

# **Llandyssil Community Charitable Trust (The Old School Hall)**

**Registered Charity No: 1113264**

## **Trustees' Annual Report & Statement of Financial Activity for the period ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022**

### **Trustees**

Nigel Thomas	Chair
Stan Davies	Vice Chair
Kathy Braddock	Secretary
Brian Turner	
Nicky Turner	
David Brooks	Resigned
Maralyn Parry	Treasurer (non Trustee)

## Objectives, Activities, Achievements & Performance

<p>Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document</p>	<p>To manage the Old School Hall for the benefit of the community of Llandyssil. To facilitate the renovation and improvement of the Hall better to meet the needs of current users by improving the facilities, to provide sustainability and to attract new users and greater community involvement.</p> <p>To encourage and provide access for all in the community to engage in stimulating creative, social, leisure, educational and health-promoting activities and support mental and physical well-being.</p> <p>To develop and encourage the sharing and development of talents, to learn new skills, which could include sharing the skills of members of the local community or by inviting creative people into the community. To ensure that the Constitution, Health and Safety, Environmental, and Safeguarding Policies including Equal Opportunities are supported both in principle and in action.</p> <p><b>Expenses Policy:</b> The Trustees have during 'Lockdown' approved and introduced an Expenses Policy.</p> <p><b>Meetings:</b> The Trustees have met regularly and safely during the period of Lockdown. However, it was not possible to hold an AGM or to meet with the wider community via the internet, Zoom etc., as many residents do not have access to the internet.</p>
<p>Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.</p>	<p>The Charity provides a place where the community can socialise, learn and stay both mentally and physically well. We organise a wide range of social activities e.g. coffee morning, quizzes, talks, Film and Race nights etc. In addition the Hall is hired at a very rate economic to groups such as Line Dancers, Yoga, Pilates, Craft, Women's and Gardening Groups etc. The Hall is used by the Statutory Sector for meetings, community consultation and for National &amp; Local elections. In addition we organise the annual Dragonfest in September, a day of entertainment for everyone, which is our biggest fundraiser. We also manage and run a Llandysill Website and produce a quarterly newsletter which is delivered to every home.</p> <p><b>Village Survey:</b> The Trustees distributed a Village Survey asking all residents what they wanted to 'happen' in the Village Hall. We were disappointed with the response but did receive some suggestions which we are in the process of introducing.</p> <p><b>During Lockdown:</b> The Trustees erected an additional notice board to inform the community of the help available to them in terms of shopping, deliveries of food and prescriptions. We also contacted local businesses asking them to deliver essential items to the Village. Information was published on our Website and in the Newsletter. In addition, we have set up an email contact list to let people know what was happening. We hope to extend this list in the coming year.</p> <p><b>The Old School Hall Renovation:</b> During Lockdown The Trustees took the opportunity to</p>

	<p>renovate the Old School Hall, this included:  Internal and External Painting.  Purchase of additional cleaning equipment, Hoover, floor scrubber, waste bins, etc.  Removal of unwanted items.  Deep cleaning the Hall.  Carrying out a Covid Risk Assessment and purchasing items that would protect the public.  New internal and external Notice Boards.</p> <p><b>Caretaking and Cleaning:</b>  The Trustees had a contract with the Caretaker who works on a self-employed basis. It was agreed that we change this job description to that of taking bookings, opening &amp; closing the Hall, removal of rubbish and maintaining the outside areas, grass cutting etc. When we reopened it was agreed to allocate the internal cleaning of the Hall to another contractor, who would ensure that the Hall be sanitised after each booking. This arrangement has worked well but adds to our costs considerably.</p> <p><b>Old School Hall Picture Gallery:</b>  It was agreed that Lockdown provided the ideal opportunity to decorate the walls of the Hall with pictures and photos depicting the rich history of our community.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	<p>The Trustees are aware of their responsibilities in regard to the Charity Commission.</p> <p><b>Trustees Information Pack:</b> We produced an Information Pack for both new and prospective Trustees in February 2021.</p>

### Additional information

Policy on social investment including program related investment	<b>This issue has been discussed many times at meetings, however, it has been decided not to pursue this any further, especially as our reserves are diminishing due to Lockdown.</b>
Contribution made by volunteers	The huge contribution made by our many volunteers cannot be overestimated. Llandyssil is an isolated area with no bus service, <b>no village shop, no village pub and above the national average of older people.</b> In fact, we depend entirely on our volunteers to run many activities.
Other	The decision to close the Hall due to the Coronavirus Pandemic was made by the Trustees at the end of March 2020. The Trustees then appealed for additional volunteers to help provide direct services to the Community. Happily, many people came forward offering assistance with shopping, prescriptions etc.

### Additional information

<b>Coronavirus</b>	The Pandemic has meant that we have been unable to open from March 2020. The Hall is relatively small and
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	cannot be used safely. This has meant that we lost all rental income and have been unable to carry out any fundraising activities.
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## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	At the end of the period we had in excess of <b>£42,461.07 in the current, savings and Lottery accounts. (we successfully applied for £14,000 Coronavirus Grant Aid via Powys County Council)</b>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	We were aware that we needed to carry out extensive and costly internal and external work and to purchase much needed equipment for the Hall. We plan to use some of our reserves to improve the Hall during the shutdown period.
Amount of reserves held	<b>£30,000 as at September 2021</b>
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	In our last report we aired concerns over the shortage of Trustees. We are pleased to report that we have now recruited 2 new Trustees.

### Additional information

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	<b>Rental income, fundraising events including Dragonfest. However, during the period we have been unable to rent the Hall or to carry out any fundraising events (with the exception of the Llandyssil Lottery).</b>
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## Structure, Governance and Management

Type of governing document	Trust Deed, Constitution, <b>and a copy of the Lease held with the Church in Wales</b>
How is the charity constituted?	Unincorporated
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Voting held at the Annual General meeting. Abermule with Llandyssil Community Council nominate a councillor to represent their interests. (Non Trustee) The Church in Wales nominate a person to represent their interests. (Non Trustee).

### Additional information

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Trustees are provided with information from the Charity Commission and have the opportunity to partake in Trustee Training provided free of charge by PAVO (Powys Association of Voluntary Organisations). Trustees are given <b>access to the Policies File which includes the Constitution. In addition we have now produced an Information Pack for Trustees which included a copy of the Constitution and a copy of our lease with the Church in Wales.</b>
The charity's organisational structure and any	The Trust has currently 6 Trustees and a Treasurer. We are a member of PAVO. We work closely with Abermule with Llandyssil Community Council, Montgomery

wider network with which the charity works	Community Council and Powys County Council.
Relationship with any related parties	The Trust have networked effectively with a wide number of organisations both voluntary and statutory, sharing information & resources.
Other	The pandemic has impacted on us financially. We are grateful to Powys County Council and have been successful in securing grants from them, which have been of great help.

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Llandyssil Community Charitable Trust
Other name the charity uses	Old School Hall
Registered charity number	1113264
Charity's principal address	c/o Hon. Secretary Mrs K T Braddock MBE The Spires, Llandyssil, Montgomery, Powys SY15 6LQ

**The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.  
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Full name: \_\_\_\_\_Nigel Thomas\_\_\_\_\_ Position: Chair

Date: 16th September 2021

# **Statement of Financial Activity 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022**

## **Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts**

### **Responsibilities and Basis of the Report**

As the charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; *or*
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

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**Approval of the Board of Trustees**

The Trustees declare that they have approved the above Annual Report & Statement of Financial Activity.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

By email: Kathy Braddock MBE

Secretary

24 September 2021







