GWYNFI MINERS COMMUNITY HALL

England & Wales · Charity number 1154423

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	08275575
Registered	2013-10-31
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: A. TO PROMOTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE ELECTORAL WARD OF GWYNFI AND THE SURROUNDING AREA THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR WELLBEING, SELF-IMPROVEMENT, RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE, INFIRMITY OR DISABLEMENT, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES OR FOR THE PUBLIC AT LARGE IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITION OF LIFE OF THE SAID INHABITANTS. B. TO HELP YOUNG PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY THROUGH LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES, SO AS TO DEVELOP THEIR CAPABILITIES THAT THEY MAY GROW TO FULL MATURITY AS INDIVIDUALS AND MEMBERS OF SOCIETY.

Activities: Community Resource Centre with meeting rooms, kitchen, gym, boxing club, community library, indoor sports hall.

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport, Economic/community Development/employment, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity, Recreation, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Neath Port Talbot

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£177,708	£160,971	-	-
2024-03-31	£91,385	£104,272	-	-
2023-03-31	£100,904	£95,071	-	-
2022-03-31	£103,249	£109,698	-	-
2021-03-31	£131,587	£77,135	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr BRIAN GIBBONS	Chair	2013-09-16
CHRISTINE ISOBELLE SUZANNE KEIRLE		2013-09-16
JOHN GRIFFITHS		2013-09-16
MAIRLYN YOUNG		2013-09-16

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Accounts

Gwynfi Miners Community Hall

(A company limited by guarantee)

Report and Financial Statements for the

12 months ended 31st March 2025

Charity number 1154423

Company number 08275575

Annual Report and Financial Statements For the 12 months ended 31st March 2025

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Report on the Trustees for the 12 months ended 31st March 2025

The trustees are pleased to present their annual directors' report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ending 31 March 2025 which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a director's report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity name:	Gwynfi Miners Community Hall
Charity registration number:	1154423
Company registration number:	08275575
Registered Office an Operational address:	98 Jersey Road Blaengwynfi Port Talbot SA13 3TE

Trustees

Dr Brian Gibbons FRCGP, MB BCh BAO	Chair
Mr John Griffiths	Company Secretary
Mrs Christine Isobelle Suzanne Keirle	
Mrs Mairlyn Young	
James Arthur Jordan	
Ciaran Gibbons *	

*Trustees who are not directors under company law.

Independent Examiner	**Darren Norton FCCA** Young and Phillips Chartered Certified Accountants
Bankers	Co-operative Bank
Accountant	Joanna Surman FCCA Young and Phillips

Objectives

Our charity's objectives as set out in the objects contained in the company's Memorandum and Articles of Association are:

To promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of the electoral ward of Gwynfi and the surrounding area, the provision of facilities for well-being, self-improvement, recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances or for the public at large, in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the condition of life of the said inhabitants.

To help young people, especially but not exclusively through leisure time activities, to develop their capabilities so that they may grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society.

Ensuring Our Work Delivers Against Our Objectives

All new activities, services, and facility developments undertaken by the charity are rigorously aligned with our core objectives, ensuring maximum community benefit.

Following our operational review in the inaugural year, which defined the core programming essential to achieving our mission, we have built on those successes annually. This process involves continuous review of established programs, the testing of new initiatives, and the introduction of innovative services to enhance our community reach and effectiveness.

The Gwynfi Miners Community Hall has transitioned from a traditional village hall into a dynamic, multi-agency Community Hub. This was crucial to ensure we can continue to meet the community's emerging needs and fulfill the organisation's objectives.

The Facility Manager provides the Trustees with regular reports detailing program delivery, attendance, and measurable outcomes. These reports also include planning for future provisions, supported by impact assessments that define the anticipated beneficiary groups.

Programs or facilities that no longer demonstrate community need or support are discontinued. This disciplined approach ensures resources are reallocated to new initiatives that drive greater public benefit and organisational impact.

Structure, Governance & Management

Governing Document

Gwynfi Miners Community Hall is a Charitable Company Limited by Guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales on 31 October 2012 and registered as a Charity on 31 October 2013.

The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

Recruitment and Appointment of Directors

The directors of the company serve concurrently as the charity trustees for the purposes of charity law. All board members dedicate their time voluntarily, receiving no remuneration or financial benefits from the charity, upholding a commitment to fiduciary duty and public service.

Appointment and Tenure

New directors are appointed either through election at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) or by co-opting during the year, often to integrate specific, necessary skills into the Board.

In compliance with the Memorandum and Articles of Association, Directors are appointed to serve until their required retirement at a subsequent AGM. At each Annual General Meeting, one-third of the directors, or the number nearest to one-third, must retire from office by rotation. To ensure continuity and adhere to regulatory standards, the directors who have served the longest period since their last appointment are required to retire.

Management

The Board of Directors provides oversight and ensures the Governance of the Charities overall affairs. Day-to-day operational management of the facility is the responsibility of the full-time Facility Manager. The Manager is further supported by two paid part-time staff members who collaboratively ensure comprehensive operational coverage and supervision throughout the Hall's regular opening hours.

Risk Assessment

Health, Safety, and Compliance

A proactive approach to Health and Safety is maintained through regular, comprehensive risk assessments conducted by the Facility Manager. Systems are established and consistently reviewed to mitigate identified risks, with findings reported to the Board of Directors during monthly committee meetings.

This robust operational oversight includes mandatory preventative maintenance checks and inspections for critical services, such as building integrity, gym equipment, gas central heating, electrical systems and water quality protocols etc

Financial Resilience and Service Provision

The most significant strategic risk remains funding uncertainty, which is amplified by Central Government and Local Authority funding cuts, national Cost-of-Living Crisis and Fuel Poverty within the community. We are intensively collaborating with partners to mitigate these financial pressures and remain committed to ensuring service inclusivity by providing free or heavily subsidised local provisions.

Our critical ‘Warm Space’ initiative offers residents a safe, warm, and structured environment, providing access to essential free resources such as Wi-Fi, charging points, refreshments, and social activities. This program actively fosters

community cohesion and reduces the risk of isolation among our most vulnerable residents while addressing the immediate effects of rising costs.

Capital Projects Update

Remediation of Water Ingress and Facility Refurbishment

The persistent water ingress, affecting our lower floors, remains a significant operational challenge, continually compromising the building's structural integrity and severely disrupting scheduled activities and service delivery.

In response, we have initiated and are successfully progressing comprehensive investigation and surveying procedures. This process has involved close collaboration with the local authority, Dwr Cymru and specialist water proofing and building contractors.

Due to the age and inherent complexity of the building's structure, this preparatory phase is necessarily time-consuming. However, it is essential for securing the external capital funding required to plan and complete the waterproofing and refurbishment project safely, efficiently, and while maximising community benefit.

We anticipate that we will have all the necessary foundations in place by the end of 2025 to start applying for external funding in early 2026.

Chair's Report

While much of 2024–25 was about consolidating the activities at Gwynfi Miners Community Hall, there were also a number of important developments, which were mostly positive. However, this year also showed that we continue to remain vulnerable to a single major shock or setback.

We were delighted that our Manager's contribution to the success of GMCH was recognised by Simon receiving an invitation to Buckingham Palace afternoon tea. The event was a great success and was fair recognition for his hard work and commitment.

We managed to maintain and expand our core activities over the year, with a continuing increase in user numbers. Much of the increase was due to the use of the Hall by younger people, which is excellent news.
Services such as the Credit Union and the Winter Hub continued to operate, and we were pleased to see the renewal of our links with Citizens Advice. And again, we had a sell-out Remembrance Concert. We were also able to put on a number of training courses to improve life skills and also enhance work readiness.

We welcomed Professor Lizzie Thynne (University of Sussex) and Imperfect Films for her follow-up work following the launch of her film on Jill Craigie the previous year. The visit culminated in a short, "no-stars" film about our village, which we look forward to seeing.

Over the year, we have greatly benefitted from the work of Clare Pritchard, as NPT Children's Rights Development Officer. Clare has really linked in with our young people's agenda and is an invaluable asset in developing appropriate age-to-do activities. She greatly complements the work of Flying Start and Youth Service provision.

During the year, we have spent a lot of time preparing for our successful bid to the Building Stronger Communities project. This will provide us with assured funding over a number of years, with a particular focus on addressing our ongoing flooding and general building renewal problems. The inability to use the lower floor of our building means we are not able to provide a range of physical activities, as well as depriving us of a valuable funding stream.

Our building's vulnerabilities were also highlighted by the damage that Storm Darragh inflicted on the roof. Fortunately, the damage was remediated via our insurance, but it shows how precarious the operation of GMCH can be.

We were also fortunate to receive generous support from the Afan Cluster – SBUHB for gym equipment, a Facilities Grant, and £20,000 from the NPT CBC Third Sector Grant. This last grant was very welcome, and we can only hope that this level of support will be available in future years.

And as always, we received our ongoing grant support from Llynfi-Afan Renewable Energy Park. Without this assured financial support, Gwynfi Miners Community Hall would not survive. We are very grateful for this continuing core support.

During the year, our long-standing director and company secretary, John Griffiths, indicated he would not be putting his name forward again. We wish to thank John for his many years of service and for his wise advice.

We needed to postpone our first AGM meeting due to a poor turnout. While there were extenuating circumstances to explain this, nonetheless voluntary bodies such as GMCH can only survive through community commitment and people's willingness to give up their time. We realise this is not always easy, but we look forward to a renewal of our directors' board during the next year.

We wish to thank our staff, Leigh and Pam, and our Manager, Simon, for the work over the year. They are doing a massive and greatly valued job that is crucial for the well-being and quality of life of our community. Thanks to them all.

Managers' Report

I am pleased to report on the operational and maintenance activities of the Gwynfi Miners Community Hall for the past year. Despite persistent challenges it has been another successful year. Welcoming over 17,000 visitors, we remain committed to providing a diverse and comprehensive range of activities for every demographic, from newborns to our most senior residents, actively improving lives and enhancing community well-being.

A detailed review of our services and activities follows in this annual report.

I acknowledge that the achievements of the Gwynfi Miners Community Hall are emphatically not a solo effort, but the direct result of the dedicated and expanded collaborative partnerships.

This year's success, coupled with the 13-year longevity of the Gwynfi Miners Community Hall, stands as a powerful testament to the collective effort of our staff, directors, supporters, users, and volunteers. This achievement is especially significant considering the building was initially earmarked for closure on economic grounds by the local authority.

Looking ahead, 2026 will mark the Hall's momentous 125th Anniversary, a major milestone we plan to commemorate with a host of special events.

While highly utilised, the Hall faces ongoing public funding cuts. The Third Sector, exemplified by our Hall, delivers essential, measurable services now predominating across the Afan Valley. It is imperative that statutory bodies formally recognise this critical role and provide commensurate support. The absence of these services will have severe, detrimental impacts on residents and other public services.

Securing funding from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) was a pivotal achievement this year. This investment directly enabled the installation of new disabled toilets, complementing the previously fitted chairlift system to improve ground floor access.

While the age and structure of the building present limitations, this investment provides a tangible demonstration of our ongoing commitment to improving accessibility and inclusivity for all users of the Hall.

