



# Annual Report 2023-2024

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## Foreword

2023-24 has been a momentous year in many ways.

In June 2023 we commemorated our Centenary - 88 years of the Caerphilly and District Miners Hospital and 12 years of Caerphilly Miners Centre for the Community. We also completed the restoration of the portico, the last phase of our £2,4m building renovation project.

Since the Centenary the past year has unfolded with our strategic objectives being enacted by a new cast. We have a largely new board and staff team – yet the community, volunteers, activities and needs have largely remained the same. The transition hasn't always been smooth and isn't complete, but hopefully it will continue!

Moving from an organisation where trustees were involved in implementation and shaping the strategy to one where implementation is delegated has been a hidden challenge. It has required a better understanding than we acknowledged of the need for good relationships and communication between the key players. The burden of the transition were largely borne by the trustees and I thank them for their endurance,

Thanks are also due to our staff and volunteers for their ongoing support, commitment to and belief in the Miners. It has taken some months beyond the life of this Annual Report to get back on track – for which we are particularly indebted to our Business Manager, Sophie Davies and her team.

We also owe thanks to our Wellness Hub businesses and our regular room hirers for their good will; our political leaders for their ongoing support: partners like GAVO and United Welsh, for protecting us from the hostile financial environment we face; and funders including the National Lottery Community Fund, Caerphilly County Borough Council, Cwmpas Cymru and Catalyst Cymru for their support.

We also thank all the people who use the building every day. Everyone who comes into the Miners breathes new life into it and makes all the hard work and investment worthwhile. We can be genuinely proud of what we have achieved together.

We pride ourselves in being a resilient community hub, which reached outwards when Covid struck and then brought our community back. We demonstrated the value of working together for our mutual benefit and we strengthened our resolve to create wellbeing and social inclusion. We will continue nurturing this approach at all levels, building on our sense of purpose and our willingness to collaborate.

Together we contributed over 13,500 hours of volunteer time, 7,500 hours of paid time, and we supported over 20,000 visits in the last year. Breathing new life into our iconic building depends on its being used – so, a big 'Thank You!' to all the people who visited the building last year – your actions give The Miners a sustainable future.

I hope that the Miners will remain for us all a place of enjoyment, innovation, purposeful activity and social engagement, and an opportunity to give something back.

Katherine Hughes  
Chair of Trustees

## About the Miners

Caerphilly Miner's Centre's vision has been to restore our former hospital as a resource to support the well-being of the community, celebrate our social heritage, and minimise our impact on climate change. Our project arose because local people decided in 2008 to take action to stop the former Miners' Hospital being demolished for housing and to repurpose the building as a sustainable social enterprise, which can make a positive difference to people whatever their age or circumstance.

Our key charitable objectives are to:

- Improve the 'conditions of life' for residents in Caerphilly
- Advance the education of people in the history and heritage of Caerphilly, especially the history of mining and the role of the hospital in the community.

Our team of committed volunteers and staff has invested its goodwill and energy in turning our building into a vibrant community hub. We offer a range of activities designed to address some of the most pressing challenges faced by our community.

Each week, around 500 people visit the Miners – for the Wellness Hub, to attend activities provided by our trust and others, or to volunteer. What most people like about the Miners is the accessible, affordable interesting activities and opportunities for friendship and social activity. We measure our success in terms of the buzz in the building, full classes and vibrant events as well as the growing income from room hire.

This year has been about building a sustainable future for the Miners. We want to be the place of choice for people to celebrate and commemorate or simply enjoy their time with others, regain their sense of identity and feel included.

## Moving forward together

In 2022 as we neared the end of our major refurbishment we assessed the next steps for our organisation. We looked forward to a more consolidated and sustainable future including:

- Developing a three year strategic plan
- Investing in our project team and building skills and experience
- Succession planning to take pressure off a single volunteer
- Investing in governance, training and skills building
- Developing and implementing waste management, sustainable development, energy efficiency and action on climate change plans
- Assessing the potential and limitations for future growth within our building and external areas

The plans for 2023-24 were to complete the building works and, with National Lottery Community Fund resources, to transition from an organisation largely reliant on one volunteer for business development to a paid team supported by a business planning steering group. We wanted to retain our vision, ethos and strategic objectives and

introduce new innovations, especially in addressing climate change and sustainable development.

## **Strategic Plan 2022-25**

As part of our various funding applications, and to strengthen our governance, we developed a Strategic Plan for 2022-25 with 6 key objectives.

### **Objective 1. To invest in our community, by:**

- Creating opportunities to respond to people's needs as identified through consultation and feedback
- Recruiting paid staff in a fair and transparent way, paying a real living wage, ensuring training and personal development opportunities, Investors in People
- Recruiting volunteers with a clear 'volunteer offer' in terms of support, training, personal development, and making them valued. Investors in Volunteering
- Ensuring that all participants feel welcome as part of the 'Miners' family'
- Helping our community to address new challenges – tackling exclusion, inequality, poverty and deprivation – through innovative action.

### **Objective 2. To breathe new life into the Miners and maximise the building's potential, by:**

- Supporting the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Wellness Hub and maximising footfall
- Promoting room hire by people running regular courses, local businesses, community groups, and for private events
- Supporting project activities using the centre and ensuring that where possible they make a financial contribution towards running costs
- Expanding the use of the building through regular public events
- Supporting long term hire of selected rooms by partners and other community projects that support our objects
- Supporting the business development of our kitchen, café and function room.
- Ensuring that all activities are physically, psychologically, and financially accessible within a building that is well equipped, maintained and safe.

### **Objective 3 – To take action on climate change, by:**

- Maintaining and enhancing our climate change garden
- Reviewing and implementing our sustainable development policy to reduce our carbon footprint, use of fuel and water
- Adopting practices that support recycling and repairing through our Repair Café
- Aspiring to a Green Flag, Green Dragon Award and other environmental management system and participating in Caerphilly in Bloom
- Consider the further development of the site above us and rear of the building

### **Objective 4 – To ensure the well-being of our community, by:**

- Supporting and developing projects with a clear wellbeing focus
- Tackling social isolation amongst older people, through a menu of projects that will entice them to engage
- Supporting wellbeing activities and social inclusion for early years
- Working with partners to enhance the 'offer' to our target groups.

**Objective 5 – To celebrate our social heritage, by:**

- Celebrating our social heritage and the legacy of the Miners of the Rhymney Valley
- Creating a lasting legacy of the Miners as part of our Centenary celebrations
- Safeguarding iconic features of the building – e.g. the portico
- Recognising the social heritage of the miners within the climate change garden
- Working with others to bring together all previous collections / projects and use our archiving and technology skills to share it with our community

**Objective 6 – To promote our activities and continue to build capacity to deliver, by:**

- Investing in good governance, trustee recruitment and training
- Building a business development strategy to support our ethos and socially valuable activities, whilst supporting enterprise, volunteering and community engagement
- Ensuring that we identify and address weaknesses and underused resources – spaces, activities, people, finance
- Treating our marketing and IT activities as a core part of the business
- Building on partnership arrangements where possible
- Generating funds (grants, donations etc) to ensure that our activities are sustainable but remain affordable to our community.

**Building our Sustainable Future – new model of business development**

As the foundation and building restoration phases of our project came to an end, we started to plan an implementation. Our aim was to ensure the sustainability of the project. This involved assessing the business model and evaluating the risks and opportunities, with help from Social Business Wales, Cwmpas Cymru, Lloyds Bank Foundation and others.

We spent several months in 2022-23 in a National Lottery Community Fund grant application. In March 2023 we were awarded a £257,000 grant phased over 3 years. The project started in July 2023 and has three objectives:

1. Increasing our people capacity to manage a transformation to greater self-sufficiency by:
  - Creating a paid Business / Centre Manager role to carry out our strategic agenda in partnership with others and deliver new enterprises and innovations as a community hub
  - Supporting additional staff time to develop our sustainable development agenda (workshop and kitchen developments)
  - Supporting Volunteer Coordinator time to retain the culture of a volunteer run project.
2. Creating new functional spaces by:
  - Identifying priorities amongst our internal and external community for a workshop / indoor workshop space with a focus on repair, recycling, reuse and recreating
  - Working in partnership with green organisations
  - Supporting the climate change gardening project in sustaining its community offer
  - Exploring the potential for using our land and buildings to support climate action – e.g. solar panels, biodiversity, addressing options for parking, listed building status

3. Creating new ways of working which achieve financial self-reliance

- Convening a conference on transformation, technology and climate change
- Using the conference outcomes to shape our future vision
- Creating a new business model for our kitchen project.

The project has involved some fundamental changes in the way worked. It has proved more challenging to implement than we anticipated. The role of trustees within a volunteer led organisation is essentially different from one where the day to day operational tasks are delegated. Maintaining good relationships amongst trustees, paid staff, and volunteers, whilst separating the strategic and policy making activity from project delivery has been challenging at times. Trustees have spent time in developing and clarifying policies, establishing new job roles, outsourcing activities and in business planning. We also reconfigured our sub-committees and created a new Projects Group to support the implementation process.

We appointed our Business/Centre Manager in September 2023, but we soon recognised that the role was too broad for one person. We reconfigured the job and re-recruited for a Business Manager and Centre Manager in spring 2024.

Thanks are due to United Welsh for financial management support and to Cwmpas for Business Planning and ICT support.

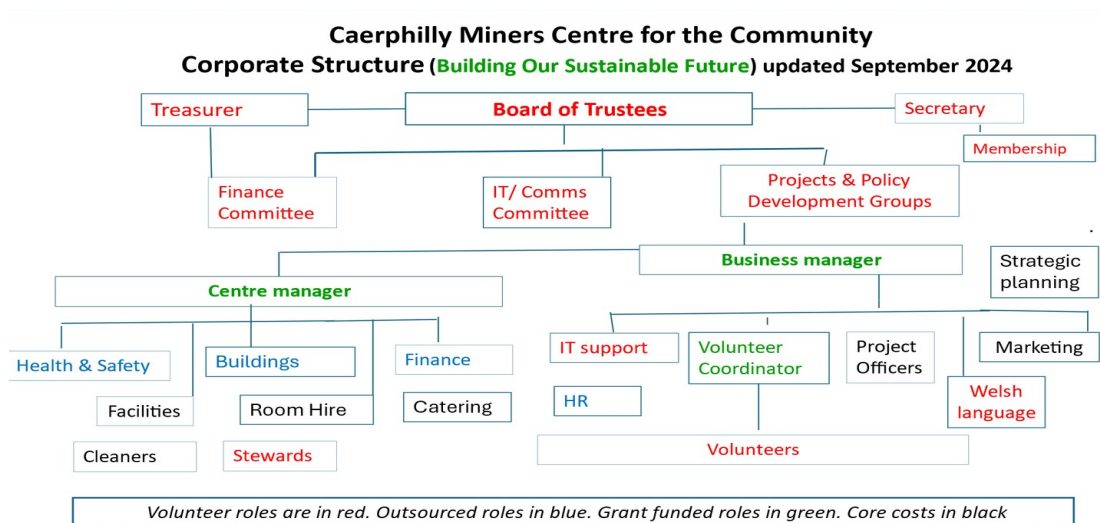
## Trustees 2023-24

Transitioning our charity from one essentially run by the trustees to one shaped by the board and implemented by staff and volunteers has been a challenge. We have been working to develop a new business plan, reviewed our staffing and volunteering policies, reviewed our financial management and health and safety policies, and undertaken IT and safeguarding training. This is a journey towards a more streamlined board. We have also worked to recruit new trustees with business and finance expertise.

