/7/2022*

Name: S.MURRAY WILLIAMS

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<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>PAYMENTS</u>	
	£		£
Opening balances:		Gas	3,560.77
Current Account	4,149.41	Electric	2,365.67
Savings Account	<u>48,369.81</u>	Water Rates	235.56
Sub Total	52,519.22	Telephone	718.32
		Rent	1,450.00
Grants	11,762.25	Building Insurance	1,650.00
Donations	-	Public Liability Insurance	656.99
Rents	15,348.00	Wages	18,837.68
Hire Fees	27,952.14	Wages on Costs	755.74
Interest	6.41	Pension	467.01
Sundries	310.44	Office Costs	1,969.09
		Caretaking Costs	808.81
		Maintenance and Repair	2,132.34
		Independent Examiner Costs	264.00
		Equipment	2,320.58
		Sundries	220.92
Sub Total	55,379.24	Sub Total	38,413.48
		Current Account	5,108.76
		Savings Account	<u>64,376.22</u>
		Sub Total	69,484.98
TOTAL	<u>107,898.46</u>	TOTAL	<u>107,898.46</u>