The core funding secured from the Building Communities Trust, as acknowledged by our Chair, represents a significant vote of confidence and provides essential longer-term financial support. This funding will alleviate some of the daily operational pressures, allowing us to focus on the larger-scale projects necessary to protect the building's structural integrity and bring the facilities up to modern-day standards.

The longer the recurrent flooding remains unaddressed, the more severe the resulting structural damage and remediation costs will become.

The Hall's ongoing success and resilience wouldn't be possible without a huge team effort. My sincere thanks go out to the Board of Directors for their vital support, dedication and commitment to the organisation and to all our funders and partnerships who help keep our doors open.

A special shout-out must go to our fantastic staff—Leigh, Pam, and Claire—and all the dedicated volunteers running key activities, including the Gwynfi ABC, the Senior Citizens Coffee Morning, and the Friends of the Library Book Club. You truly are the heart and soul of this place.

Lastly, thank you to our loyal and resolute community and users. You are the very reason we are here, and your support means absolutely everything.

Simon Matthews (Facility Manager)

Gwynfi Miners Community Hall

Achievements & Performance

The information contained within this section covers the period from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025.

During the reporting period, the Gwynfi Miners Community Hall experienced high engagement, hosting over 17,000 visits from users of all ages. These interactions were critical to accessing key services and participating in structured activities, collectively fostering a culture of community wellbeing that drives positive outcomes across social, mental, and physical health domains.

Health & Wellbeing

GMCH maintains a diverse portfolio of activities aimed at maximising community wellbeing, despite ongoing operational constraints:

- Sports Hall/Outdoor Activities: While the main Sports Hall remains unavailable, children's activities were temporarily relocated to Pen Afan Primary School's outdoor MUGGA. Activity levels were very limited due to the inclement weather and reduced winter daylight hours.

- Weights and Fitness Gymnasium: The Gymnasium remains one of our most vital and popular activities, catering to individuals aged 14 and over. This well-equipped facility is essential for accommodating users with specific health and fitness goals and supporting complex rehabilitation referred to through our health partnership scheme.

- Gwynfi Amateur Boxing Club (ABC): Acknowledging the club's significant role in community development, we offer the Gwynfi ABC free use of the Hall. This key partnership facilitates their mission to instill discipline and goal-setting in participants (aged 8 to senior level), providing a consistent home for this highly valued activity.

- GP Exercise Referral Scheme: Our successful partnership with local health providers (Gwynfi Health Practice and Afan Cluster) on the GP Exercise Referral Scheme continues to aid patients managing chronic conditions (including obesity, mental health, and cardiovascular diseases). Due to high demand and our commitment to accessibility, the scheme has been expanded to offer two weekly sessions.

- Gwynfi Miners Community Hall Walk and Talk Group: Originally created to address post-pandemic vulnerability and anxiety, this group has proven successful in sustaining social connection and promoting mental and physical health. Although adverse weather conditions occasionally affected planned scenic routes (e.g., Maesteg, Rhondda, Afan Valley), its positive community impact remains significant.

Leisure, Recreation and Other Activities

Beyond physical fitness, the Hall served as a central hub for wide-ranging community engagement, reflecting our commitment to well-being and recreation.

Weekly Coffee Morning and Community Groups: This vital, long-running coffee morning, entirely run by local residents, meets weekly at the Hall. It provides enjoyable social activities and excursions for residents in the Afan Valley. The attendees are an inspiration, consistently raising funds to support the Gwynfi Miners Community Hall and other good causes.

Other vital community-led groups utilising the Hall include the Friends of the Library Book Club, Cape Art, Gwynfi Crafters, and the Afan Valley Cinema for All community cinema club. These activities are fun, engaging, and specifically promote social inclusion, particularly among our older residents who are at risk of isolation.

The Gwynfi Miners Community Hall is sincerely grateful for the support received from these community groups and volunteers, whose efforts significantly enhance the Hall's activity program.

In addition to our core activities, we organise popular annual gatherings. Our Annual Remembrance Concert, held in the G2 Function Room, is always a spectacular, capacity-filled highlight supported by the Ogmore Valley Male Voice Choir, Barry Brass Band, and solo artist Josie Gibbons.

This event is a key fixture on people's social calendar. We were also privileged to host the Cantorion Coity Choir for a St.

David's Day Concert who performed to another full audience.

Youth and Younger People Engagement and Community Safety

The Gwynfi Miners Community Hall places particular emphasis on catering to the needs of our young people. This is demonstrated through successful partnerships with the Neath Port Talbot Youth Service and Children Rights Unit, ensuring the provision of regular meaningful activities for youth and younger children.

Our year included a wide range of activities such as activity clubs, warm space and cinema screenings. We delivered diverse, fun and educational workshops covering craft, music, science, first aid, hair and beauty, and cooking. Popular educational excursions included day trips to St Fagans National Museum of History and the Cymmer Swimming Pool.

All younger people's activities were provided free of charge so that cost does not become a barrier to accessing our activities.

We assert that the Hall's sustained commitment to youth activity is instrumental in maintaining the low level of anti-social behavior and crime in our village. This positive community outcome is further underscored by the fact that South Wales Police now deploy our dedicated Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) to other duties for most of their working week, signaling a strong return on investment in preventative community programs.

Training, Learning, and Essential Support Services

The Gwynfi Miners Community Hall functions as a local anchor for critical support, learning, and advice services, directly mitigating the impact of the cost-of-living crisis and ensuring accessibility for residents who face difficulties accessing services in the towns or cities.

Celtic Credit Union Collections Point

Addressing the financial service gap caused by high street bank closures and the ongoing transition to online services, the GMCH staff operate a Celtic Credit Union collection point. This facility provides residents with a secure local savings point and vital signposting to broader financial support.

Citizens Advice:

This partnership delivers invaluable, free, confidential, and impartial advice across a comprehensive range of issues, supporting community stability.

Skill Development

The GMCH invested in key community training programs, including certified courses in First Aid, Food Hygiene, Fire Awareness, and Manual Handling. This initiative successfully equipped residents with new skillsets, fostering personal development and significantly boosting confidence for volunteer engagement within local organisations and sports clubs.

Family Support and Early Years

Our facility serves as a key base, hosting the Welsh Government's Early Years Flying Start Scheme two to three times per week. This sustained partnership delivers crucial training and developmental support, empowering local families from the earliest stages of their children's lives.

Financial Review

We maintain stringent financial discipline, prudently managing funds and rigorously scrutinising all expenditure, including obtaining multiple quotes for services and utilities.

Despite securing favorable revenue grants—a recognition of the Gwynfi Miners' Community Hall's importance—current

economic conditions have led to higher operational costs.

Crucially, while our financial accounts show an overall surplus, the majority of funds received are restricted for specific projects. Given our commitment to providing free and subsidised services, the Hall continues to operate under a very tight budget for core, day-to-day operations.

We therefore remain highly reliant on external grant funding and donations to deliver our full range of support annually.

The financial period of 2024–2025 ended with a surplus of £16,737.00, compared with a surplus of £12,887.00 for the previous financial O(2023–2024).

Principal Funding Streams

Building Communities Trust (BCT): We were awarded a significant, unrestricted four-year funding package totaling £146,096. This vital investment will be strategically used to cover core support costs, maintenance, activities, and training, directly enabling the Hall's growth and operational sustainability.

Llynfi Afan Renewable Energy Park (LAREP): Provides critical, unrestricted, and index-linked annual funding, averaging approximately £25,000 per annum. We are constantly grateful for this loyal and highly valued support.

The Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council (NPTCBC) Third Sector Grant Scheme: Awarded a larger grant this year than in previous years. As a consistent supporter, this funding was crucial for underpinning operational costs, launching new activities, and establishing a dedicated Warm Space in direct response to the Cost of Living and Fuel Poverty Crisis.

UK Shared Prosperity Fund: Securing £25,000 from the Facilities Improvement Fund: Enabled the Gwynfi Miners Community Hall to improve access. The funds were used to install a chair lift and build new accessible disabled toilets. This essential work ensures that all residents can now access our services and activities on the ground floor, eliminating physical barriers to participation.

Other Income

Fundraising constitutes an integral component of our charity’s financial strategy. We express our profound gratitude for the unwavering generosity and resolute support received through donations from our valued residents and community groups.

While income is generated through core activities and facility hire, these revenue streams account for only 10–15% of our annual operational costs. Consequently, the organisation remains highly dependent on external grant funding.

This dependency is necessary, as we must continually balance service provision costs to ensure inclusive access and affordability for residents within this area of high deprivation.

Plans for The Year Ahead

- Continue fundraising to provide quality services, activities and a facility that reflects diversity and meets the needs of the Afan Valley Communities.
- Sustain and develop our activities that will connect and engage with people in our community to promote equality, health and well-being through tackling social exclusion, isolation and loneliness.

- Develop a business plan that includes projects to tie in with local developments and tourism that could potentially generate more revenue streams to improve the organisations financial viability.

- Retain our high profile and relevance to local needs through our social media, publicity, marketing and collaborative partnership working.

- To mitigate the impact of austerity and the cost-of-living crisis as best we can and try to keep costs to a minimum.

- Recruit and develop our team of directors and volunteer base so that they can help to shape and deliver the Gwynfi Miners Community Halls Strategy.

- Sought funding to waterproof and comprehensively refurbish the building and external grounds. This investment is crucial to ensuring the facilities meet modern standards to serve future generations.

Given the level of reserves and negotiations with other funding bodies, the Directors are confident that the charity can continue as a going concern for a period of at least 12 months.

Investment Policy

Most of the charity's funds are to be spent on immediate service provision so there are no funds available for longer-term investment.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have examined the charity's requirements for reserves in light of the main risks to the Organisation. We recognise the importance of holding a reserve fund equivalent to six to twelve months of running costs.

However, achieving this target remains a significant challenge, as our primary financial focus must necessarily be year-to-year operational survival.

Charity no. 1154423
Company no. 08275575

GWYNFI MINERS COMMUNITY HALL

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FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025

YOUNG AND PHILLIPS
CHARTERED CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS
77 BUTE STREET
TREORCHY
RCT

GWYNFI MINERS COMMUNITY HALL

For the year ended 31st March 2025

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GWYNFI MINERS COMMUNITY HALL
INDEPENDENT EXAMIER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025

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

Report to the trustees Gwynfi Miners Community Hall of the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2025, which are set out on pages 3 to 12.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited for this year under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act"). In carrying out my examination, I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 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; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102). IER 2 October 2018 I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Darren Norton FCCA
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30th October 2025

GWYNFI MINERS COMMUNITY HALL
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

	Notes	£ Unrestricted Funds	£ Restricted Funds	£ Total Funds	£ Prior Year Funds
Incoming Resources					
Grants and Donations	3	26,458	122,945	149,403	80,640
Income from Charitable activities:					
Operation of community hall		12,714	-	12,714	10,745
Insurance claim		-	15,591	15,591	-
Total Incoming Resources		**39,172**	**138,536**	**177,708**	**91,385**
Resources Expended					
Charitable Activates	4	28,781	132,190	160,971	104,272
Total Resources expended		**28,781**	**132,190**	**160,971**	**104,272**
Net Income/(Expenditure) and net movement in funds for the year		10,391	6,346	16,737	(12,887)
Reconciliation of Funds					
Total funds brought forward		59,885	14,439	74,324	87,211
Total funds carried forward		**70,276**	**20,785**	**91,061**	**74,324**

GWYNFI MINERS COMMUNITY HALL
BALANCE SHEET
AT THE 31ST MARCH 2025

	Notes	£ Unrestricted Funds	£ Restricted Funds	£ Total Funds	£ Prior Year Funds
Fixed Assets	8	-	4,570	4,570	12,529
Current Assets					
Debtors	9	574	1,225	1,799	15,613
Cash at bank and in hand	10	71,262	21,341	92,603	61,841
Total current assets		71,836	22,566	94,402	77,454
Liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	1,560	6,351	7,911	15,659
Net current assets		70,276	16,215	86,491	61,795
Total assets less current liabilities		70,276	20,785	91,061	74,324
Net Assets		70,276	20,785	91,061	74,324
Funds of the Charity					
Unrestricted funds	13	70,276	-	70,276	59,885
Restricted income funds	12	-	20,785	20,785	14,439
Total funds		70,276	20,785	91,061	74,324

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.