Name	Skills and role
Julie Annetts	Civil Servant, policy support (to September 2023)
John Brinkworth	Coopted May 2023; appointed Sept 2023 – IT consultant, ICT, Committee, digi-volunteer
Stewart Hammond	Retired Accountant, Finance Committee, Sept-Dec 2023
Katherine Hughes, BEM	Retired community consultant and town planner. Company Secretary to Sept 23 Chair Sept 2023-, steward and volunteer
Jenni Jones-Annetts,	Retired Teacher, experience of adult learning sector, HR Committee, Chair to Sept 2023; Membership Secretary from Sept 2023 steward and volunteer
Ann Lewis	Retired Teacher, Head of Welsh, HR Committee, Safeguarding Officer, bilingual policy, steward and volunteer,
Nikki Prince Iles	Social & former Youth Worker, HR Committee
Elizabeth Scarlett	Retired primary teacher Sept 2023- member ICT & Projects committees
Matt Sturgess	Banking experience, Finance Committee
Matt Thornton	Accountant with international project planning experience Sept 2023 to February 2024, Finance Committee
Catherine Uphill	Civil Servant with policy development and management experience, appointed September 2023 Company Secretary, projects committee
Rhys Williams	Journalist, Membership Secretary to May 2023
Richard Mann	Chief Executive United Welsh (Cooptee)

The Board of Trustees met 10 times during the financial year and various members have taken part in subcommittee meetings. We appointed 5 new members at our AGM in September 2023 and we coopted 3 new board members in 2024. Several trustees stepped down during the year, so we need a period of consolidation. Part of our business planning and training has been to fill skills gaps.

## Governance



During the year the delivery of Health and Safety, Finance, HR and facilities functions have been outsourced or reorganised. This model is still in transition.

## Membership

Members decided at the AGM last year that we should extend our membership to everyone who uses the building. This includes the people delivering services, their clients, our volunteers, visitors, and anyone wanting to support our organisation. The existing membership needed an overhaul after Covid. Jenni Jones-Annetts and others have worked to implement the plan and to date we have recruited 100 members. We hope to further expand our membership next year.

## Volunteering

Project / activity	No of volunteers	Estimated total hours
Knitting project	49	3000
Gardening Group	15	2200
Coffee shop	9	1600
Stewards	7	1500
Older people's activities/ outreach	8	1000
Catering and events	12	1000
Other projects	20	1000
Repair cafe	18	750
After School clubs	25	750
Stay and Play/ Glowyr Bach	8	700

There are currently around 100 people registered on our Volunteer data base, about the same number as in 2022-23. Most is concentrated in project activities. We have estimated around 13,500 hours of time donated as shown in the table above,

In addition is trustee time, of around 750 hours per year. Trustees and volunteers also receive training commensurate with their role. The estimated monetary value of volunteer time at the minimum wage is £163,000.

## **Social inclusion**

We endeavour to be as inclusive as possible both in our approach to activities and making our building as comfortable as we can for people with learning, sensory, mobility, neurodiversity issues. In 2023-4 we successfully applied for funding from the Community Empowerment Grant to improve the acoustics in key rooms and improve disability access. We also had training in supporting people with dementia, neuro-diversity, and frailty issues.

## **Community Engagement**

### **Older People's Survey 2023**

The majority of people using the centre for leisure and well-being are aged over 60 years and, as part of our Regional Integration Fund grant, we undertook a survey of their views in November 2023.

Caerphilly Miners Centre has an important role to play in tackling potential loneliness and isolation. We have been running activities targeted at older people since 2015, but Covid led to many of our beneficiaries getting ill and losing confidence. In 2023 we employed an 'Age Friendly' Coordinator to expand on existing activities and develop new initiatives. We also secured funding to tackle the needs of older men (see Men's Shed).

In 2023 we undertook a Well-being Survey of older people participating in Craft and Chat, Men's Shed and Thursday Café Group, Tai Chi and Yoga, Exercises and Dance, Art, Wireworks, Elderberries and Cinema Club. Of the 130 respondents 22 were male. Over 40 respondents attended more than one activity

Many of the people we talked to had been involved in the centre since the beginning. 80% had heard of the Miners through family and friends, word of mouth or local knowledge. Most people are quite local although the Centre attracts an increasing number of people from further afield. Most relied on driving or getting a lift and 1 in 5 people came on foot..

Participants rated their experience at the Miners highly. Opportunities to volunteer or go to an activity led by an older volunteer were particularly important. Learning new skills, meeting new people, having a purpose for the day, a sense of identity and a comfortable place to go to all contribute to a sense of wellbeing. Wish list activities - cookery classes for men, Pilates and more trips out – are now being developed.

The people we consulted appreciated the opportunity to have their say. They believe this happens all too rarely these days. We'd like to say a big thank you to them for taking part in our survey and for their ongoing support.



## Finances

A separate Financial Report is available, which outlines the details of income and expenditure. There is also a separate building account.

In terms of revenue funding, Caerphilly Miners continues to rely on grant income to cover its core and project costs as the figures below suggest:

	<b>Restricted /grant income</b>	<b>Restricted expenditure</b>	<b>Unrestricted income</b>	<b>Unrestricted expenditure</b>
<b>Core</b>	£29,218	£29,218	£70,797	£73,700
<b>Project</b>	£92,231	£41,977	£35,344	£38,330
<b>Total</b>	£121,449	£71,995	106,141	£112,030

## Building and Core Costs

### Building

The building work was largely completed by 2022 when we were able to open up the function, music and craft rooms. A further £8250 work was needed to complete the kitchen. We also refurbished the portico at a cost of £116, 353.40. We successfully applied to the Community Empowerment Fund in January 2024 for £21,800 of capital works to improve safety, disability access, and comfort.

### Breathing life into the Building

Caerphilly Miners Centre was set up to breathe new life into the former Caerphilly District Miners Hospital and keep the iconic building from being demolished. As well as making our iconic building accessible to the community and local businesses for hire, this has involved creating new activities for enjoyment, well-being and leisure. What most people like about the Miners is the accessible, affordable interesting activities and opportunities for friendship and social activity. We measure our success in terms of the buzz in the building, full classes and vibrant events as well as the growing income from room hire. Our activities are available to the whole community, but it particularly serves the needs of older people.

Most of the income generated by the Miners comes from room hire. In 2023-24 the Wellness Hub generated £30,483, community and private hire £21,643, project activities £17,915 and grant income for fuel and the warm hub £29,219.

### Zoom classes

One of the legacies of Covid has been that many people in our community are able to access Zoom. The Zoom link is very effective for outreaching our Thursday exercise class from the Miners to Plas Hyfryd. Zoom is also used by the Monday Welsh Conversation Class, run by Ann Lewis and Jenni Jones Annetts, for xxx participants. Ceri Griffiths' French conversation class, has also been running on Zoom since the pandemic and each year the ten participants have made a decision to remain on Zoom and to remain as a Miners' project.,

## **Projects**

### **Elderberries**

The Elderberries are a growing group of active elderly people who enjoy weekly meetings on Tuesday afternoons. Around 25 members, aged 60+ to 99 years enjoy an organised activity one week and watch a film the next, followed by tea, coffee and scrumptious cakes and lively discussions about local news and events.

The group has been running since 2015. It has been challenging to bring people back after Covid, but new members are joining, including some from Neuadd y Parc's Pensioners' Group, which dissolved in December 2023. It is led by two volunteers, with occasional support, and the programme is organised 8 weeks in advance based on suggestions of the members.

As well as coach trips to the theatre and Botanical Gardens, the Elderberries had a tour of BBC Cardiff studios in March and visited the Lisvane and Llanishen Reservoirs in July. Speakers have included slides from cycling trips through France and along the Danube, first aid demonstrations, a talk about vaccinations, home security, domestic abuse and the history of love spoons, the work of Action for Children and Mercy Ships. There have been table top games, Beetle Drives, Desert Island Discs and Christmas activities, a musical recital by Nigel Jones and Louise Kenyon, a singalong with Irene Burrows, craft demonstrations by Carol, Marjorie and Marion, a harvest festival and we also organised a 99<sup>th</sup> birthday party (in preparation for the big one in 2025!)

### **Bus Trips**

Getting about is not always easy for older people and there has been discussion about having regular bus trips catering for older people from across our organisation along the lines run by the Elderberries pre-Covid. In November 2023 we organised a trip for 30 people to see The King and I at the New Theatre in Cardiff – much enjoyed by all. This has been followed by trips to the National Botanical Gardens in June and another theatre trip to Cardiff in October 2024 – and we're planning more for 2025!

### **Chair Exercise Class**

Our Chair Exercise class has been going for 7 years and meets every Thursday at the Miners with a link up via Zoom to residents at Plas Hyfryd Supported Living Scheme. Over 20 people have registered for the activity and most weeks we have around 16 participants at the centre. As well as our regular volunteer leader, we have three people who can provide back-up, so this class is truly sustainable!

We have a great group of ladies (and one man!) who are mostly 75+ and who come week after week for exercise and socialising. We exercise to music and even sing along at times! We have a good work-out even though we do it all seated. At the end of the class there's a cuppa and cake and the opportunity to enjoy a chat. Members of the class also join bus trips to the theatre or garden, music group, Elderberries or other Miners' events.

We also run weekly sessions at Church View and at Pobl (formerly Abbeyfield) at a slower pace. The Pobl residents are hoping to do more activities with volunteers at the Miners, including a photography club and Genealogy and they have joined our Membership scheme.

## **Men shed**

Project funding enabled us to set up a Men's Shed in 2022. This proved so popular that we applied to the Moondance Foundation for further funding to support other activities for isolated older men. A total of 25 gentlemen attend the weekly sessions on a regular basis. We have a variety of personalities within the group, including three with disabilities, two with dementia and another living with the effects of a stroke.

The program continues to cover a variety of subjects including history, exploring other countries, quizzes, reminiscence and a seated game of cricket with an external company called clockwork cricket. The group have enjoyed trips to the Royal Mint and St Fagans and a number of speakers including from the Police, health research and the development officer from Men Shed Cymru.