Approved by the board and signed on its behalf by

Chair- Dr Brian Gibbons Date 7/11/2025

Company secretary- John Griffiths Date 5-11-25

GWYNFI MINERS COMMUNITY HALL
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

1 Basis of preparation

1.1 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 note(s) to these 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 Charities Act 2011

1.2 Going Concern

These accounts have been prepared on the basis that the charity is a going concern.

2 Accounting Policies

2.1 Income

Recognition of income

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability

Offsetting

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS 102 SORP or FRS 102.

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS102 SORP).

In the case of performance related grants, income must only be recognised to the extent that the charity has provided the specified goods or services as entitlement to the grant only occurs when the performance related conditions are met (5.16 FRS 102 SORP).

Deferred income

Deferred income has been included in the account in line with the deprecation of assets.

GWYNFI MINERS COMMUNITY HALL
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts.

2.2 Expenditure and liabilities

Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Governance and Support costs

Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Creditors

The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts

2.3 Assets

Stock and work in progress

Goods or services provided as part of a charitable activity are measured at net realisable value based on the service potential provided by items of stock.

Debtors

Debtors (including trade debtors and loans receivable) are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amount advanced by the charity. Subsequently, they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.

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3 Analysis of Income

	£ Unrestricted Funds	£ Restricted Funds	£ Total Funds	£ Prior Year Funds
Donations				
Donations	859	-	859	1,755
Bereavement Bequest	-	-	-	1,185
Grants				
NPTCBC- Rent	-	9,100	9,100	9,100
NPTCBC Third sector Grant	-	20,000	20,000	5,250
Quatro public relations	25,599	-	25,599	23,620
National Grid Community Matters Fund	-	-	-	10,000
NPTCBC Warm spaces Grant	-	-	-	1,242
NPT AWPOG Capital Grant	-	2,636	2,636	3,271
Afan cluster grant	-	6,745	6,745	5,770
NPTCVS UKSP Third Sector Growth Fund	-	-	-	15,723
UKSP Communities Facilities Improvement Fund	-	25,000	25,000	-
Invest Local Trust CADP Funding	-	54,786	54,786	-
Ffilm Cymru Audience Access Fund	-	4,678	4,678	3,724
	26,458	**122,945**	**149,403**	**80,640**
Income from charitable activities				
Fundraising events	870	-	870	1,352
Community Cinema	448	-	448	454
Room Hire	4,061	-	4,061	2,491
Gym	7,335	-	7,335	6,448
	12,714	**-**	**12,714**	**10,745**
Insurance claim	-	15,591	15,591	-
	39,172	**138,536**	**177,708**	**91,385**

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4 Analysis of Expenditure

	£ Unrestricted Funds	£ Restricted Funds	£ Total Funds	£ Prior Year Funds
Charitable activities				
Core activities	22,788	44,909	67,697	52,371
Children's Funds	811	522	1,333	1,622
Cinema & funding events	430	4,368	4,798	3,759
Governance costs (note 6)	1,305	7,206	8,511	9,170
Support costs (note 5)	3,447	75,185	78,632	37,350
	28,781	**132,190**	**160,971**	**104,272**

5 Support costs

All support costs have been allocated on the following basis.

	£ Unrestricted Funds	£ Restricted Funds	£ Total Funds
Rent	-	9,408	9,408
Repairs & maintenance	1,881	51,106	52,987
Light, heat and water rates	-	8,275	8,275
Insurance	-	3,712	3,712
Telephone	-	690	690
Cleaning	-	753	753
Printing & stationery	-	833	833
Accountancy	1,008	-	1,008
Other office costs	-	408	408
Professional fees	558	-	558
	3,447	**75,185**	**78,632**

6 Governance costs

	£ Unrestricted Funds	£ Restricted Funds	£ Total Funds
Independent examination	552	-	552
Deprecation	753	7,206	7,959
	1,305	7,206	8,511

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7 Paid employees

Employee costs were £63,765 (2024-£50,191), including social security costs of £148.82 (2024- nil) The pension costs were £20.13 (2024-nil).

During the year various grants were received to cover wages totalling £42,659. (2024-£17,583).

No employee received more than £60,000 during the year (2024- nil)

8 Tangible Fixed Assets

	2025	2024
	£	£
Fixture & equipment		
Cost		
Brought forward 1st April 2024	36,597	22,887
Additions	-	13,710
At 31st March 2025	36,597	36,597
Deprecation		
Brought forward 1st April 2024	24,068	15,450
Charge for the year	7,959	8,618
At 31st March 2025	32,027	24,068
Net book value	4,570	12,529

During 2023 and 2024 gym equipment was bought using partly restricted funds.

The balance of restricted assets at the at the yearend is £4,570. (2024-£11,776)

9 Debtors

	2025	2024
Trade debtors	1,712	15,440
Prepayments	87	173
	1,799	**15,613**

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10 Cash at Bank and in hand

	2025	2024
Bank Account	88,319	57,517
Deposit Account	1,174	1,174
Cash at bank and in hand	3,110	3,150
	92,603	**61,841**

11 Creditors: Amounts falling within one year

	2025	2024
Deferred Income	4,570	11,776
Accruals	3,341	3,883
	7,911	**15,659**

Deferred Income

During the 2024 the charity received a Afan valley cluster grant, of which £14,860 was used to buy gym equipment.

Gym equipment was bought mainly using restricted funds from an Afan cluster grant during 2023. The amount of restricted funds used was £7,908

The items have been capitalised in fixed assets and depreciated over its useful economic life. Standard accounting practice is to include this grant as deferred income on the balance sheet and to write back the grant to the statement of financial activities account in line with the depreciation on the relevant assets.

The grant income recognised in these accounts this year is £7,206 (2024-£7,841).

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12 Restricted Income Funds

	£ Balance at 1st April 2024	£ Incoming resources	£ Outgoing resources	£ Balance at 31st March 2025
Grants				
Llynfi Afan REP Community	207	-	-	207
Afan Valley cluster Grant	525	6,745	6,820	450
NPT AWPOG Capital Grant	-	2,636	2,636	-
NPTCBC rent	-	9,100	9,100	-
Nptcbc Warm spaces grant	22	-	22	-
NPTCVC SPF UKSP Third Sector Growth Fund	12,128	-	12,128	-
UKSP Communities Facilities Improvement Fund	-	25,000	25,000	-
Ffilm Cymru Audience Access Fund	1,842	4,678	4,368	2,152
Invest Local Trust CADP Funding	-	54,786	36,524	18,262
NPTCBC Third sector Grant	-	20,000	20,000	-
	14,724	122,945	116,598	**21,071**

13 Analysis of Unrestricted Funds

	£ Balance at 1st April 2024	£ Incoming resources	£ Outgoing resources	£ Balance at 31st March 2025
General Funds				
Unrestricted income fund	59,885	39,172	10,391	70,276

14 Related party transactions

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

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15 Company limited by guarantee

Gwynfi Miners Community Hall is a company limited by guarantee. Every member of the company undertakes to contribute such an amount as may be required not exceeding £1 to the assets in the event of its being wound up while he or she is a member, or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member.

GWYNFI MINERS COMMUNITY HALL

England & Wales - Charity number 1154423

Accounts

Gwynfi Miners Community Hall

(A company limited by guarantee)

Report and Financial Statements for the

12 months ended 31st March 2024

Charity number 1154423

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Annual Report and Financial Statements
For the 12 months ended 31st March 2024

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Report of the Trustees for the 12 months ended 31st March 2024

The trustees are pleased to present their annual directors' report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ending 31 March 2024 which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity name:	Gwynfi Miners Community Hall
Charity registration number:	1154423
Company registration number:	08275575
Registered Office an Operational address:	98 Jersey Road Blaengwynfi Port Talbot SA13 3TE

Trustees

Dr Brian Gibbons FRCGP, MB BCh BAO	Chair
Mr John Griffiths	Company Secretary
Mrs Christine Isobelle Suzanne Keirle	
Mrs Mairlyn Young	
James Arthur Jordan	
Ciaran Gibbons *	

*Trustees who are not directors under company law.

Independent Examiner	**Darren Norton FCCA** Young and Phillips Chartered Certified Accountants
Bankers	Co-operative Bank
Accountant	Joanna Surman FCCA Young and Phillips

Objectives

Our charity's objectives as set out in the objects contained in the company's memorandum and articles of association are:

To promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of the electoral ward of Gwynfi and the surrounding area, the provision of facilities for well-being, self-improvement, recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances or for the public at large in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the condition of life of the said inhabitants.

To help young people, especially but not exclusively through leisure time activities, to develop their capabilities so that they may grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society.

Ensuring Our Work Delivers Against Our Objectives

Our objectives are borne in mind when considering new activities, services or facilities provided by the charity. During our first year of operation a review of activities was undertaken to determine core activities offered to the community so as to achieve our objectives. Since then, every year we have continued to build on our prior achievements, trying new activities as well as reviewing those already in place and introducing new services.

The Gwynfi Miners Community Hall has had to change from being a traditional village hall to becoming a community hub that hosts multiple agencies and services. This was crucial if we were to continue meeting the communities emerging needs and Organisations main objectives.

The facility manager regularly reports to the trustees on the activities undertaken with reference to what was done, activity attendance levels and usage rates for the hall facilities. The facility manager also reports on future activity plans and discussions around who would benefit from the provision of any suggested activity or facility provision. Any activities or facilities that are reviewed and found to be no longer suitable or supported by the community are discontinued so that resources can be redirected to new activity which better achieves our objectives.

We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our objectives and in planning and implementing our future activities.

Structure, Governance & Management

Governing Document

Gwynfi Miners Community Hall is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales on 31 October 2012 and registered as a charity on 31 October 2013.

The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

Recruitment and Appointment of Directors

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law. Directors are appointed at the annual general meeting or co-opted for a particular skill sets during the year.

Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association the directors are appointed to serve until such time as they are required to retire at a subsequent annual general meeting. At each annual general meeting one third of the directors or, if their number is not three or a multiple of three, the nearest to one third, must retire from office. The directors to retire by rotation shall be those who have longest served in office since their last appointment.

All directors give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or benefits from the charity.

Management

The Directors oversee the business of the Charity, and the premises are managed operationally by the full time facility manager and supervised by two paid members of staff, providing cover between them during opening hours.

Risk Assessment

The Facility Manager has carried out an appropriate health and safety risk assessment and has established systems to reduce identified risks. Assessments are kept up to date with regular reviews completed by the facility manager which are presented to the board of directors during the monthly committee meetings.

The most significant risk remains our funding uncertainty, further exacerbated with the challenges of the Cost-of-Living-Crisis and Fuel Poverty.

Every effort is focused on finding ways to work with our partners to mitigate those risks. The Gwynfi Miners Community Hall is committed to providing free or subsidized services locally so that our services are inclusive to everyone who requires them.

The Gwynfi Miners Community Hall provides a Warm Space where residents can gather in a safe, warm, structured, welcoming environment and have access to free resources such as Wi-Fi, charging points, refreshments and social activities. The Warm Space, fosters a sense of community, reduces the risk of people especially our most vulnerable residents from becoming isolated or affected by the rising costs.

The water ingress to our lower floors continues to have a significant impact on the community hall, affecting both the building itself and the disruption to scheduled activities and events. Investigation and surveying procedures have been undertaken or ongoing, and we are making good headway.

We anticipate that within the next twelve months we will have all the structural reports, site surveys and costings available to apply for external funding. Funding that will be required to complete the remedial works and refurbishments which is a requirement for the space to be reopened and for services to resume.

This essential works will bring forth a multitude of new activities and opportunities, safeguard the structural integrity and improve the organisations financial viability.

Chair's Report

For another year the number of users of Gwynfi Miners Community Hall has increased – during the year user numbers reached 17,500. And we were very pleased to note that 40% of these users were young people. But this is not just about numbers, it is also about the range and diversity of activities now on offer.

This is great tribute to our staff – Simon (Manager), Leigh and Pam. And we must not forget the many volunteers who give so many hours to making GMCH the success that it is. In May Simon was a guest at the Buckingham Palace Tea Party, a real recognition of his contribution to village life. Congratulations to all on wonderful achievements.

During the year we celebrated the 10th Anniversary of GMCH which was graced by the High Sheriff, Alan Brayley as well as a wide range of local dignitaries including CEO NPT CBC Karen Jones, Stephen Kinnock MP and Gaynor Richards CEO NPT CVS. Bryon Gage (Cymer & District Historical Society) gave a fascinating talk on the start of the Workmens' Hall in Gwynfi which initially opened in 1901 and Ciaran Gibbons presented a film.

Our now, Annual Remembrance Concert was a sell-out success. We are delighted to host Ogmore Male Voice Choir once again and pleased to welcome Barry Brass Band as well as have a lovely solo performance by Josie Gibbons.

Throughout this period the problem with the downstairs flooding remains. We have had a series of multi-agency meetings to try to sort out the problem out as well as working collaboratively to begin to develop ideas on how we can move forward. We are now beginning to get a feel for the scale of the challenge that we face. We thank all our partners in this work.

For much of the latter part of the year we have been actively engaged with the Building Communities Trust to develop a funding relationship which could result in securing £150,000 over four years to build community anchor organisations. This application process had been demanding but it has also required us to reflect on who we are working with to meet community needs.

Also with the anniversary event, the grant application process has allowed GMCH to move from stage of "struggling from year to year to survive" to seeking to become a more forward, looking community asset and resource.

This has been helped by our relatively better funding position for most of the year. This modest level of certainty has allowed us to look beyond meeting immediate needs and survival. We are grateful to all our funders. The core support we get from Llynfi-Afan Renewable Energy Park Community Fund is crucial and very appreciated. We have been able to work with NPT CVS to benefit from the Shared Prosperity Fund and we are grateful the Afan Cluster of Swansea Health Board for its support. We are also coming to the end of the very welcome grant support we have had from the Garfield Weston Foundation which had tided us through difficult years.

We would also like to thank our local supporters. The Duck Race with Gwynfi United FC provided valuable funds for both organisations. We would like to thank our community for a number of funeral donations we have received during the year. Hopefully the achievements of GMCH will be a fitting memorial to their generosity.

Our relationship with NPT CBC is much better and we are pleased with the positive engagement we have had with its CEO Karen Jones. We were very sad to hear of her resignation plans. We wish her well in her retirement and we hope to build a similar relationship with her successor Frances O'Brien.

So we look forward to 2024-25 and the challenges it offers. One of those is renewing our board of directors which is becoming increasingly depleted due to bereavements, resignations and people moving away. Directors are hidden heroes who rarely feature in the limelight, but their role is vital. Hopefully during the year we will be able to see new volunteers offering their services.

Manager Report

I am delighted to be writing this report for what has been another successful year for the Gwynfi Miners Community Hall where we recorded our highest number of annual users since we took over the facility back in 2013. More than 17500 visitors attended the Gwynfi Miners Community Hall to access key services and participate in a diverse timetable of activities.

This is a great achievement especially when we continue to live in immensely challenging and uncertain times. Our Chair Dr Gibbons mentioned in his report that during this reporting period we had the privilege to mark our 10th Anniversary with a celebration event.

Such anniversaries serve as a moment for reflection on achievements, challenges overcome, and the positive influence the Gwynfi Miners Community Hall is having on the community.

More people are turning to the Gwynfi Miners Community Hall for practical help and resources where we have become the frontline for delivering community based services and activities. Many services that did not previously exist and essential in terms of helping to improve wellbeing and enhancing peoples, overall quality of life.

As we continued to see the demand for our services increase, we continued to explore ways of supporting our community by expanding partnerships and the range of services we can offer. In addition to our normal timetable of children activities, working with the Children Rights Unit and Child Welfare Officer has brought additional opportunities for children and youth to engage in additional activities, workshops and visit new places and experiences.

New partnerships have also created opportunities for adults and our more senior residents to participate in activities and social events that have been paramount in keeping residents socially included and engaged in community life.

To give you a flavor of what goes on at the Gwynfi Miners Community Hall, children have had the opportunity to attend after-school sports clubs, youth clubs, boxing training, discos, arts and crafts, cinema nights, science and music workshops. They have visited the Upper Afan Valley Pool for a pool party, South Wales Miners Museum and the outdoor spaces around Gwynfi.

Adults have had the opportunity to be physically active and improve their physical and mental wellbeing by visiting the well-equipped weights and cardio-vascular gymnasium, Gwynfi Amateur Boxing Club, Dance Aerobics and by joining us on one of the Walk and Talks.

The specialist GP Exercise Referral Scheme continues to be an important and well-attended scheme for residents who have specific health conditions or are in rehabilitation from illness or surgery. All of which the scheme can help with.

We are proud to work in collaboration with the Afan Cluster and Health Board who provide vital funding and support so that the Gp Exercise Referral Scheme can run for the foreseeable future and continue to improve people`s physical and mental well-being.

Residents have had the opportunity to access key services and activities such as Credit Union, Citizens Advice, Friends of the Library Book Club, Cinema, Community Library, Senior Citizens Weekly Coffee morning, Gwynfi Crafters Club, flower arranging, wood crafts, jewellery making, basic cooking, themed quizzes etc,

IT, British Sign Language and First Aid training was also provided as part of the GMCHs commitment to

upskilling staff, volunteers and community members.

With the growing demands for our services, as ever, we need more help. The more people who can spare a small amount of time, the more we can achieve and the lighter the load is on each member of the committee and staff.

This coming year we must see a significant drive to bring more members to the team so that we can continue to manage the hall and surroundings to a high standard and provide a hugely valuable facility to the community. We will always welcome new committee members and volunteers who can help achieve our exciting aims and bring new ideas and thoughts about how to run the hall.

As ever, my thanks go to the small group of volunteers that form our Committee, staff members Leigh Owen and Pamela Walsh. I am sincerely grateful for their passion and for their unwavering support and dedication throughout the year.

Feedback from our users and the wider community is overwhelmingly positive and that is because of the hard work and time that they generously give.

There are too many to list individually, but I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to all our partners, funders and donors for their generous support and collaboration throughout this year.

Your contributions have been instrumental in enabling us to achieve our goals and make a meaningful impact on the communities we serve.

We have a number of community led groups who are regular hirers, many who are long standing users and we are immensely grateful to them for continuing to use our facilities and providing additional activities for the community.

Equally I would like to thank all those who visited the hall during the year, whether regular users or attending one off events, you are reason why the GMCH exists and what motivates us.

As we reflect on our journey, we are reminded of the collective strength that partnerships and goodwill bring. Together, we have achieved remarkable progress, and I am confident that our continued collaboration will yield even greater results in the years to come.

Thank you so much

Simon Matthews

Facility Manager

Gwynfi Miners Community Hall

Achievements & Performance

The information in this section refers to the period 1st April 2023 to the 31st March 2024.

During this period more than seventeen thousand users of all ages attended the GMCH, to access key services and participate in activities that have helped to develop a culture of wellbeing, across social, mental and physical health.

Health & Wellbeing

While our sports hall remains out of use the GMCH has been granted access to the Pen Afan Primary School's outdoor MUGGA to deliver children`s sporting activities. These activities have been limited due to the unpredictable weather and dark winter months.

We are aware that children`s habits are changing, especially after the pandemic where they have become less active. This is having an adverse effect on both their physical and mental wellbeing. It is paramount that the GMCH explore all options so that children understand the importance of leading a healthy lifestyle and there are opportunities to participate in physical activity. However, the GMCH cannot achieve this alone and will require a collective approach.

The weights and fitness gymnasium remains a popular activity at the GMCH and is suitable for people aged fourteen years and over. We are very grateful to have received further funding from the Swansea Bay University Health Board and the Afan Cluster to purchase specialist resistance and cardio-vascular equipment. This has helped to attract new gym members, increase footfall and accommodate patients with complex injuries and illnesses.

Boxing is a sport that fosters discipline and engages individuals with goals they once considered difficult to achieve, both in and out of the ring. Gwynfi Miners Community Hall acknowledges the importance of the Gwynfi ABC and provides the club with a free residency so that the club can continue to thrive and inspire.

On average fifteen children attended the twice weekly junior sessions and ten members attended the twice weekly senior classes.

The GP Exercise Referral Scheme is a great way for people with short or long-term conditions to improve their health and increase levels of physical activity. Patients suffering with common medical conditions such as obesity, mental health, cardiovascular diseases, hypertension and diabetes have all benefited from the scheme.

The GP Exercise Referral Scheme has increased to two weekly sessions to meet the demands and to ensure the scheme is accessible to everyone who needs it.

The Walk and Talk Group was established so that people who were still feeling vulnerable or anxious after the pandemic would have the opportunity to take part in an outdoor physical activity. The walks create a platform for discussion and an opportunity for residents to exercise, make friendships and see new places. The adverse weather conditions affected the frequency of walks however an average of six to ten people attended the walks that went ahead.

Dance Aerobics has always been a well-supported exercise class, and this year was no exception. On average, fourteen adults from Gwynfi and the neighboring villages attended the weekly sessions to dance, have fun, keep fit and connect with the community.

Leisure, Recreation and Other Activities

The GMCH is extremely proud of the way that the community groups and volunteers continue to deliver a varied yet relevant program of meaningful activities. Activities that are a keystone for the community to be socially active and connected.