## **Craft and Chat**

Craft and chat are a group that meet at the Miners every Monday. Everyone brings whatever craft they are doing at the time either for themselves or for the centre to raise funds, including knitted items or Christmas cards. Occasionally there is a speaker. The group is friendly and welcoming and keen to share their skills. Projects undertaken in the last year include making outfits for the School Ambassadors' play at the Miners Centenary and labelling and joining knitted and crocheted rectangles into blankets for the Miners' Blankets at Christmas project which will donate blankets to people in need.

## **Art Class**

Amongst the fun activities that the Miners has to offer is the weekly Art Class. This has been running since 2020, with Hayley Yeoman teaching. The class now has 26 members ranging from near beginners to regular exhibitors. Between sessions, members share progress and encourage each other through a WhatsApp group. Highlights of this year include a Centenary exhibition, Christmas card designs, tree decorations for the St Martin's Tree Festival, and an exhibition of birds shown in the coffee shop during the summer break.

## **Card and Coffee Club**

The Miners' Cards and Coffee Club was revived in Spring 2024 after the old club finished in October 2023. It has eight members of which five attend regularly. They play a variety of card games depending on the numbers. Members enjoy refreshments and social activity. The group is self-led and welcomes new members.

## **Caerphilly Miners Centre Music Group**

The group has had a very positive year, meeting every couple of months to arrange musical events benefitting the community, and notably setting up the First Caerphilly Musical showcase (more below on this).

The Music Group was pleased with the Gala concert and at how the community came together. Caerphilly Community Chorus's July 2023 concert at the Vanguard Centre was in aid of the Miners. The idea of a Miners Music Festival in collaboration with choirs and musicians across the community came out of Centenary celebrations.

In December 2023 the Music Group held a lovely carol singing event at the Centre which raised £144 for the Parish Trust and Connect Life foodbanks.

On 9 May the Group organised an Old Time Music Hall event with singing from our very own Irene Burrows and afternoon tea for around 30 guests. Sir Wayne David was an accomplished master of ceremonies, and everyone had a wonderful time.

### **Caerphilly Musical Showcase**

In September 2023 the Music Group, brought together a “harmony” of musical groups to discuss the idea of holding a musical festival in the Caerphilly basin in 2024. The initial members of the group were representatives of the Caerphilly Ladies Choir, the Aber Valley Male Voice Choir, Caerphilly Male Voice Choir, BTM Brass Band, Caerphilly Community Chorus, Caerphilly Winds and Strings. The aim of the event would be to showcase music in the Caerphilly Basin and inspire more people to take part bringing the benefits of music to all.

The first Caerphilly Musical Showcase went ahead in June and July 2024 with a series of four concerts taking place in different venues and the support of Sir Wayne David as Patron. The festival started with a Cymanfa Ganu, led by Geraint Evans, BEM and supported by the Aber Valley Male Voice Choir, Caerphilly Ladies Choir, and the Caerphilly Community Chorus, which raised £626 to support music therapy in Trinity Fields School.

Three more events took place over the following weeks — a concert by Caerphilly Ladies' Choir with local artists; music from Ceira Folk Musicians and Caerphilly Ukelele Band at the Caerphilly Miners Centre for the Community's National Garden Scheme event; and finally a concert from Caerphilly Community Chorus and Caerphilly Wind and Strings at the Vanguard Centre.

Plans are already underway to organise a similar Showcase in May/June 2025, building on the success of the inaugural event.

### **Warm Hub**

When the Warm Hub was first developed in October 2022 in addressing the cost of living and energy crisis, we decided to consolidate our Digital Fridays and Thursday Stay and Play activities into a Friday session. Traditionally Fridays had been one of our quietest days, but by putting several activities together and making them available at no charge, the Friday Warm Hub (now Social Fridays) is one of our busiest sessions. With Warm Hub funding from Caerphilly Council we were able to deliver Stay and Play and the Digital Drop-in free of charge, but when funding ceased in April 2024 we introduced a £1 charge for the Stay and Play/Glowyr Bach sessions

### **Digital Fridays**

Digital Fridays are now in our 3rd year at the Miners centre. We have a group of 5 volunteers who provide help to anyone who wants to attend between 10 and 12 on a Friday. Our volunteers are aged 16-75 and have between them a huge range of experience with the use and management of digital devices and apps. The help can be in the form of fixing digital equipment failures, helping with the use of devices or undertaking form filling online for the increasing list of 'online only' services. We are also available for general advice and education for our regular clients.

Caerphilly library, where DF was based pre Covid, regularly refers people through to us. A digital skills course is also restarting, run by the DF team providing basic training in the use of devices. The course is for 2 hours each Tuesday over 6 weeks.

### **Stay and Play – Glowyr Bach**

Caerphilly Miners Centre offers two weekly play groups that supports children, parents and their grandparents through English and Welsh language. Both groups have offered spaces for families to meet new people, children to explore free play, music and storytelling. The groups are supported by Caerphilly Library team and The Toy Box Project. They also provide training opportunities for youth volunteers.

The Stay and Play sessions average between 15 and 20 children a week. It is led by a former participant with a support team of volunteers.

Glowyr Bach (*Little Miners*) our Welsh medium playgroup continues to thrive. We have twenty children on our register and a waiting list. We provide a starting point for parents who intend their children to attend Welsh-medium schools and the children are a mixture of those who already speak Welsh at home and those who will learn the language.. Glowyr Bach operates under the auspices of Mudiad Meithrin, the Welsh nursery school organisation, who visit regularly and are happy with what we do.

### **Welsh language activities**

A number of Welsh language groups and activities take place at the Miners Centre such as a Welsh digi drop-in, Menter Iaith activities and Merched y Wawr meetings. Coleg Gwent still hold Welsh classes at the Centre. We maintain a bilingual policy in all our publicity.

### **School Ambassadors**

The School Ambassadors continue to meet each term and to help shape activities in the centre and explore our values, ethos and visions for the community centre and have had the opportunities to meet other young people within the cluster from both the Welsh and English primary schools. The children have enjoyed making hot chocolate cones in Y Gegin, decorated cupcakes, explored our climate change garden and learnt about the history and heritage of our centre.

### **After School Clubs**

Creative after school club supporting primary school age children provide opportunities for children to learn new skills and for children, their parents and carers to socialise. In 2023 the clubs included. Cooking Club, Drama, Musical Theatre, Art, Lego and Train. Sewing Club and Coding were added in 24-25. The Miners does not currently have funding for after school clubs, but they have been led and supported by volunteers, facilitators paid by the centre and funded facilitators. End of term surveys have provided the basis for new clubs and shaped their content and delivery. Resources to support the clubs have been sourced from The Toy Box Project, community champions from Tesco and ASDA, craft donations from the public and a £200 grant from Pobl.

## Youth Volunteering Project

In Spring 2023 we secured 12 months National Lottery Community Fund Awards for All grant to support a Youth Officer for 8 hours a week and find ways of recruiting and retaining young people aged 14-25.

Before the project started in July 2023 we had 12 young people for regular term time activities, one off events and ad hoc volunteering. During the project we engaged with 47 young people, in baking, hospitality, craft, heritage, gardening, climate action, technology, science, intergenerational activities, seasonal events and fundraising. The young people have been given opportunities to develop leadership and team-building and learn new skills.

Key characteristics of the volunteers:

- 12 were undergoing DofE qualifications,
- 5 not in employment or education,
- 8 with additional needs,
- 2 home schooled,
- 2 young carers and
- 1 foster child.
- 8 fluent Welsh speakers
- 1 young person with English as an additional language
- 4 have gone on to employment or further education
- 28% specified that their engagement was to develop social skills, confidence and self-esteem..

Of the 47 youth volunteers, 10 have continued to attend the centre across the summer holidays and 5 have signed up to support ongoing term time. The project has shown the benefits of innovative work with young people, but also the need for ongoing funding to sustain it.

As a spin off benefit of this project, partnerships links have been developed with The Uniform Exchange, The Toy Box Project, Van Community, Virginia Park Youth Club and Connect Life Church.

## Gardening Group

The Climate Change garden is now in its fourth year, although other parts of the garden are much newer and the upper half of the long border at the back was only planted in spring this year.

Each week a group of volunteer gardeners meet on a Wednesday morning to create, develop and maintain the Miners garden. Following the creation of the Climate Change Garden and the wildlife pond, we have added the Wild Flower bank, the Butterfly bed and Drought garden in the back, raised beds for cut flowers, areas to encourage wild life, the Children's garden and pond, a small orchard with a soft fruit area, compost bins and water harvesting. We now have two greenhouses, a poly tunnel and cold frames which have enabled us to start our own nursery.

As we have developed the garden, our efforts have been recognised and we have received much community support, including winning a number of awards. This year we

were recognised as an “Exceptional Garden” by the RHS Judge for Wales in Bloom “In Your Neighbourhood” Category.

We also opened our garden as part of the National Garden Scheme in July, fundraising for a number of health charities as well as raising funds to ensure we can continue our work without grant support.

We owe thanks to all our gardeners, the “Miners’ staff and non-garden volunteers who support us, along with a number of organisations and individuals who are as passionate about our garden as we are.

## **Knitting Project**

This project started in 2016 as part of the Christmas Tree Festival in St Martins Church, when we were proud to contribute 100 rectangles. We progressed to creating blankets before Covid and then through Covid used social media to keep in touch. The project now includes knitters from all over Wales, groups such as the Welsh Tabernacl in Cardiff, and people in our community. Being part of the knitting project is particularly important for people stuck at home, who would still like to make a contribution to their community.

With so many people knitting, we’ve had to recruit more people to the project – to sort the rectangles into batches of 25, to crochet the blankets together, to store and label them, and then create appealing packages to donate to deserving causes. In 2023 we donated 72 blankets to CCBC Warm Hub, Parent Network and Llamau at a Blanket Presentation Event in November with Hefin David MS and many of our volunteers.

Each blanket consists of 25 rectangles, each taking 1 hour to knit, another 10 hours to crochet together and further time to sort, collect and store, label and wrap the blankets. This amounts to well over 3000 volunteer hours last year. In 2024 we are likely to have over 100 blankets with more knitters, crocheters and beneficiaries. We are continuing to receive rectangles and donations of wool, which will be the start of next year’s project - onwards and upwards! A big thank you to everyone involved!

## **Repair café**

The Repair Café ran pre-Covid by a group of volunteers, working in partnership with the Miners who ran the coffee shop. In March 2020, 33 items were repaired and the café made over £150! During Covid the organiser became ill and her husband, the lead electrician on the team, sadly died. We struggled to relaunch the Repair Café post Covid and it wasn’t relaunched until February 2023. Initially, it was every other month and then as the team of volunteers grew, it has been run as a monthly event since September 2023.