Besides the core activities, children and adults have had the opportunity to participate in creative and cultural activities such has African drumming, willow weaving, flower arranging, broche making, coding, design a bag for life, kids sports and activity clubs.

The Gwynfi Miners Community Halls cinema gave people of all ages the opportunity to experience a night out at the movies with friends and family without the concerns over cost and travel.

We are pleased that the Pen Afan Primary School accepted the invitation to visit the GMCH before they broke up for the Easter, Summer and Christmas holidays to watch a movie of their choice. A total of one hundred pupils attended each of the seasonal screenings.

Lost Peatlands have proved an invaluable partner and have continued to support the GMCH and wider communities. They provide nature and craft activities for all ages that have taken place in the GMCH and in the green spaces around the Upper Afan Valley. Bush crafts, wood carving, bug hunts and nature walks were some of the activities that children and adults had the opportunity to try. These activities are well attended, educational, fun and can offer a wide range of physical, mental, and emotional benefits.

The Remembrance Concert remains a highlight on people`s social calendar, a somber but enjoyable evening that helps to raise funds that support the running of the GMCH. One hundred residents were in attendance to remember and pay their respects to those who lost their lives whilst serving for their Country during World War 1 and World War 11.

We appreciate the support we received from the G2 Restaurant and Bar, Ogmore Valley Male Voice Choir, Barry Brass Band, Solo Artist Josie Gibbons and Ciaran Gibbons who make the evening a great success.

Our festive fete plays a crucial role in fostering a sense of community, promoting social interaction, celebrating diversity and contributing to the overall well-being and vitality of the community. Local crafters were given the opportunity to showcase their skills and sell their products. Many of the crafters would donate their earnings to the Gwynfi Miners Community Hall and other good causes which we are sincerely thankful for.

Young People

Gwynfi Miners Community Hall makes a particular effort to cater for the needs of our young people. We work with the local council to provide a weekly youth club and we also seek to welcome our young people at other times.

We secured grant funding to employ an Activity Coordinator and supervisor to develop and deliver a new timetable of children and youth activities. Children and youth had the opportunity to attend a diverse schedule of activities, training and trips away.

When the above sessions were not running during the winter months the GMCH provided a warm, safe and welcoming space for the children and youth to visit where they could play pool, listen to music, play musical instruments and sing. They could access free resources such as Wifi, refreshments, charging points to recharge their scooters and smart devices. This helped families, especially those who were struggling with the cost-of-living crisis and fuel poverty.

Gwynfi Miners Community Hall provides a safe environment for our children to engage in enjoyable and useful activity. We believe that it is no coincidence that our levels of anti-social activity and crime is at such a low level that South Wales Police has deployed our village Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) to other duties for most of their working week.

Training, Learning and Family Support

The GMCH has had to change from being a traditional village hall to becoming a community hub that hosts multiple agencies and services. This was paramount if we were to continue meeting the communities emerging needs and to remain the frontline for providing community-based services and activities.

The GMCH staff run a Celtic Credit Union Collections point where people can save and be signposted to other financial support and products. This is an important service, especially when more high street banks are closing, and services are being transferred online.

During this reporting period we were pleased that Citizens Advice agreed to provide a staff member to run a weekly drop in session at the GMCH. The Citizens Advice can provide free, confidential, and impartial advice on a wide range of issues and is an invaluable service.

The Gwynfi Miners Community Hall invested in community training so that residents could acquire new skillsets for their own personal development and gain the confidence to volunteer for local organisations and sports clubs.

Shared training, sharing resources and collaborative work have significantly strengthened bonds and have contributed to the overall health, resilience and vibrancy of the community.

Training was provided in First Aid, IT and British Sign Language

The Welsh Governments flagship, Early Years Flying Start Scheme resides at the Gwynfi Miners Community Hall. Besides their weekly booking, Flying Start book the rooms on additional days to provide training and further support to families so that they can learn, develop and thrive.

All these services have been critical in supporting families affected by the cost-of-living crisis and for those who cannot access services in the towns and cities and depend on services and activities that are provided locally.

Financial Review

The accounting period in this report covers the 12 months to 31st March 2024.

We exercise a very tight financial discipline and prudently manage our funds, keeping a close eye on the fluctuating energy market and comparing energy suppliers. In previous years we were fortunate to negotiate fair energy contracts at the right time, however the energy prices were more expensive than previously negotiated due to the current economic climate.

The GMCH were fortunate to secure another grant from the National Grid Community Fund to fund a large proportion of the winter fuel bills that helped to mitigate the problem of the rising energy costs. However, this is something that the GMCH must be mindful of for the upcoming winter months as further funding is not guaranteed.

All of our expenditure is scrutinized and like our utility costs we obtain multiple quotes for services and purchases to ensure we get the resources for the best price. We have a reliable contract list who are experienced in various industries to carry out maintenance work at the GMCH. This has been invaluable as we now have contracts with reputable businesses that are trusted to provide a fair and first-class service.

In terms of grants and donations this financial year has been quite prosperous, however our annual accounts can be misleading to casual readers. Our financial position comes across healthier, however in reality this is far from the truth. Predominantly, the grants we received are restricted and allocated for specific projects therefore from year to year we continue to operate under a shoestring budget.

The period 2023-2024 ended with a deficit of £12887 compared with a surplus of £5,833 for the previous financial year 2022-2023.

Principal Funding Sources

The Gwynfi Miners Community Hall has now been operating for eleven full years where we continue to provide a valued community amenity. We are always pleased to hear about the positive differences our services are making in people`s lives and the local economy.

Llynfi Afan Renewable Energy Park - have provided unrestricted index linked funding for the past ten years and are committed to providing this for the next ten years. LAREP is the only funding organisation who provide long-term unrestricted financial support to the Gwynfi Miners Community Hall.

We are constantly grateful to LAREP for this loyal and much valued support.

Although most funders will not follow suit and provide long-term funding there were increased opportunities to apply for core funding from the UKSP Levelling Up Funds so that the Third Sector could continue its vital work and help the sector to grow.

The UK Shared Prosperity Third Sector Growth Fund and the NPTCBC Third Sector Grant Scheme have all been consistent supporters over recent years and this year has been no exception. They have provided further funding to support operational costs, new activities and funds to provide a Warm Space in response to the Cost of Living and Fuel Poverty Crisis.

Other income was generated from our core activities and room hire charges which contributes to approximately 10-15% of the GMCHs annual expenditure. Due to the demographics of Gwynfi, much of what we provide is either free of charge or subsidized so there is little scope to generate adequate funds from these services alone to cover the GMCH annual support costs therefore we remain reliant on grant funding.

Our public services have traditionally been a key instrument in addressing social disadvantages and inequalities particularly in areas where there is a market failure in delivering facilities and opportunities. Consequently, these services have only operated with a subsidy. However, the recent decade of austerity has seen this policy being eroded in both statutory and non-statutory provision.

It is still totally unrealistic to expect facilities that operated with financial support in “the good times” should become financially self-sustaining particularly when the communities that they serve have been hardest hit by the policies of austerity, cost of living and fuel poverty. While funders like to see “innovative” and imaginative projects it is vital that they should not be at the cost of established well-valued, core community facilities.

The organization receives donations from community members and former residents that demonstrate a continued connection to the village and a sense of caring for the community, even after moving away. Donating to the Gwynfi Miners Community Hall can be a way for people who have moved away from Gwynfi to express their gratitude for the positive experiences and memories they had while living in the village and visiting the Gwynfi Miners Community Hall. These funds are reinvested back into the community by providing additional activities for all ages.

Plans for The Future

- Continue fundraising to provide quality services, activities and a facility that reflects diversity and meets the needs of the Afan Valley Communities.
- Sustain and develop our activities that will connect and engage with people in our community to promote equality, health and well-being through tackling social exclusion, isolation and loneliness.
- Develop a business plan that includes projects to tie in with local developments and tourism that could potentially generate more revenue streams to improve the organisations financial viability.
- Retain our high profile and relevance to local needs through our social media, publicity, marketing and collaborative partnership working.
- To mitigate the impact of austerity and the cost-of-living crisis as best we can and try to keep costs to a minimum.
- Recruit and develop our team of directors and volunteer base so that they can help to shape and deliver the Gwynfi Miners Community Halls Strategy.
- Build a resilience to mitigate the long-term impacts caused by the prevailing climate.
- Gather all relevant information/permissions and documentation to prepare a funding proposal to repair and restore the basement facilities so that the facility can be enjoyed for future generations.

Given the level of reserves and negotiations with other funding bodies, the Directors are confident that the charity can continue as a going concern for a period of at least 12 months.

Investment Policy

Most of the charity's funds are to be spent in immediate service provision so there are no funds available for longer term investment.

Reserves Policy

The trustees have examined the charity's requirements for reserves in light of the main risks to the organisation. We realise the importance of having a reserve fund worth six to twelve months running costs. However, this will remain a massive challenge as year-to-year survival must be our top priority.

Charity no. 1154423
Company no. 08275575

GWYNFI MINERS COMMUNITY HALL
(A company limited by guarantee)

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

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RCT

GWYNFI MINERS COMMUNITY HALL

For the year ended 31st March 2024

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GWYNFI MINERS COMMUNITY HALL
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
AS AT THE 31ST MARCH 2024

Charity Name	Gwynfi Miners Community Hall
Registered Charity Number	1154423
Registered Company Number	08275575
Registered Office	Gwynfi Miners Community Hall 98 Jeresy Road Blaengwynfi Port Talbot SA13 3TE
Trustees	Dr Brian Gibbons (chair) Christine Keirle Marilyn Young John Griffiths Ciaran Gibbons James Arthur Jordan
Independent Examiner	Young and Phillips Ltd 77 Bute Street Treorchy RCT CF42 6AH

GWYNFI MINERS COMMUNITY HALL
INDEPENDENT EXAMIER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2024

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

Report to the trustees Gwynfi Miners Community Hall of the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2024, which are set out on pages 4 to 12.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited for this year under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act"). In carrying out my examination, I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 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; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102). IER 2 October 2018 I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Darren Norton FCCA
77 Bute Street
Treorchy
RCT
CF42 6AH

12th September 2024

GWYNFI MINERS COMMUNITY HALL
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

	Notes	£ Unrestricted Funds	£ Restricted Funds	£ Total Funds	£ Prior Year Funds
Incoming Resources					
Grants and Donations	3	26,560	54,080	80,640	89,153
Income from Charitable activities:					
Operation of community hall		10,745	-	10,745	11,511
Insurance claim		-	-	-	240
Total Incoming Resources		**37,305**	**54,080**	**91,385**	**100,904**
Resources Expended					
Charitable Activates	4	42,077	62,195	104,272	95,071
Total Resources expended		**42,077**	**62,195**	**104,272**	**95,071**
Net Income/(Expenditure) and net movement in funds for the year		(4,772)	(8,115)	(12,887)	5,833
Reconciliation of Funds					
Total funds brought forward		64,657	22,554	87,211	81,378
Total funds carried forward		**59,885**	**14,439**	**74,324**	**87,211**

GWYNFI MINERS COMMUNITY HALL
BALANCE SHEET
AT THE 31ST MARCH 2024

	Notes	£ Unrestricted Funds	£ Restricted Funds	£ Total Funds	£ Prior Year Funds
Fixed Assets	8	753	11,776	12,529	7,437
Current Assets					
Debtors	9	645	14,968	15,613	9,598
Cash at bank and in hand	10	60,194	1,647	61,841	79,817
Total current assets		60,839	16,615	77,454	89,415
Liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	1,707	13,952	15,659	9,641
Net current assets		59,132	2,663	61,795	79,774
Total assets less current liabilities		59,885	14,439	74,324	87,211
Net Assets		**59,885**	**14,439**	**74,324**	**87,211**
Funds of the Charity					
Unrestricted funds	13	59,885	-	59,885	64,657
Restricted income funds	12	-	14,439	14,439	22,554
Total funds		**59,885**	**14,439**	**74,324**	**87,211**

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.

Approved by the board and signed on its behalf by

Chair- Dr Brian Gibbons — Date 05 · 11 · 2024

Company secretary - John Griffiths — Date 05-11-24

GWYNFI MINERS COMMUNITY HALL
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

1 Basis of preparation

1.1 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 note(s) to these 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 Charities Act 2011

1.2 Going Concern

These accounts have been prepared on the basis that the charity is a going concern.

2 Accounting Policies

2.1 Income

Recognition of income

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability

Offsetting

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS 102 SORP or FRS 102.

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS102 SORP).

In the case of performance related grants, income must only be recognised to the extent that the charity has provided the specified goods or services as entitlement to the grant only occurs when the performance related conditions are met (5.16 FRS 102 SORP).

Deferred income

Deferred income has been included in the account in line with the deprecation of assets.

GWYNFI MINERS COMMUNITY HALL
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Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts.

2.2 Expenditure and liabilities

Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Governance and Support costs

Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Creditors

The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts

2.3 Assets

Stock and work in progress

Goods or services provided as part of a charitable activity are measured at net realisable value based on the service potential provided by items of stock.

Debtors

Debtors (including trade debtors and loans receivable) are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amount advanced by the charity.
Subsequently, they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.

GWYNFI MINERS COMMUNITY HALL
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3 Analysis of Income

	£ Unrestricted Funds	£ Restricted Funds	£ Total Funds	£ Prior Year Funds
Donations				
Donations	1,755	-	1,755	1,818
Bereavement Bequest	1,185	-	1,185	585
Grants				
NPTCBC- Rent	-	9,100	9,100	9,100
NPTCBC Third sector Grant	-	5,250	5,250	5,000
People's Health Trust	-	-	-	1,497
Garfield Weston Foundation Grant	-	-	-	15,000
Quatro public relations	23,620	-	23,620	21,216
UK Community Renewable Fund	-	-	-	22,288
National Grid Community Matters Fund	-	10,000	10,000	7,162
Heritage Lottery Grant	-	-	-	410
NPTCBC Warm spaces Grant	-	1,242	1,242	1,157
NPT AWPOG Capital Grant	-	3,271	3,271	634
Afan cluster grant	-	5,770	5,770	3,286
NPTCVS UKSP Third Sector Growth Fund	-	15,723	15,723	-
Ffilm Cymru Audience Access Fund	-	3,724	3,724	-
	26,560	**54,080**	**80,640**	**89,153**
Income from charitable activities				
Fundraising events	1,352	-	1,352	2,137
Community Cinema	454	-	454	444
Room Hire	2,491	-	2,491	4,259
Gym	6,448	-	6,448	4,671
	10,745	**-**	**10,745**	**11,511**
Insurance claim	**-**	-	-	**240**
	37,305	**54,080**	**91,385**	**100,904**

GWYNFI MINERS COMMUNITY HALL
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4 Analysis of Expenditure

	£ Unrestricted Funds	£ Restricted Funds	£ Total Funds	£ Prior Year Funds
Charitable activities				
Core activities	33,342	19,029	52,371	51,879
Children's Funds	-	1,622	1,622	1,465
Cinema & funding events	-	3,759	3,759	625
Governance costs (note 6)	1,329	7,841	9,170	5,011
Support costs (note 5)	7,406	29,944	37,350	36,091
	42,077	**62,195**	**104,272**	**95,071**

5 Support costs

All support costs have been allocated on the following basis.

	£ Unrestricted Funds	£ Restricted Funds	£ Total Funds
Rent	-	9,288	9,288
Repairs & maintenance	4,519	156	4,675
Equipment	1,038	1,543	2,581
Light, heat and water rates	-	13,302	13,302
Insurance	-	3,543	3,543
Telephone	-	671	671
Cleaning	-	429	429
Printing & stationery	-	850	850
Accountancy	1,008	-	1,008
Other office costs	235	162	397
Professional fees	606	-	606
	7,406	**29,944**	**37,350**

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6 Governance costs

	£ Unrestricted Funds	£ Restricted Funds	£ Total Funds
Independent examination	552	-	552
Deprecation	777	7,841	8,618
	1,329	7,841	9,170

7 Paid employees

Employee costs were £ 50,191 (2023-£42,933), including social security costs of £0 (2023-nil) There were no pension costs.

During the year various grants were received to cover wages totalling £ 17,583. (2023-£42,933).

No employee received more than £60,000 during the year (2023- nil)

8 Tangible Fixed Assets

	2024	2023
	£	£
Fixture & equipment		
Cost		
Brought forward 1st April 2023	22,887	12,718
Additions	13,710	10,169
At 31st March 2024	36,597	22,887
Deprecation		
Brought forward 1st April 2023	15,450	10,991
Charge for the year	8,618	4,459
At 31st March 2024	24,068	15,450
Net book value	12,529	7,437

During 2023 and 2024 gym equipment was bought using partly restricted funds.

The balance of restricted assets at the at the yearend is £11,776. (2022-£5,907)

GWYNFI MINERS COMMUNITY HALL
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9 Debtors

	2024	2023
Trade debtors	15,440	9,464
Prepayments	173	134
	15,613	**9,598**

10 Cash at Bank and in hand

	2024	2023
Bank Account	57,517	76,813
Deposit Account	1,174	1,174
Cash at bank and in hand	3,150	1,830
	61,841	**79,817**

11 Creditors: Amounts falling within one year

	2024	2023
Deferred Income	11,776	5,907
Accruals	3,883	3,734
	15,659	**9,641**

Deferred Income

During the current financial year the charity received a Afan valley cluster grant, of which £14,860 was used to buy gym equipment.

Gym equipment was bought mainly using restricted funds from an Afan cluster grant during 2023. The amount of restricted funds used was £7,908

The items have been capitalised in fixed assets and depreciated over its useful economic life. Standard accounting practice is to include this grant as deferred income on the balance sheet and to write back the grant to the statement of financial activities account in line with the depreciation on the relevant assets.

The grant income recognised in these accounts this year is £7,841 (2023-£3,680).

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12 Restricted Income Funds

	£ Balance at 1st April 2023	£ Incoming resources	£ Outgoing resources	£ Balance at 31st March 2024
Donations				
GASP-petty cash for new junior cinema	100	-	100	-
Pamela Walsh donation	300	-	300	-
	400	**-**	**400**	**-**
Grants				
Groundwork grant	1,504	-	1,504	-
Asda	168	-	168	-
Llynfi Afan REP Community	207	-	-	207
Community foundation Wales	10	-	10	-
Afan Valley cluster Grant	475	14,910	14,860	525
Heritage Lottery Grant	24	-	24	-
Garfield Weston Foundation Grant	15,000	-	15,000	-
NPTCBC Third sector	4,567	5,250	9,817	-
Thynne Elizabeth Gill Craigie Events	100	-	100	-
NPTCBC rent	-	9,100	9,100	-
Nptcbc Warm spaces grant	99	1,242	1,319	22
National Grid Community Matters Fund	-	10,000	10,000	-
NPTCVC SPF UKSP Third Sector Growth Fund	-	15,723	3,595	12,128
Ffilm Cymru Audience Access Fund	-	3,724	1,882	1,842
	22,154	**59,949**	**67,379**	**14,724**
	22,554	**59,949**	**67,779**	**14,724**

13 Analysis of Unrestricted Funds

	£ Balance at 1st April 2023	£ Incoming resources	£ Outgoing resources	£ Balance at 31st March 2024
General Funds				
Unrestricted income fund	64,657	37,305	42,077	59,885
	64,657	**37,305**	**42,077**	**59,885**

GWYNFI MINERS COMMUNITY HALL
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14 Related party transactions

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

15 Company limited by guarantee

Gwynfi Miners Community Hall is a company limited by guarantee. Every member of the company undertakes to contribute such an amount as may be required not exceeding £1 to the assets in the event of its being wound up while he or she is a member, or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member.

GWYNFI MINERS COMMUNITY HALL

England & Wales - Charity number 1154423

Accounts

Gwynfi Miners Community Hall

(A company limited by guarantee)

Report and Financial Statements for the

12 months ended 31st March 2023

Charity number 1154423

Company number 08275575

Annual Report and Financial Statements
For the 12 months ended 31st March 2023

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Report of the Trustees for the 12 months ended 31st March 2023

The trustees are pleased to present their annual directors' report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ending 31 March 2023 which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity name:	Gwynfi Miners Community Hall
Charity registration number:	1154423
Company registration number:	08275575
Registered Office an Operational address:	98 Jersey Road Blaengwynfi Port Talbot SA13 3TE

Trustees

Dr Brian Gibbons FRCGP, MB BCh BAO	Chair
Mrs Jane Jones	Deceased
Mr John Griffiths	Company Secretary
Mrs Christine Isobelle Suzanne Keirle	
Mrs Mairlyn Young	
James Arthur Jordan	Appointed 7th November 2022

*Trustees who are not directors under company law.

Independent Examiner	**Darren Norton FCCA** Young and Phillips Chartered Certified Accountants
Bankers	Co-operative Bank
Accountant	Joanna Surman FCCA Young and Phillips

Objectives

Our charity's objectives as set out in the objects contained in the company's memorandum and articles of association are:

To promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of the electoral ward of Gwynfi and the surrounding area, the provision of facilities for well-being, self-improvement, recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances or for the public at large in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the condition of life of the said inhabitants.

To help young people, especially but not exclusively through leisure time activities, to develop their capabilities so that they may grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society.

Ensuring Our Work Delivers Against Our Objectives

Our objectives are borne in mind when considering new activities, services or facilities provided by the charity. During our first year of operation a review of activities was undertaken to determine core activities offered to the community so as to achieve our objectives. Since then, every year we have continued to build on our prior achievements, trying new activities as well as reviewing those already in place.

The Gwynfi Miners Community Hall has had to change from being a traditional village hall to becoming a community hub that hosts multiple agencies and services. This was crucial if we were to continue meeting the communities needs and organisations objectives.

The manager regularly reports to the trustees on the activities undertaken with reference to what was done, activity attendance levels and usage rates for the hall facilities. The manager also reports on future activity plans and discussions around who would benefit from the provision of any suggested activity or facility provision. Any activities or facilities that are reviewed and found to be no longer suitable or supported by the community are stopped so that resources can be redirected to new activity which better achieves our objectives.

We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our objectives and in planning and implementing our future activities.

Structure, Governance & Management

Governing Document

Gwynfi Miners Community Hall is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales on 31 October 2012 and registered as a charity on 31 October 2013.