It now has a team of approximately 12 dedicated and talented volunteers. When it relaunched, there was only one volunteer who could repair electrical items now there are 5. As this is one of the most popular items for repair it has meant customers aren’t having to wait as long. Also, the volunteers are able to learn from and support each other. Sewing is also another popular repair request and that too has had an increase in volunteers. As well as the repairers there’s also the organisers and people who support with the completion of the online forms.

Some of the volunteers previously used to volunteer at the Repair Cafe that was held at the Centre before Covid, some are service users from the Men’s Shed, some were already

volunteers at the centre and others are totally new to the centre and the Repair Cafe is the only activity they are involved with.

The Repair Cafe also generates additional income for the café and it also attracts new footfall – people who have never been to the Centre before and who are amazed and intrigued by its history.

## **Heritage and Centenary**

We had a great time our Centenary on 30 June 2023. Lots of energy went into planning the day. We created an exhibition of photographs and stories and also held a daylong programme of events – focusing on the school Ambassadors in the morning, the Elderberries and older people in the afternoon and the whole community in the evening.

The School Ambassadors performed a play written by Ann Lewis to celebrate life in 1923. The children dressed up in nurses, housewives, and miners' costumes made for the occasion by Craft and Chat volunteers. Their performance was followed by cake and contemporary games. Delyth Jewell, MS, Plaid Cymru presented the awards to the children participants at the morning ceremony. Cllr Mike Adams, County Mayor and his wife also attended as did Wayne David and the prospective Labour party candidate, Chris Evans, MP for Islwyn. Cllr Carol Andrews, Cabinet member for Education and Cllr Liz Aldworth were also at the event. Delyth Jewell and Cllr Andrews have both given us ongoing support.

In the afternoon we had an Afternoon Tea for 60 people many of whom dressed up 20s style costume. We played 1920s music and ate more cake. Hefyn David MS and his team attended. We enjoyed more cake!

In the evening Cllr and Mrs Adams, Wayne David MP, Chris Evans MP, Peredur Griffiths MS, Jeff Cuthbert, Police Commissioner and Cllr Shayne Cook attended a Gala Concert performed by Aber Valley MVC, Caerphilly MVC and Caerphilly Ladies Choir. Sir Wayne David was MC. The event raised over £900.

We also started to collect stories of people's links with the Miners, which we have built upon in past year. It was evident that our community values the Miners and its social heritage.

The Miners has spent years in focusing on the building and breathing life into it. It is easy to forget that one of our objects is to celebrate our social heritage and our purpose is to keep alive the memories alive of people who struggled to fund the hospital and keep it going, those who were born, were treated or died there.

In July 2023, we secured a £1000 grant to start collecting digital stories of 'My Life and the Miners' Over 40 people expressed an interest in taking part. We used our grant from Catalyst Cymru to get some recording equipment and a laptop and some exhibition boards. We spent some months collecting and recording people's stories and the work is still going on. The volunteers are looking to secure funding for professional support to take the project forward.



## **Events**

As part of our strategy to become more financially sustainable, whilst meeting the needs of our community, we have held a variety of family community events and ticketed events for adults. We are looking to create a more sustainable programme as part of our strategy to make the centre more financially sustainable and less reliant on grants.

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## Thank you!

Caerphilly Miners is now in its 17<sup>th</sup> year and still relies on the ongoing goodwill of volunteers, partners, neighbours, the Wellbeing Hub businesses and staff.

We would like to thank the staff for working to create a positive working environment and pleasant spaces. They have willingly supported the volunteers, stepped in to fill gaps as needed, and bravely confronted new challenges. Thanks are due to the current team - Sophie Davies, Karina Allaway, Amie Lock, Iestyn Martenko, Nicky Condon, Amanda Thomas, Carys Ward - and to past staff members – Tara Candlin, Huw Rowlands, Anthony Bending, Belinda Snow, Graham Pegley Tracy Creamer, and Pauline Elcock.

Thanks are due to the board of trustees for creating a clear strategic framework, for working together to agree policies that will support a sustainable organisation. Trustees have worked hard and given their time generously to the Miners – and have kept our vision going. As well as attending board meetings, subcommittees for Finance, Projects, HR, buildings and ICT have been held comprising trustees, staff and volunteers.

The Miners could not have survived without our volunteers, who come from all walks of life and offer diverse talents as well as motivation, energy and time. In particular, we thank the following for the support they have given to the project:

Stewards:	Ann L, Katherine, Jenni, Georg, John, Alun, Chris S, Nikki, Debbie
Coffee Shop:	Ann M, Ann V, Ruth, Gwyneth, Caryl, Chris C, Dot, Angela, Catherine, Pauline
Catering:	Sue M, Jacqueline, Gwyneth, Katherine Chris C, Elizabeth
Gardening	Chris O'M, Liz P, Liz B, Ruth S, Phil J, Janet, Ann D, Martin, Louise, Kate Christina, Jack, Melvin, Jenni P, Linda
After school:	Karen, Ashleigh, Glenn, Nnenna, Elise, Gwyneth, Chris S, Katherine, Emily, Sofi, Adam, Glenda
Repair Café:	Nikki, Valentino, Andrew, Alison, Jayne, Jane, Jon, Susan B, Des, John J, John C Mike S, Glenda, Denise, Jennifer, Chris C, Adam, Katherine, Jenni,
Digi Volunteers	John B, John J, Irena, Georg, Adam
Knitting Project	Pauline, Chris C, Jayne S, Jane F. Jane G, Ruth, Karen, Katherine, Vera, Caroline, Abey, Marie, Carolyn, Jayne D, Beverly, Kate, Mair, Heidi, Ann P, Tracey, Teresa, Sue N, Margaret E, Margaret J, Alan, Carol B, Janice G, Helen B, Claire, Diane , Beverly C, Emma, Cerys, Angela, Kim, Janice R, Lisa W, Sandra J, Deb, Val, Elizabeth, Ann L
Music Group	Jayne D, Marion, Cath, Irene, Katherine
Elderberries	Marion, Marjorie, Sue B, Katherine
Chair Exercises	Ruth, Katherine, Sue B, Lynda G, John J, John B.

Craft and Chat	Barbara
Stay and Play	Kath H, Elise, Rowena, Samantha
Glowyr Bach	Ann L, Ruth C, Elise with support from Amie Lock
Heritage	Katherine, Lynne, Sue S, Julie
School ambassadors: Ann L, Amie L	
Welsh Language	Ann L, Jenni
Membership	Jenni, Elizabeth and trustees
Ad hoc support	Gethin, Fran, John M, Dai M

Youth Volunteers.

We also owe thanks to our Wellness Hub businesses, whose ongoing support is helping to keep the Miners sustainable. Thanks to Lisa Morgan Beauty, Lyndy Hairdressing, Back 2 You Osteopaths and Chiropodists, Optimum Health, In Therapy Counselling and the Caerphilly Observer. Also thanks are due to our regular room hirers who have shown tolerance and flexibility whenever the team has struggled to deliver and increasingly complex service.

We want to thank our political leaders for their continued support – our now retired MP Sir Wayne David has tirelessly supported our activities for many years. Jeff Cuthbert has returned to the board of trustees having retired as Police Commissioner. Delyth Jewell, MS has supported our Centenary and heritage events and lent her support to our action on climate change. Cllr Carol Andrews has supported our work on older people; Cllr Mike Adams supported our Centenary event and Hefin David MS our Blankets at Christmas project.

We also appreciate the massive support we have received from United Welsh and GAVO, from Catalyst Cymru, the National Lottery Community Fund, Cwmpas Cymru and Caerphilly County Borough Council. This is not a comfortable time for small charities and all have helped us throughout the past year..

We also thank all the people who use the building every day. Everyone who comes into the building breathes new life into it and makes all the hard work and investment worthwhile and makes our project sustainable. We can be genuinely proud of what we have achieved together.

**CAERPHILLY MINERS CENTRE FOR THE COMMUNITY**

**CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER - 1145796**

**COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER - 7535484**

**REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024**

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## CAERPHILLY MINERS CENTRE FOR THE COMMUNITY

### REPORT OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

#### Governance Objective and Management

##### Governance

Caerphilly Miners Centre for the Community is a registered charity (Charity Registration Number 1145796) and is a company limited by guarantee (Company Registration Number 7535484), incorporated in 2011. The charity is governed by its constitution which was initially agreed in January 2011, with revised objects agreed by the Board of Management on December 8th 2011, and subsequently revised by a General Meeting on 5th February 2016. The revised constitution is lodged with Companies House and the Charity Commission.

##### Objectives

To further or benefit the residents of Caerphilly and the neighbourhood, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents 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 leisure time occupation, with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents.

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To advance the education of the public in the history and heritage of Caerphilly and in particular the history of mining and its role in the community and its effect on people's lives.

To establish or secure the establishment of the property belonging to the charity as a community centre and to maintain or manage or co-operate with any statutory authority in the maintenance and management of such a centre for activities promoted by the charity in furtherance of the above objects.

##### Trustees

Members of the Management Committee, who are directors for the purposes of company law and trustees for the charity are recruited from the members of the charity. They are selected on the basis of their skills, experience, and willingness to serve. Trustees' appointments are subject to approval by members of the charity. They can also be coopted between general meetings.

The Board of Trustees met 10 times during the financial year and various members have taken part in subcommittee meetings. We appointed 5 new members at our AGM in September 2023 and we coopted 3 new board members in 2024.

The Directors are responsible for managing the business of the charity as a Board subject to its members acting through a quorum of one third of the total committee membership (currently 3 members). The Board of Trustees may raise funds, buy or lease property, borrow money, collaborate with other bodies, generate reserves, establish sub-committees and employ and remunerate staff. The company has public liability insurance, indemnity insurance for the directors, and employers' insurance covering any paid staff and registered volunteers.

## CAERPHILLY MINERS CENTRE FOR THE COMMUNITY

### REPORT OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

The trustees serving in 2023-24 are listed in the table below.

Name	Skills
Julie Annetts	Civil Servant, policy support (to September 2023)
John Brinkworth	Coopted May 2023; appointed Sept 2023 – IT consultant, ICT, Committee, digi-volunteer
Stewart Hammond	Retired Accountant, Finance Committee, Sept-Dec 2023
Katherine Hughes, BEM	Retired community consultant and town planner. Company Secretary to Sept 23 Chair Sept 2023-, steward and volunteer
Jenni Jones-Annetts,	Retired Teacher, experience of adult learning sector, HR Committee,
Ann Lewis	Retired teacher, Head of Welsh. HR Committee. Safeguarding, Bilingual Policy, steward and volunteer.
Nikki Prince Iles	Social & former Youth Worker, HR Committee
Elizabeth Scarlett	Retired primary teacher Sept 2023- member ICT & Projects committees
Matt Sturgess	Banking experience, Finance Committee
Matt Thornton	Accountant with international project planning experience Sept 2023 to February 2024, Finance Committee.
Catherine Uphill	Civil Servant with policy development and management experience, appointed September 2023 Company Secretary, projects committee
Rhys Williams	Journalist, Membership Secretary to May 2023
Richard Mann	Chief Executive United Welsh (Cooptee)

#### Strategic plan 2022-25

Since its inception, Caerphilly Miners has had to get to grips with developing an infrastructure for managing a complex and challenging project. In 2019 we developed a Strategic Plan, which has been updated annually. In 2023 we successfully applied to Cwmpas Cymru for mentoring help to the board alongside the development of a new business plan.

The strategic plan objectives are:

- To invest in our community
- To breathe new life into the Miners and maximise the building's potential
- To take action on climate change
- To ensure the well-being of our community
- To celebrate our social heritage
- To promote our activities and continue to build capacity to deliver

#### Corporate Structure

In 2019, we also adopted a new Corporate Structure, which continues to evolve. This involved assessing the business model and evaluating the risks and opportunities, with help from Social Business Wales, Cwmpas Cymru, Lloyds Bank Foundation and others.

## CAERPHILLY MINERS CENTRE FOR THE COMMUNITY

### REPORT OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (Continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

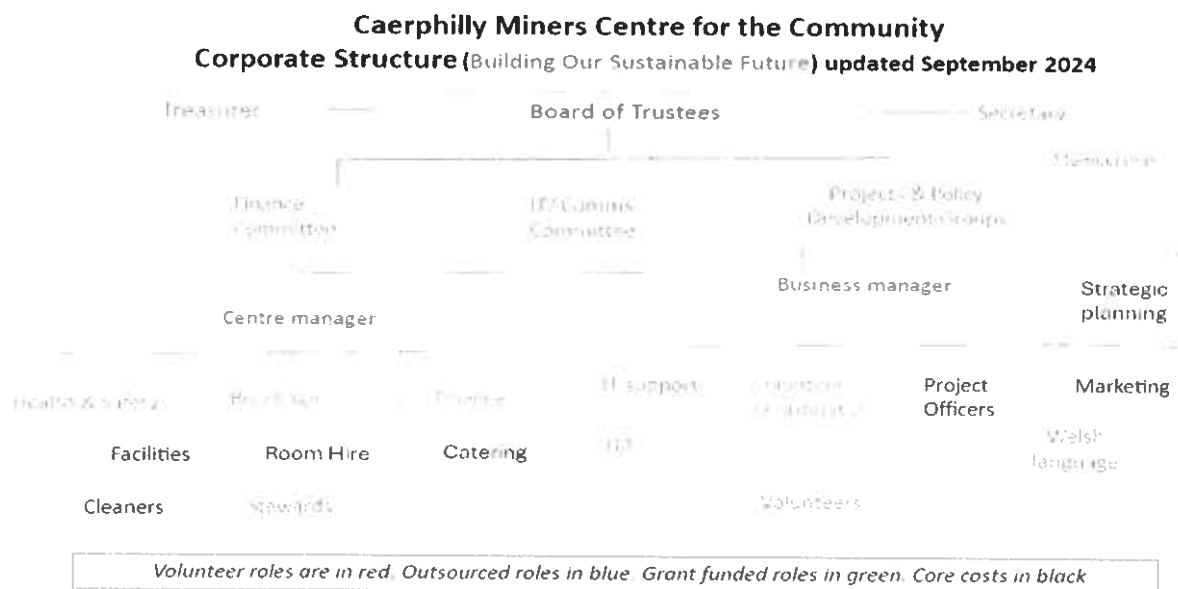
In 2023 we successfully applied for £257,000 National Lottery Community Fund (NLCF) grant for three years to underpin this structure and make it more sustainable. The NLCF grant, Building our Sustainable Future started in July 2023 and has three objectives:

1. Increasing our people capacity to manage a transformation to greater self-sufficiency
2. Creating new functional spaces
3. Creating new ways of working which achieve financial self-reliance

#### Corporate Structure

The project has involved some fundamental changes in the way worked. It has proved more challenging to implement than we anticipated for all parts of the organisation. We have had to upgrade our business planning, build on our governance structures, create new policies, establish new job roles, and outsource core functions, whilst still retaining our staff and volunteers. We appointed our Business/Centre Manager in September 2023, but we soon recognised that the role was too broad for one person. We reconfigured the job and re-recruited for a Business Manager and Centre Manager in spring 2024. Thanks are due to United Welsh for financial management support and to Cwmpas for Business Planning and ICT support.

Our corporate structure, outlined below, is still evolving.



The Miners expanded its staffing in 2023 to provide a higher level of marketing and project development, to expand its facilities management and cleaning, health and safety, finance and catering. The project activity was largely funded by grants. The core activities were largely financed by income earned. In 2024 we have outsourced or contracted out much of this activity

## CAERPHILLY MINERS CENTRE FOR THE COMMUNITY

### REPORT OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (Continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

#### Building work

The building work was largely completed by 2022 when we were able to open up the function, music and craft rooms. A further £8250 work was needed to complete the kitchen. We also refurbished the portico at a cost of £116,353.40. We successfully applied to the Community Empowerment Fund in January 2024 for £21,800 of capital works to improve safety, disability access, and comfort.

#### Activities and Projects

Caerphilly Miners Centre was set up to breathe new life into the former Caerphilly District Miners Hospital and keep the iconic building from being demolished. As well as making our iconic building accessible to the community and local businesses for hire, this has involved creating new activities for enjoyment, well-being and leisure. What most people like about the Miners is the accessible, affordable interesting activities and opportunities for friendship and social activity. We measure our success in terms of the buzz in the building, full classes and vibrant events as well as the growing income from room hire. Our activities are available to the whole community, but it particularly serves the needs of older people.

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Most of the income generated by the Miners comes from room hire. In 2023-24 the Wellness Hub generated £30,483, community and private hire £21,643, project activities £17,915 and grant income for fuel and the warm hub £29,219.

Our Elderberries project is now in its 10th year and has around 25 members aged 60+ - 99 meeting weekly. The Centre has run four bus trips in the past year including to the Royal Mint, the National Botanical Gardens and the theatre. Our volunteer run chair exercise class has 22 members. We also have weekly cards and coffee club, two men's sheds, craft and chat and a large adult art class. We also support 5 yoga, 4 Tai Chi, 4 Pilates and a meditation session each week. We also run Zoom based and outreach activities. Our knitting project, started initially to keep people going during the Covid lockdowns now has 50 volunteers making over 100 blankets for good causes in the community.

In 2023-24 we continued to run a 'Warm Hub' to address the post-Covid cost of living crisis. This incorporated a digi-volunteering project and a Stay and Play Group. The Centre also delivers a weekly Glowyr Bach, one of the few Welsh language stay and play groups in Caerphilly county borough. In 2023-24 we were fortunate to be awarded National Lottery funding to develop youth volunteering opportunities, building the confidence of young people in our community. We also run after school classes, of which the children's art class is now in its third year. Our school ambassadors scheme, set up in 2014, continues to meet each term to help shape activities in the centre and explore our values, ethos and vision.



## **CAERPHILLY MINERS CENTRE FOR THE COMMUNITY**

### **REPORT OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (Continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024**

The Centre also has a vibrant Gardening Group, which has developed our climate change garden into a lovely tranquil space. It has a small Heritage Project Group which successfully organised our Centenary Exhibition and Celebrations. The Music Group, which has been fundraising for the centre since 2012, organised a Gala Concert and followed it up by developing a Caerphilly Musical Showcase, which held their first concert programme in June 2024. In 2023 we revitalised our Repair Café, which is now supporting the same level of activity as we delivered before its work was wiped out through Covid.

A number of Welsh language groups and activities take place at the Miners Centre such as a Welsh digi drop-in, Menter Iaith activities and Merched y Wawr meetings. Coleg Gwent still hold Welsh classes at the Centre and we maintain a bilingual policy in all our publicity.

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## CAERPHILLY MINERS CENTRE FOR THE COMMUNITY

### REPORT OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (Continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

#### Partnership working

Community consultation continues to guide and underpin the charity's work. The company has developed relationships with key stakeholders at strategic, operational and community levels. Caerphilly Miners has a memorandum of understanding to support its partnership working with United Welsh Housing Association. At strategic and operational level level, it has worked with the local authority, Gwent Police, GAVO, learning providers, local health board, other local community centres, churches and chapels, local enterprises and voluntary projects. The project has no political affiliations but has continued to enjoy political support from all political parties at Parliamentary, Welsh Government, County Council and Town Council levels.

#### Volunteering

Caerphilly Miners is now in its 17th year and still relies on the ongoing goodwill of volunteers, partners, neighbours, the Wellbeing Hub businesses and staff. Most of these activities are run or supported by volunteers. Volunteers donated over 13,500 hours in 2023-24, with a further 7,500 hours delivered by paid staff. This supported over 20,000 visits to the Centre – helping us to 'breathe new life' into the building and give our centre a sustainable future. Grant funding for our volunteer coordinator was restricted for part of the year, which led to some gaps in provision. The contribution of volunteers to the various project areas was shown in the following table.

Project / activity 2023-24	No of volunteers	Estimated total hours
Knitting project	49	3000
Gardening Group	15	2200
Coffee shop	9	1600
Stewards	7	1500
Older people's activities/ outreach	8	1000
Catering and events	12	1000
Other projects - Heritage, Welsh	20	1000
Repair cafe	18	750
After School clubs	25	750
Stay and Play/ Glowyr Bach	8	700

#### Membership

Members agreed at the 2023 AGM to extend our membership to everyone who uses the building. To date we have recruited 100 members and we hope to extend this in future years.

#### **Status of report**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (issued in March 2005) and in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

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Approved by the Board of Trustees on 15/12/24 and signed on its behalf by:

Katherine Hughes, Chair Katherine Hughes

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE  
TRUSTEES OF CAERPHILLY MINERS CENTRE FOR THE COMMUNITY**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st March 2024.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

As the charity's 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 Trust'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 examiners' statement**

The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants.