The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

Recruitment and Appointment of Directors

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law. Directors are appointed at the annual general meeting or co-opted for a particular skill sets during the year.

Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association the directors are appointed to serve until such time as they are required to retire at a subsequent annual general meeting. At each annual general meeting one third of the directors or, if their number is not three or a multiple of three, the nearest to one third, must retire from office. The directors to retire by rotation shall be those who have longest served in office since their last appointment.

All directors give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or benefits from the charity.

Management

The directors manage the business of the charity and the premises are managed operationally by two paid members of staff providing cover between them during opening hours.

Risk Assessment

The Manager has carried out an appropriate health and safety risk assessment and has established systems to reduce identified risks. Assessments are kept up to date with regular reviews by the Directors. The Directors receive a Health & Safety report at their monthly meeting.

The most significant risk was our funding uncertainty until the Corvid Pandemic took precedence but unfortunately after this revival, organisations and communities were then faced with the challenges of the Cost-of-Living-Crisis and Fuel Poverty.

The Directors and staff are aware of these risks and every effort is focused on helping families and individuals at risk. The Gwynfi Miners Community Hall is committed to working with our partners to provide essential services and activities locally for free or at a subsidized cost so that our services are inclusive to everyone that needs them.

The water ingress to our lower floors remains a great concern and continues to have a significant impact on the community hall, affecting both the building itself and the disruption to scheduled activities and events. Installing preventative measures and repairing the damage caused by flooding will be significantly expensive and therefore we will be reliant on external grant funding or government support.

Chair's Report

During the year we sadly lost one of our founding directors, former Councillor Jane Jones. Jane was a great supporter for Gwynfi Miners Community Hall from the very start and this was reflected in her advocacy for GMCH over her years of Council service. In addition, Jane was able to use some of her Councillor's Capital Grant Fund to support work to improve the Hall. We will miss Jane's support and mischievous sense of humor.

During the year, two new directors, Jim Jordan and Ciaran Gibbons, joined us. Gwynfi Miners Community Hall will always need directors and we are very grateful to Jim and Ciaran for the contribution. And if there are any other members of the community who would like to help then we would welcome their support.

As the shadow of Covid recedes we are delighted to see that user numbers are back to, or even better than pre-Covid time with 15,278 users in the 12 months to the end of March 2023. A particular feature of the these numbers was the use that was being made by younger members of our community. This is an excellent development and is all the more remarkable with the continuing problems with flooding in the downstairs rooms of our building.

The Directors decided that Gwynfi Miners Community Hall needs to take a wider view of its charitable purpose to improve the quality of our residents. Since we were established, our primary objective was to survival and as we approach our 10th Anniversary, we can say we have done that. And while every year is a challenge for survival, we agreed that we needed to do more to address the many problems that socially disadvantaged communities such are ours face after a dozen years of destructive Austerity.

In this context we are pleased to say that our relations with a range of statutory bodies have improved over the years. The CEO of Neath Port Talbot Council, Karen Jones, has visited the Hall on numerous occasions and commented positively on the work that we are doing as well as being more supportive in seeking to address the structural problems we face. We also need to work more closely with our Council to maximize the benefits of programs such as the Levelling Up and Shared Prosperity Funds.

We noted that the local council is committed to taking Leisure Services back in-house as part of improving the leisure experience of their residents. We have pointed out that while such a move is welcomed it will have no effect on the Upper Afan Valley as our facilities are virtually all run by local community groups as social enterprises. We are lobbying hard to make sure that our needs are not overlook in any new arrangements for the Council's Leisure Services.

We have also improved relations with our local University Health Board and with the Afan Cluster in particular. We have greatly expanded our GP Referral Scheme, Flying Start is going very well and we have had support with getting new equipment. These developments give us great encouragement.

We would like to thank our funders once again this year – there are too many to mention in this address but will be listed in the Annual Accounts. However, a special thanks is due to Llynfi Afan Renewable Energy Park for their continuing regular support. We would also like to thank Garfield Weston Trust for their continuing vote of confidence. And we must thank Neath Port Talbot CVS for their continuing support at all levels and to congratulate Carys Miles on her recent good news.

Our manager, Simon, will give more details of our activities during the year, so I will not be stealing his thunder. On behalf of our directors, I would like to thank Simon, Leigh and Pam for their work during the year --- their commitment and welcome to users are crucial to the success of Gwynfi Miners Hall. And we would like to thank Dionne Williams who left our employment during the year.

And as the year came towards an end, we had the excellent news that Simon had been extended an invitation to attend a Buckingham Palace Tea Party in recognition of the excellent work that he has been doing here in Aber – Blaengwynfi. But you will have to wait until next year's AGM to find out how that visit went.

And, as Chair, I would like to thank my colleague directors for their work in the year. It is all done on a voluntary basis but without it, Gwynfi Miners Community Hall would not survive. And, of course, thanks to our supporters and users. Y

Manager Report

It is an honor and still a great privilege to serve as the Manager for this fantastic Organisation especially at such a critical time for children, young people and families.

We ended the 2023 Financial year reaching an important milestone. The Gwynfi Miners Community Halls 10th Anniversary which demonstrates the hall's resilience and ability to sustain itself and remain a valuable asset to the community over an extended period of time.

Gwynfi Miners CH appreciates that we have not achieved this alone and maintaining a community hall for ten years signifies the dedication and hard work from our volunteers, staff, and supporters who have contributed their time, effort, and resources to keep the hall running. It showcases the importance of community engagement, collaboration and volunteerism.

The last twelve months have been no less important as circumstances change from the horrific war in Ukraine to the growing cost of living crisis and fuel poverty and people seem to need the GMCH now more than ever. Unfortunately, we were all saddened to hear of the passing of one of the Gwynfi Miners Community Halls Director`s Mrs. Jane Jones. Jane was a big part of the organisations journey and will be dearly missed but not forgotten.

To the community the GMCH offers that degree of readily accessible, practical support by either accessing our range of core services and activities or by the organisation signposting people towards the support or advice they need. Our regular programme of activities have now returned to normal after a difficult few years. Over fifteen and a half thousand users visited the GMCH during this reporting period to access key services, educational programs, cultural events and other recreational pursuits that address multiple facets of well-being.

Notably, forty five percent of these users were children. This was pleasing because the GMCH make a great effort to cater for the youth and younger children so that they can have a safe childhood and a positive future. It is great to see the Seniors Coffee Mornings are now back in full swing. Although we welcome our older residents at other times during the week, the Coffee Mornings are such a pivotal activity and brings an array of benefits to the members, community and the Gwynfi Miners Community Hall.

We continued to broaden and widen the areas of our work by working in partnership with local community groups, sports clubs, statutory bodies and agencies to develop and improve local services and activities. Unfortunately, we continue to live in immensely challenging and uncertain times, but it is fair to say that the Gwynfi Miners Community Hall have remained focused on our core purpose in supporting our local community.

We have an immense task ahead, but I am confident that our talented and committed colleagues and volunteers will continue to rise to the challenge.

I’m deeply grateful for the continued support of my leadership team, our Chair, Secretary and Board of Directors, who have all gone above and beyond.

I would like to thank our staff Leigh and Pam who have helped to keep the GMCH functioning, and I am sincerely grateful for their support and commitment to the GMCH.

I want to thank our supporters, partners and donors for sharing our values and commitment to working together to achieve better outcomes for the residents of the Afan Valley.
Lastly, I would like to give a massive heartfelt thank you to our loyal and resolute community members. You are the reason why we exist.

Achievements & Performance

The information in this section refers to the period 1st April 2022 to the 31st March 2023. Gwynfi Miners Community Hall ended this financial year reaching an important milestone, the Gwynfi Miners Community Hall 10th Anniversary and this is a proud moment, and an achievement in its own right.

During this period over fifteen and a half thousand people consisting of all ages attended the GMCH to take part in a wide variety of activities and access key services that has helped develop a culture of wellbeing across, social, mental and physical health.

Health & Wellbeing

Unfortunately, the basement flooding still remains our burden and we are limited with the range of physical activity we can offer. The GMCH are grateful to have access to the Pen Afan Primary School's MUGGA where children activities have taken place. However, these activities have been limited due to the unpredictable weather and the wet and cold winter months.

The weights and fitness gymnasium remains a popular activity at the GMCH that attracts children from 14 years to our most senior residents. We were fortunate to receive funding from the Swansea Bay University Health Board and the Afan Cluster to upgrade the weights section and with the new equipment the user figures have increased accordingly.

Boxing is a sport that fosters discipline and engages individuals with goals they once considered difficult to achieve, both in and out of the ring. Gwynfi Miners Community Hall acknowledges the importance of the Gwynfi ABC and provides the club with a free residency at the GMCH so that the club can continue to thrive and inspire.

An average of twenty- five children attend the twice weekly junior session`s and ten members attend the weekly senior classes. It has been a successful season with one member becoming the youth Welsh Champion and another finalist who lost a close contest. The GMCH are proud of all the members, Coach Owain Davies and his team of dedicated volunteers who took over the gym a few years back after the saddened loss of the founder and coach of Gwynfi ABC Mr John Radmore.

The GP Exercise Referral Scheme is a great way for people with short or long-term conditions to improve their health and increase levels of physical activity. Patients suffering with common medical conditions such as obesity, mental health, cardiovascular diseases, hypertension and diabetes have all benefited from the scheme.

The scheme is running at a maximum capacity which is evidence for the need of the GMCH so that there is an assured base where specialist health schemes can be delivered from.

Dance Aerobics has always proven popular at the GMCH and this year was no exception. On average twelve ladies from across the Afan Valley attended the weekly sessions to dance, keep fit and connect with the community.

The Walk and Talk Group was established so that people who were still feeling vulnerable or anxious after the pandemic would have the opportunity to take part in an outdoor physical activity. Due to the popularity of the group the walks were continued beyond the covid pandemic. Besides the many health benefits the walks create a platform for discussion and opportunity for residents to visit new scenery and make new friendships.

Leisure, Recreation and Other Activities

The GMCH is extremely proud of the way that the community groups and volunteers have adapted to the circumstances and continue to deliver a varied yet relevant program of meaningful activities - re- establishing old favorites like the Coffee Morning, Book Club and craft club (Gwynfi Crafters). Activities that are a keystone for the community to be socially active and connected.

The community cinema continues to be well supported where people experience a night out at the movies with friends locally without the concerns over cost and travel. Average audience numbers for the adult screenings were around twenty and the family screenings attracted audiences in excess of forty- five.

Lost Peatlands have proved an invaluable partner to the GMCH and wider communities. They have provided nature and craft activities for all ages that have taken place in the GMCH and in the green spaces around the Upper Afan Valley. Bush crafts, wood carving and nature walks were some of the activities that children and adults had the opportunity to try. The activities organised by the Lost Peatlands are well attended, educational, fun and can offer a wide range of physical, mental, and emotional benefits.

The Remembrance Concert remains a highlight on people`s social calendar, which is a somber but enjoyable evening and helps to raise funds to support the running of the GMCH. We are always grateful for the support we receive from the Ogmore Valley Male Voice Choir, Treherbert & District Brass Band and Solo Artist Josie Gibbons.

A full audience capacity of ninety attended this spectacular event to remember those who sacrificed their lives during World War 1 and World War 11.