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:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

  
**MRS KATHRYN SHORT  
ZEIDMAN & DAVIS  
CHARTERED CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS  
4 STATION TERRACE  
CAERPHILLY, CF83 1HD**



Dated: 16/12/2024

**CAERPHILLY MINERS CENTRE FOR THE COMMUNITY****STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024**

	Note	Un- Restricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds:	2	102,634	-	102,634	71,481
Incoming resources from charitable activities:					
Donations & Grants	3	976	154,564	155,540	209,840
Total incoming resources		103,610	154,564	258,174	281,321
Resources expended					
Charitable activities	4	129,376	163,865	293,241	253,740
Net incoming resources before other recognised gains		(25,766)	(9,301)	(35,067)	27,580
Transfers between funds		(10,724)	10,724	-	-
Total funds brought forward		67,779	91,311	159,090	131,510
Total funds carried forward	8	31,289	92,734	124,023	159,090

## CAERPHILLY MINERS CENTRE FOR THE COMMUNITY

### BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31ST MARCH 2023

	Note	2024	2023
		£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Tangible assets	7	99,797	100,128
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Debtors and Prepayments		-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>67,777</u>	<u>106,057</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		<u>6,718</u>	<u>936</u>
Net current assets		<u>61,059</u>	<u>105,121</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		160,856	205,249
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year		36,833	46,159
<b>Net Current Assets</b>			
<b>Net Assets</b>	8	<u>124,023</u>	<u>159,090</u>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General funds	9	31,289	67,779
<b>Restricted funds</b>	9	92,734	91,311
<b>Total Funds</b>		<u>124,023</u>	<u>159,090</u>

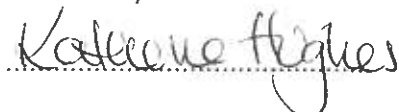
The company was entitled to exemption from audit under s477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

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 small companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

The Financial Report and Accounts were approved by the Board of Directors on 15/12/24 and signed on its behalf by:



Mrs K Hughes

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**(a) Basis of accounting**

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to the accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and with the Charities Act 2011.

**(b) Fund Accounting**

Unrestricted funds are fund available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objective of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The aim and use of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

**(c) Incoming resources**

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations, subscriptions and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included in these accounts.

Investment income is included when receivable.

Incoming resources from grants, where related to performance and specific deliverables, are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.

**(d) Resources expended**

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates:

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities. It includes both costs that can be allocate directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024**

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the cost of preparing the accounts and the costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the SoFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on an appropriate basis.

**(e) Fixed assets**

Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. The costs of minor additions to equipment (those costing below £1,000) are not capitalised. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset over its expected useful life. No depreciation is provided on freehold land. The rates used are:

Office and computer equipment - 25% reducing balance 119,150

**2. Incoming resources from Generating Funds**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
Membership	106	-	106	367
Local Gaving	650	-	650	711
Room Hire	30,496	-	30,496	44,316
Wellness Hub	30,483	-	30,483	-
Older people activities	16,774	-	16,774	-
Elderberries	-	-	-	1,197
Chair excercies	-	-	-	2,921
Seated dance	-	-	-	2,391
Men's sheds	-	-	-	774
Whist	-	-	-	612
Knitting	-	-	-	169
Welsh stay and play	-	-	-	465
Stay & Play	-	-	-	5,917
Children	2,788	-	2,788	-
Cafeteria/Catering	1,903	-	1,903	1,308
Wirework classes	492	-	492	-
Art classes	3,367	-	3,367	4,000
French classes	1,007	-	1,007	1,253
Gardening	1,940	-	1,940	252
Insurance	(250)	-	(250)	-
Craft Events [wreathmaking]	4,297	-	4,297	920
Fundraising:				
Support for Ukraine	-	-	-	668
General fundraising	-	-	-	3,241
Cash Deposits - project activities	8,581	-	8,581	-
	102,634	-	102,634	71,481

## CAERPHILLY MINERS CENTRE FOR THE COMMUNITY

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

#### 3. Incoming Resources from Activities to further the Charity's Objects

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
<b><u>Donations</u></b>				
General donations	-	-	-	1,721
<b><u>Grant income</u></b>				
fund	-	-	-	1,000
Awards for All	-	8,250	8,250	-
Caerphilly Town Council	-	400	400	400
CCBC	-	11,204	11,204	19,799
CCBC warm hub and fuel	-	18,495	18,495	4,137
CCBC household support	-	-	-	1,500
CCBC Tackling Isolation	-	-	-	2,842
Comic relief	-	-	-	5,000
GAVO Grant	-	-	-	500
Local giving	976	-	976	-
Moondance Grant	-	10,242	10,242	-
Community Fund	-	-	-	4,980
United Welsh	-	-	-	5,000
WCVA Landfill	-	-	-	9,980
resilience fund for Wales	-	-	-	15,085
WCVA Volunteering Wales	-	-	-	1,566
Welsh Government	-	38,317	38,317	135,830
Climate change grant	-	-	-	500
Building Our Sustainable Futures - People & Places	-	54,341	54,341	-
Regional Integration Fund older People	-	6,980	6,980	-
Catalyst Cymru Heritage	-	998	998	-
Western Power	-	1,750	1,750	-
Age Friendly	-	3,045	3,045	-
Other small grants	-	542	542	-
	976	154,564	155,540	209,840



**CAERPHILLY MINERS CENTRE FOR THE COMMUNITY****NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023**

4.	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
<b>Resources expended</b>				
<b><u>Core &amp; Building Costs</u></b>				
Wages (Caretaker)	2,038	-	2,038	9,099
Employers NIC	3,256	-	3,256	2,269
Telephone & internet	-	-	-	339
Electricity & gas	21,011	-	21,011	14,026
Fire & Security	7,063	-	7,063	1,774
Cleaning	9,860	-	9,860	2,613
Water rates	890	-	890	471
Repairs & maintenance	4,358	79	4,437	6,519
Buildings insurance	5,107	-	5,107	4,616
<b><u>Office Costs</u></b>				
Public/Employer's insurance	-	-	-	1,124
Employers NIC	4,078	-	4,078	2,072
Postage & stationery	218	-	218	1,661
Photocopying & printing	1,667	-	1,667	-
Subscriptions	1,758	-	1,758	1,424
Accountancy fees	2,147	-	2,147	1,122
Legal & professional fees	-	-	-	965
IT costs	4,132	-	4,132	2,856
Cost of project activities	29,665	39,184	68,849	70,081
Equipment depreciation	1,558	-	1,558	-
Catering	-	-	-	2,075
Loan interest	3,939	-	3,939	4,418
Website costs	36	-	36	400
Marketing	-	-	-	3,026
Donations	304	-	304	700
Training	-	-	-	615
Administrators	20,473	-	20,473	15,329
Equipment repairs and renewals	-	-	-	96
Grant released to buildings additions	-	124,602	124,602	90,619
Grant released to equipment	-	-	-	7,485
Finance assistant	5,818	-	5,818	5,946
	<b>129,376</b>	<b>163,865</b>	<b>293,241</b>	<b>253,740</b>

## CAERPHILLY MINERS CENTRE FOR THE COMMUNITY

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

#### 5. Trustee Remuneration & Related Party Transactions

No members of the management committee received any remuneration during the year.

#### 6. Taxation

income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or s256 of the Taxation of

#### 7. Fixed Assets

	Equipment, fixtures and fittings £	Long Leasehold Buildings £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
<b>Cost</b>				
As at 1st April 2023	19,276	93,897	113,173	112,460
Additions	1,228	124,602	125,830	98,818
Grants	-	(124,602)	(124,602)	(98,104)
As at 31st March 2024	20,504	93,897	114,401	113,174
<b>Depreciation</b>				
As at 1st April 2023	13,046	-	13,046	13,046
Charge in the year	1,558	-	1,558	-
As at 31st March 2024	14,604	-	14,604	13,046
<b>Net Book Value</b>				
As at 31st March 2024	5,900	93,897	99,797	100,128
As at 31st March 2023	6,230	93,897	100,127	99,414

#### 8. Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

	General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Fixed Assets	66,180	33,617	99,797	100,128
Current assets	8,660	59,117	67,777	106,057
Current liabilities	(6,718)		(6,718)	(936)
Long Term Liabilities	(36,833)		(36,833)	(46,159)
Net assets	31,289	92,734	124,023	159,090

## CAERPHILLY MINERS CENTRE FOR THE COMMUNITY

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

#### 9. Movement in Funds

	At 1st April 2023	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers between funds	At 31st March 2024
1. Building restoration	80,397	38,317	(124,665)	4,944	(1,007)
2. Core grants for energy / social inclusion					
Social Inclusion and the Warm Hub	1,966	-	-	-	1,966
Warm Hub	2,380	18,787	(12,781)	5,780	14,166
Energy Grant	-	11,204	-	-	11,204
3. Older people	1,950	-	(4,361)	-	(2,411)
Regional Integration Fund	-	6,980	-	-	6,980
Moondance	-	10,242	(3,241)	-	7,001
Age Friendly	-	3,045	-	-	3,045
4. Children /youth	4,618	-	-	-	4,618
Pobl Craft Grant	-	250	-	-	250
Awards for All	-	8,650	(4,133)	-	4,517
Catalyst Heritage	-	998	-	-	998
Western Power	-	1,750	-	-	1,750
Big Lottery People & Places	-	54,341	(14,684)	-	39,657
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<b>91,311</b>	<b>154,564</b>	<b>(163,865)</b>	<b>10,724</b>	<b>92,734</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>67,779</b>	<b>103,610</b>	<b>(129,376)</b>	<b>(10,724)</b>	<b>31,289</b>
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>159,090</b>	<b>258,174</b>	<b>(293,241)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>124,023</b>

**CAERPHILLY MINERS CENTRE FOR THE COMMUNITY**

**CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER - 1145796**

**COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER - 7535484**

**REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024**

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## CAERPHILLY MINERS CENTRE FOR THE COMMUNITY

### REPORT OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

#### Governance Objective and Management

##### Governance

Caerphilly Miners Centre for the Community is a registered charity (Charity Registration Number 1145796) and is a company limited by guarantee (Company Registration Number 7535484), incorporated in 2011. The charity is governed by its constitution which was initially agreed in January 2011, with revised objects agreed by the Board of Management on December 8th 2011, and subsequently revised by a General Meeting on 5th February 2016. The revised constitution is lodged with Companies House and the Charity Commission.

##### Objectives

To further or benefit the residents of Caerphilly and the neighbourhood, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents 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 leisure time occupation, with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents.

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To advance the education of the public in the history and heritage of Caerphilly and in particular the history of mining and its role in the community and its effect on people's lives.

To establish or secure the establishment of the property belonging to the charity as a community centre and to maintain or manage or co-operate with any statutory authority in the maintenance and management of such a centre for activities promoted by the charity in furtherance of the above objects.

##### Trustees

Members of the Management Committee, who are directors for the purposes of company law and trustees for the charity are recruited from the members of the charity. They are selected on the basis of their skills, experience, and willingness to serve. Trustees' appointments are subject to approval by members of the charity. They can also be coopted between general meetings.

The Board of Trustees met 10 times during the financial year and various members have taken part in subcommittee meetings. We appointed 5 new members at our AGM in September 2023 and we coopted 3 new board members in 2024.

The Directors are responsible for managing the business of the charity as a Board subject to its members acting through a quorum of one third of the total committee membership (currently 3 members). The Board of Trustees may raise funds, buy or lease property, borrow money, collaborate with other bodies, generate reserves, establish sub-committees and employ and remunerate staff. The company has public liability insurance, indemnity insurance for the directors, and employers' insurance covering any paid staff and registered volunteers.

## CAERPHILLY MINERS CENTRE FOR THE COMMUNITY

### REPORT OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

The trustees serving in 2023-24 are listed in the table below.

Name	Skills
Julie Annetts	Civil Servant, policy support (to September 2023)
John Brinkworth	Coopted May 2023; appointed Sept 2023 – IT consultant, ICT, Committee, digi-volunteer
Stewart Hammond	Retired Accountant, Finance Committee, Sept-Dec 2023
Katherine Hughes, BEM	Retired community consultant and town planner. Company Secretary to Sept 23 Chair Sept 2023-, steward and volunteer
Jenni Jones-Annetts,	Retired Teacher, experience of adult learning sector, HR Committee,
Ann Lewis	Retired teacher, Head of Welsh. HR Committee. Safeguarding, Bilingual Policy, steward and volunteer.
Nikki Prince Iles	Social & former Youth Worker, HR Committee
Elizabeth Scarlett	Retired primary teacher Sept 2023- member ICT & Projects committees
Matt Sturgess	Banking experience, Finance Committee
Matt Thornton	Accountant with international project planning experience Sept 2023 to February 2024, Finance Committee.
Catherine Uphill	Civil Servant with policy development and management experience, appointed September 2023 Company Secretary, projects committee
Rhys Williams	Journalist, Membership Secretary to May 2023
Richard Mann	Chief Executive United Welsh (Cooptee)

#### Strategic plan 2022-25

Since its inception, Caerphilly Miners has had to get to grips with developing an infrastructure for managing a complex and challenging project. In 2019 we developed a Strategic Plan, which has been updated annually. In 2023 we successfully applied to Cwmpas Cymru for mentoring help to the board alongside the development of a new business plan.

The strategic plan objectives are:

- To invest in our community
- To breathe new life into the Miners and maximise the building's potential
- To take action on climate change
- To ensure the well-being of our community
- To celebrate our social heritage
- To promote our activities and continue to build capacity to deliver

#### Corporate Structure

In 2019, we also adopted a new Corporate Structure, which continues to evolve. This involved assessing the business model and evaluating the risks and opportunities, with help from Social Business Wales, Cwmpas Cymru, Lloyds Bank Foundation and others.

## CAERPHILLY MINERS CENTRE FOR THE COMMUNITY

### REPORT OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (Continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

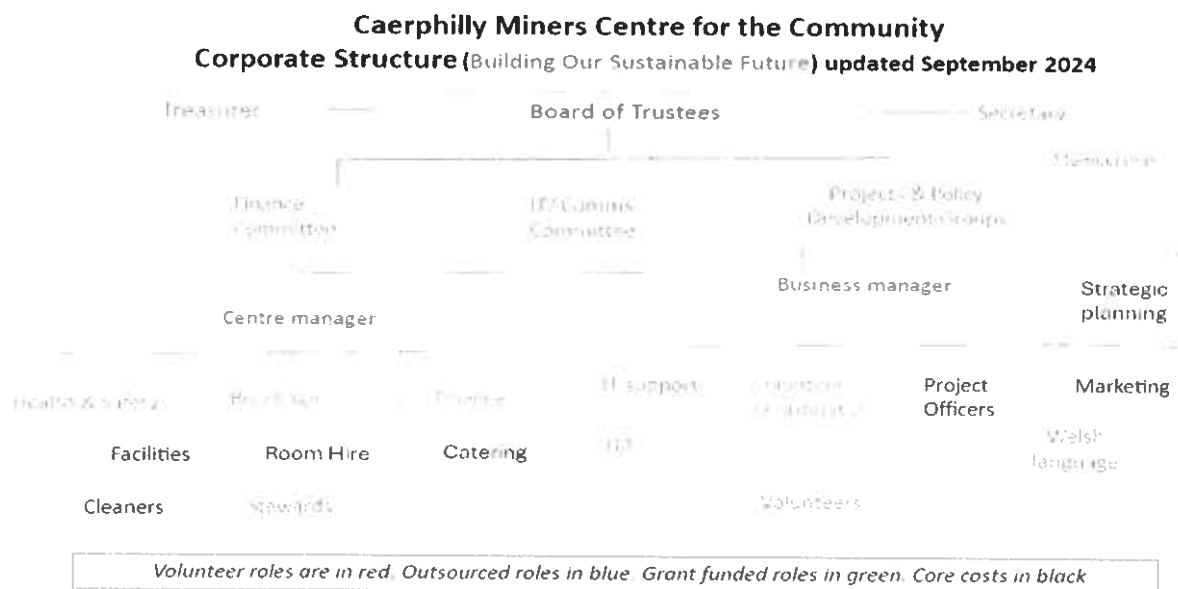
In 2023 we successfully applied for £257,000 National Lottery Community Fund (NLCF) grant for three years to underpin this structure and make it more sustainable. The NLCF grant, Building our Sustainable Future started in July 2023 and has three objectives:

1. Increasing our people capacity to manage a transformation to greater self-sufficiency
2. Creating new functional spaces
3. Creating new ways of working which achieve financial self-reliance

#### Corporate Structure

The project has involved some fundamental changes in the way worked. It has proved more challenging to implement than we anticipated for all parts of the organisation. We have had to upgrade our business planning, build on our governance structures, create new policies, establish new job roles, and outsource core functions, whilst still retaining our staff and volunteers. We appointed our Business/Centre Manager in September 2023, but we soon recognised that the role was too broad for one person. We reconfigured the job and re-recruited for a Business Manager and Centre Manager in spring 2024. Thanks are due to United Welsh for financial management support and to Cwmpas for Business Planning and ICT support.

Our corporate structure, outlined below, is still evolving.



The Miners expanded its staffing in 2023 to provide a higher level of marketing and project development, to expand its facilities management and cleaning, health and safety, finance and catering. The project activity was largely funded by grants. The core activities were largely financed by income earned. In 2024 we have outsourced or contracted out much of this activity

## CAERPHILLY MINERS CENTRE FOR THE COMMUNITY

### REPORT OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (Continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

#### Building work

The building work was largely completed by 2022 when we were able to open up the function, music and craft rooms. A further £8250 work was needed to complete the kitchen. We also refurbished the portico at a cost of £116,353.40. We successfully applied to the Community Empowerment Fund in January 2024 for £21,800 of capital works to improve safety, disability access, and comfort.

#### Activities and Projects

Caerphilly Miners Centre was set up to breathe new life into the former Caerphilly District Miners Hospital and keep the iconic building from being demolished. As well as making our iconic building accessible to the community and local businesses for hire, this has involved creating new activities for enjoyment, well-being and leisure. What most people like about the Miners is the accessible, affordable interesting activities and opportunities for friendship and social activity. We measure our success in terms of the buzz in the building, full classes and vibrant events as well as the growing income from room hire. Our activities are available to the whole community, but it particularly serves the needs of older people.

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Most of the income generated by the Miners comes from room hire. In 2023-24 the Wellness Hub generated £30,483, community and private hire £21,643, project activities £17,915 and grant income for fuel and the warm hub £29,219.

Our Elderberries project is now in its 10th year and has around 25 members aged 60+ - 99 meeting weekly. The Centre has run four bus trips in the past year including to the Royal Mint, the National Botanical Gardens and the theatre. Our volunteer run chair exercise class has 22 members. We also have weekly cards and coffee club, two men's sheds, craft and chat and a large adult art class. We also support 5 yoga, 4 Tai Chi, 4 Pilates and a meditation session each week. We also run Zoom based and outreach activities. Our knitting project, started initially to keep people going during the Covid lockdowns now has 50 volunteers making over 100 blankets for good causes in the community.

In 2023-24 we continued to run a 'Warm Hub' to address the post-Covid cost of living crisis. This incorporated a digi-volunteering project and a Stay and Play Group. The Centre also delivers a weekly Glowyr Bach, one of the few Welsh language stay and play groups in Caerphilly county borough. In 2023-24 we were fortunate to be awarded National Lottery funding to develop youth volunteering opportunities, building the confidence of young people in our community. We also run after school classes, of which the children's art class is now in its third year. Our school ambassadors scheme, set up in 2014, continues to meet each term to help shape activities in the centre and explore our values, ethos and vision.



## CAERPHILLY MINERS CENTRE FOR THE COMMUNITY

### REPORT OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (Continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

The Centre also has a vibrant Gardening Group, which has developed our climate change garden into a lovely tranquil space. It has a small Heritage Project Group which successfully organised our Centenary Exhibition and Celebrations. The Music Group, which has been fundraising for the centre since 2012, organised a Gala Concert and followed it up by developing a Caerphilly Musical Showcase, which held their first concert programme in June 2024. In 2023 we revitalised our Repair Café, which is now supporting the same level of activity as we delivered before its work was wiped out through Covid.

A number of Welsh language groups and activities take place at the Miners Centre such as a Welsh digi drop-in, Menter Iaith activities and Merched y Wawr meetings. Coleg Gwent still hold Welsh classes at the Centre and we maintain a bilingual policy in all our publicity.

As part of our strategy to become more financially sustainable, whilst meeting the needs of our community, we have held a variety of family community events and ticketed events for adults. We are looking to create a more sustainable programme as part of our strategy to make the centre more financially sustainable and less reliant on grants.

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The coffee house is developing as the heart of the community centre. It was rebranded in December 2023 and opening hours extended to 20 hours a week with an active, intergenerational team of volunteers, local coffee and Welsh produce.

Y Gegin was completed in 2023 and registered as a separate catering space in June 2024. We have introduced a wheelchair accessible table and partners such as Menter Iaith and Multiply have used the space for training. We are still awaiting our final inspection of our rating, but the space is now equipped to cater for events. We are looking to develop our Kitchen Business Plan in 2025.

## CAERPHILLY MINERS CENTRE FOR THE COMMUNITY

### REPORT OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (Continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

#### Partnership working

Community consultation continues to guide and underpin the charity's work. The company has developed relationships with key stakeholders at strategic, operational and community levels. Caerphilly Miners has a memorandum of understanding to support its partnership working with United Welsh Housing Association. At strategic and operational level level, it has worked with the local authority, Gwent Police, GAVO, learning providers, local health board, other local community centres, churches and chapels, local enterprises and voluntary projects. The project has no political affiliations but has continued to enjoy political support from all political parties at Parliamentary, Welsh Government, County Council and Town Council levels.

#### Volunteering

Caerphilly Miners is now in its 17th year and still relies on the ongoing goodwill of volunteers, partners, neighbours, the Wellbeing Hub businesses and staff. Most of these activities are run or supported by volunteers. Volunteers donated over 13,500 hours in 2023-24, with a further 7,500 hours delivered by paid staff. This supported over 20,000 visits to the Centre – helping us to 'breathe new life' into the building and give our centre a sustainable future. Grant funding for our volunteer coordinator was restricted for part of the year, which led to some gaps in provision. The contribution of volunteers to the various project areas was shown in the following table.

Project / activity 2023-24	No of volunteers	Estimated total hours
Knitting project	49	3000
Gardening Group	15	2200
Coffee shop	9	1600
Stewards	7	1500
Older people's activities/ outreach	8	1000
Catering and events	12	1000
Other projects - Heritage, Welsh	20	1000
Repair cafe	18	750
After School clubs	25	750
Stay and Play/ Glowyr Bach	8	700

#### Membership

Members agreed at the 2023 AGM to extend our membership to everyone who uses the building. To date we have recruited 100 members and we hope to extend this in future years.

#### **Status of report**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (issued in March 2005) and in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

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Approved by the Board of Trustees on 15/12/24 and signed on its behalf by:

Katherine Hughes, Chair Katherine Hughes

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE  
TRUSTEES OF CAERPHILLY MINERS CENTRE FOR THE COMMUNITY**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st March 2024.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

As the charity's 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 Trust'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 examiners' statement**

The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants.

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:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

  
**MRS KATHRYN SHORT  
ZEIDMAN & DAVIS  
CHARTERED CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS  
4 STATION TERRACE  
CAERPHILLY, CF83 1HD**



Dated: 16/12/2024

**CAERPHILLY MINERS CENTRE FOR THE COMMUNITY****STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024**

	Note	Un- Restricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds:	2	102,634	-	102,634	71,481
Incoming resources from charitable activities:					
Donations & Grants	3	976	154,564	155,540	209,840
Total incoming resources		103,610	154,564	258,174	281,321
Resources expended					
Charitable activities	4	129,376	163,865	293,241	253,740
Net incoming resources before other recognised gains		(25,766)	(9,301)	(35,067)	27,580
Transfers between funds		(10,724)	10,724	-	-
Total funds brought forward		67,779	91,311	159,090	131,510
Total funds carried forward	8	31,289	92,734	124,023	159,090

## CAERPHILLY MINERS CENTRE FOR THE COMMUNITY

### BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31ST MARCH 2023

	Note	2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>					
Tangible assets	7		99,797		100,128
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Debtors and Prepayments		-		-	
Cash at bank and in hand		67,777		106,057	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		6,718		936	
Net current assets			61,059		105,121
Total assets less current liabilities			160,856		205,249
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year			36,833		46,159
<b>Net Current Assets</b>					
<b>Net Assets</b>	8		124,023		159,090
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
General funds	9		31,289		67,779
<b>Restricted funds</b>	9		92,734		91,311
<b>Total Funds</b>			124,023		159,090

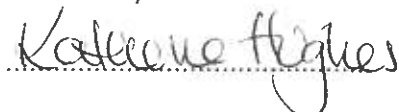
The company was entitled to exemption from audit under s477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

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 small companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

The Financial Report and Accounts were approved by the Board of Directors on 15/12/24 and signed on its behalf by:



Mrs K Hughes

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**(a) Basis of accounting**

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to the accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and with the Charities Act 2011.

**(b) Fund Accounting**

Unrestricted funds are fund available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objective of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The aim and use of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

**(c) Incoming resources**

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations, subscriptions and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included in these accounts.

Investment income is included when receivable.

Incoming resources from grants, where related to performance and specific deliverables, are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.

**(d) Resources expended**

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates:

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities. It includes both costs that can be allocate directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

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Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the cost of preparing the accounts and the costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the SoFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on an appropriate basis.

**(e) Fixed assets**

Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. The costs of minor additions to equipment (those costing below £1,000) are not capitalised. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset over its expected useful life. No depreciation is provided on freehold land. The rates used are:

Office and computer equipment - 25% reducing balance 119,150

**2. Incoming resources from Generating Funds**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
Membership	106	-	106	367
Local Gaving	650	-	650	711
Room Hire	30,496	-	30,496	44,316
Wellness Hub	30,483	-	30,483	-
Older people activities	16,774	-	16,774	-
Elderberries	-	-	-	1,197
Chair excercies	-	-	-	2,921
Seated dance	-	-	-	2,391
Men's sheds	-	-	-	774
Whist	-	-	-	612
Knitting	-	-	-	169
Welsh stay and play	-	-	-	465
Stay & Play	-	-	-	5,917
Children	2,788	-	2,788	-
Cafeteria/Catering	1,903	-	1,903	1,308
Wirework classes	492	-	492	-
Art classes	3,367	-	3,367	4,000
French classes	1,007	-	1,007	1,253
Gardening	1,940	-	1,940	252
Insurance	(250)	-	(250)	-
Craft Events [wreathmaking]	4,297	-	4,297	920
Fundraising:				
Support for Ukraine	-	-	-	668
General fundraising	-	-	-	3,241
Cash Deposits - project activities	8,581	-	8,581	-
	102,634	-	102,634	71,481

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#### 3. Incoming Resources from Activities to further the Charity's Objects

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
<b><u>Donations</u></b>				
General donations	-	-	-	1,721
<b><u>Grant income</u></b>				
fund	-	-	-	1,000
Awards for All	-	8,250	8,250	-
Caerphilly Town Council	-	400	400	400
CCBC	-	11,204	11,204	19,799
CCBC warm hub and fuel	-	18,495	18,495	4,137
CCBC household support	-	-	-	1,500
CCBC Tackling Isolation	-	-	-	2,842
Comic relief	-	-	-	5,000
GAVO Grant	-	-	-	500
Local giving	976	-	976	-
Moondance Grant	-	10,242	10,242	-
Community Fund	-	-	-	4,980
United Welsh	-	-	-	5,000
WCVA Landfill	-	-	-	9,980
resilience fund for Wales	-	-	-	15,085
WCVA Volunteering Wales	-	-	-	1,566
Welsh Government	-	38,317	38,317	135,830
Climate change grant	-	-	-	500
Building Our Sustainable Futures - People & Places	-	54,341	54,341	-
Regional Integration Fund older People	-	6,980	6,980	-
Catalyst Cymru Heritage	-	998	998	-
Western Power	-	1,750	1,750	-
Age Friendly	-	3,045	3,045	-
Other small grants	-	542	542	-
	976	154,564	155,540	209,840



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4.	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
<b>Resources expended</b>				
<b><u>Core &amp; Building Costs</u></b>				
Wages (Caretaker)	2,038	-	2,038	9,099
Employers NIC	3,256	-	3,256	2,269
Telephone & internet	-	-	-	339
Electricity & gas	21,011	-	21,011	14,026
Fire & Security	7,063	-	7,063	1,774
Cleaning	9,860	-	9,860	2,613
Water rates	890	-	890	471
Repairs & maintenance	4,358	79	4,437	6,519
Buildings insurance	5,107	-	5,107	4,616
<b><u>Office Costs</u></b>				
Public/Employer's insurance	-	-	-	1,124
Employers NIC	4,078	-	4,078	2,072
Postage & stationery	218	-	218	1,661
Photocopying & printing	1,667	-	1,667	-
Subscriptions	1,758	-	1,758	1,424
Accountancy fees	2,147	-	2,147	1,122
Legal & professional fees	-	-	-	965
IT costs	4,132	-	4,132	2,856
Cost of project activities	29,665	39,184	68,849	70,081
Equipment depreciation	1,558	-	1,558	-
Catering	-	-	-	2,075
Loan interest	3,939	-	3,939	4,418
Website costs	36	-	36	400
Marketing	-	-	-	3,026
Donations	304	-	304	700
Training	-	-	-	615
Administrators	20,473	-	20,473	15,329
Equipment repairs and renewals	-	-	-	96
Grant released to buildings additions	-	124,602	124,602	90,619
Grant released to equipment	-	-	-	7,485
Finance assistant	5,818	-	5,818	5,946
	<b>129,376</b>	<b>163,865</b>	<b>293,241</b>	<b>253,740</b>

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#### 5. Trustee Remuneration & Related Party Transactions

No members of the management committee received any remuneration during the year.

#### 6. Taxation

income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or s256 of the Taxation of

#### 7. Fixed Assets

	Equipment, fixtures and fittings £	Long Leasehold Buildings £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
<b>Cost</b>				
As at 1st April 2023	19,276	93,897	113,173	112,460
Additions	1,228	124,602	125,830	98,818
Grants	-	(124,602)	(124,602)	(98,104)
As at 31st March 2024	20,504	93,897	114,401	113,174
<b>Depreciation</b>				
As at 1st April 2023	13,046	-	13,046	13,046
Charge in the year	1,558	-	1,558	-
As at 31st March 2024	14,604	-	14,604	13,046
<b>Net Book Value</b>				
As at 31st March 2024	5,900	93,897	99,797	100,128
As at 31st March 2023	6,230	93,897	100,127	99,414

#### 8. Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

	General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Fixed Assets	66,180	33,617	99,797	100,128
Current assets	8,660	59,117	67,777	106,057
Current liabilities	(6,718)		(6,718)	(936)
Long Term Liabilities	(36,833)		(36,833)	(46,159)
Net assets	31,289	92,734	124,023	159,090

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#### 9. Movement in Funds

	At 1st April 2023	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers between funds	At 31st March 2024
1. Building restoration	80,397	38,317	(124,665)	4,944	(1,007)
2. Core grants for energy / social inclusion					
Social Inclusion and the Warm Hub	1,966	-	-	-	1,966
Warm Hub	2,380	18,787	(12,781)	5,780	14,166
Energy Grant	-	11,204	-	-	11,204
3. Older people	1,950	-	(4,361)	-	(2,411)
Regional Integration Fund	-	6,980	-	-	6,980
Moondance	-	10,242	(3,241)	-	7,001
Age Friendly	-	3,045	-	-	3,045
4. Children /youth	4,618	-	-	-	4,618
Pobl Craft Grant	-	250	-	-	250
Awards for All	-	8,650	(4,133)	-	4,517
Catalyst Heritage	-	998	-	-	998
Western Power	-	1,750	-	-	1,750
Big Lottery People & Places	-	54,341	(14,684)	-	39,657
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<b>91,311</b>	<b>154,564</b>	<b>(163,865)</b>	<b>10,724</b>	<b>92,734</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>67,779</b>	<b>103,610</b>	<b>(129,376)</b>	<b>(10,724)</b>	<b>31,289</b>
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>159,090</b>	<b>258,174</b>	<b>(293,241)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>124,023</b>