Our seasonal fetes play a crucial role in fostering a sense of community, promoting social interaction, celebrating diversity, and contributing to the overall well-being and vitality of the community. Local crafters were given the opportunity to showcase their skills and sell their products. Many of the crafters would donate their takings to the Gwynfi Miners Community Hall and other good causes.

Fundraising remains an integral part of our business and our fetes and concerts help us to generate additional income that contributes towards the Gwynfi Miners Community Halls operational and activity costs.

Young People

Gwynfi Miners Community Hall makes a particular effort to cater for the needs of our young people. We work with the local council to provide a weekly youth club and we also seek to welcome our young people at other times.

We provided a warm and welcoming space for the children and youth to drop in after school where they could play pool, listen to music, play musical instruments and sing. They could access free Wifi, free refreshments and free charging points to recharge their scooters and smart devices. This helped families who were struggling with the cost of living and fuel poverty.

The GMCH invited the school to the GMCH at the end of each term to watch a movie. Over one hundred primary pupils attended each film and every child was provided with free snacks and drinks so that they could enjoy the full cinematic experience.

The organisation also planned trips to Country parks and museums for the pupils so that they could enjoy additional activities outside of their school curriculum.

During the school holidays we organised a variety of activities for young people such as film shows, arts & crafts, pool tournaments, cinema, science and wildlife workshops, graffiti workshops, bush crafts etc. Our youth and younger children activities always prove popular with some of the activities attracting more than fifty children.

Gwynfi Miners Community Hall provides a safe environment for our children to engage in enjoyable and useful activity. We believe that it is no coincidence that our levels of anti-social activity and crime is at such a low level that South Wales Police has deployed our village Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) to other duties for most of their working week.

Training, Learning and Family Support

The GMCH has had to change from being a traditional village hall to becoming a community hub that hosts multiple services. Communities4work provides employment support and training, whilst the Credit Union can offer financial products and support.

The Gwynfi Miners Community Hall invested in community training so that residents could acquire new skillsets and gain the confidence to volunteer for local organisations, sports clubs and for their own personal development. The training inspired residents to volunteer for local community groups and sports clubs and become employees of local businesses.

Shared training, sharing resources and collaborative working have significantly strengthened bonds and have contributed to the overall health, resilience and vibrancy of the community.

In total eighty-five local residents attended First Aid at Work Training, Food Hygiene Level 2 and Walk Leadership. This is a remarkable achievement and a testament to the hard work and commitment from the GMCH and our many volunteers to improve opportunities for the local people.

We are pleased that Library upgrades completed during lockdown continues to be appealing and suitable to accommodate the Welsh Governments flagship Early Years Flying Start Programme and other new initiatives.

Besides their weekly booking, Flying Start hired the rooms on additional days to provide activities, training and further support to families so that they can learn, develop and thrive.

All these services have been critical to supporting families affected by the aftermath of the pandemic and most

recently the cost of living crisis.

Financial Review

The accounting period in this report covers the 12 months to 31st March 2023.

We exercise a very tight financial discipline and prudently manage our funds, keeping a close eye on the fluctuating energy market and comparing energy suppliers. In previous years we were fortunate to negotiate fair energy contracts at the right time, however when they expired the energy prices were far more expensive than previously negotiated due to the current economic climate.

This was a great concern and financial stress but fortunately we managed to secure a grant from the National Grid that covered a large percentage of the energy costs during this period. However, this is something that the GMCH must be mindful of for the upcoming winter months.

All of our expenditure is scrutinized and like our utility costs we obtain multiple quotes for services and purchases to ensure we get the resources for the best price. We have a reliable contract list who are experienced in various industries to carry out maintenance work at the GMCH. This has been invaluable as we now have contracts with reputable businesses that are trusted to provide a fair and first-class service.

In terms of grants and donations this financial year has been quite prosperous, however our annual accounts can be misleading to casual readers. Our financial position comes across more healthier, but in reality this is far from the truth. The majority of grants we received are restricted and allocated for specific projects therefore from year to year we continue to operate under a shoestring budget.

The period ended with a surplus of £5,833 compared to a deficit of £6449 for the previous financial year 2021-22.

Principal Funding Sources

After our set-back with the loss of the grant from NPTCBC in 2016 we have still managed to provide a valued community amenity. We are always pleased to hear about the positive differences our services are making in people`s lives and the local economy.

Llynfi Afan Renewable Energy Park - have provided unrestricted index linked funding for the past seven years and are committed to providing this for the next thirteen years. LAREP is the only funding organisation who provide long term unrestricted financial support to the Gwynfi Miners Community Hall.

We are constantly grateful to the LAREP for this loyal and much valued support. We appreciate that they have a sound understanding of how the third sector works and the importance to award such funding in the light of the consequences of “austerity, Pandemic and the more recent cost of living crisis.

Although most funders will not follow suit and provide long-term funding there are becoming increased opportunities to apply for core funding so that the Third Sector can continue its vital work and help the sector to grow.

The UK Shared Prosperity Third Sector Growth Fund, NPTCBC Third Sector Grant Scheme and the Peoples Health Lottery have all been consistent supporters over recent years and this year has been no exception. They have provided further funding to support operational costs, new activities and funds to provide a Warm Space in response to the Cost of Living and Fuel Poverty Crisis.

The Garfield Weston Foundation awarded the GMCH a two-year multi grant and this year we received the £15000 final payment. The Garfield Weston Foundation are a prestigious funder and apart from receiving the large sums we are very proud to be selected, recognised and acknowledged for our hard work and commitment to the betterment of the communities we serve.

The GMCH is always grateful for the ongoing support we receive from the Neath Port Talbot Council for Voluntary Service who have played an influential role in the growth and developments of the GMCH. We have received funding from the Integrated Community Fund that replaced EU funding and was administered by the NPTCVS.

The Coalfields Regeneration Trust is another diverse organization that has been an avid supporter of the GMCH and like the NPTCVS have offered a wide area of support which we are all extremely grateful for.

Other income was generated from our core activities and room hire charges which only contributes to approximately 10-15% of the GMCHs annual expenditure. Due to the demographics of Gwynfi, much of what we provide is either free of charge or subsidized so there is little scope to generate adequate funds from these services alone to cover the GMCH annual support costs therefore we remain reliant on grant funding.

Our public services have traditionally been a key instrument in addressing social disadvantage and inequalities particularly in areas where there is a market failure in delivering facilities and opportunities. Consequently, these services have only operated with a subsidy. However, the recent decade of austerity has seen this policy being eroded in both statutory and non-statutory provision.

It is still totally unrealistic to expect facilities that operated with financial support in “the good times” should become financially self-sustaining particularly when the communities that they serve have been hardest hit by the policies of austerity, cost of living and fuel poverty. While funders like to see “innovative” and imaginative projects it is vital that they should not be at the cost of established well-valued, core community facilities.

The organization receives donations from community members and former residents that demonstrates a continued connection to the village and a sense of caring for the community, even after moving away. Donating to the Gwynfi Miners Community Hall can be a way for people who have moved away from Gwynfi to express their gratitude for the positive experiences and memories they had while living in the village and visiting the Gwynfi Miners Community Hall. These funds are reinvested back into the community by providing additional activities for all ages.

Plans for The Future

- Continue fundraising to provide quality services, activities and a facility that reflects diversity and meets the needs of the Afan Valley Communities.
- Sustain and develop our activities that will connect and engage with people in our community to promote equality, health and well-being through tackling social exclusion, isolation and loneliness.
- Develop a business plan that includes projects to tie in with local developments and tourism that could potentially generate more revenue streams to improve the organisation's financial viability.
- Retain our high profile and relevance to local needs through our social media, publicity, marketing and collaborative partnership working.
- To mitigate the impact of austerity and the cost of living crisis as best we can and try to keep costs to a minimum.
- Recruit and develop our team of directors and volunteer base so that they can help to shape and deliver the Gwynfi Miners Community Halls Strategy.
- Build a resilience to mitigate the long-term impacts caused by the prevailing climate.

Given the level of reserves and negotiations with other funding bodies, the Directors are confident that the charity can continue as a going concern for a period of at least 12 months.

Investment Policy

Most of the charity’s funds are to be spent in immediate service provision so there are no funds available for longer term investment.

Reserves Policy

The trustees have examined the charity’s requirements for reserves in light of the main risks to the organisation. We realise the importance of having a reserve fund worth six to twelve months of running costs. However, this will remain a massive challenge as year to year survival must be our top priority.

Charity no. 1154423
Company no. 08275575

GWYNFI MINERS COMMUNITY HALL

(A company limited by guarantee)

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2023

YOUNG AND PHILLIPS
CHARTERED CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS
77 BUTE STREET
TREORCHY
RCT

GWYNFI MINERS COMMUNITY HALL

For the year ended 31st March 2023

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GWYNFI MINERS COMMUNITY HALL
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
AS AT THE 31ST MARCH 2023

Charity Name	Gwynfi Miners Community Hall
Registered Charity Number	1154423
Registered Company Number	08275575
Registered Office	Gwynfi Miners Community Hall 98 Jeresy Road Blaengwynfi Port Talbot SA13 3TE
Trustees	Dr Brian Gibbons (chair) Christine Keirle Marilyn Young John Griffiths Ciaran Gibbons
Independent Examiner	Young and Phillips Ltd 77 Bute Street Treorchy RCT CF42 6AH

GWYNFI MINERS COMMUNITY HALL
INDEPENDENT EXAMIER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2023

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

Report to the trustees Gwynfi Miners Community Hall of the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2023, which are set out on pages 4 to 12.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited for this year under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act"). In carrying out my examination, I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 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; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102). IER 2 October 2018 I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Darren Norton FCCA
77 Bute Street
Treorchy
RCT
CF42 6AH

26th July 2023

GWYNFI MINERS COMMUNITY HALL
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

	Notes	£ Unrestricted Funds	£ Restricted Funds	£ Total Funds	£ Prior Year Funds
Incoming Resources					
Grants and Donations	3	23,619	65,534	89,153	91,655
Income from Charitable activities:					
Operation of community hall		11,511	-	11,511	8,390
Insurance claim		-	240	240	3,204
Total Incoming Resources		**35,130**	**65,774**	**100,904**	**103,249**
Resources Expended					
Charitable Activates	4	2,511	92,560	95,071	109,698
Total Resources expended		**2,511**	**92,560**	**95,071**	**109,698**
Net Income/(Expenditure) and net movement in funds for the year		32,619	(26,786)	5,833	(6,449)
Reconciliation of Funds					
Total funds brought forward		32,038	49,340	81,378	87,827
Total funds carried forward		**64,657**	**22,554**	**87,211**	**81,378**

GWYNFI MINERS COMMUNITY HALL
BALANCE SHEET
AT THE 31ST MARCH 2023

	Notes	£ Unrestricted Funds	£ Restricted Funds	£ Total Funds	£ Prior Year Funds
Fixed Assets	8	1,530	5,907	7,437	1,727
Current Assets					
Debtors	9	1,040	8,558	9,598	3,314
Cash at bank and in hand	10	63,836	15,981	79,817	79,998
Total current assets		64,876	24,539	89,415	83,312
Liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	1,749	7,892	9,641	3,661
Net current assets		63,127	16,647	79,774	79,651
Total assets less current liabilities		64,657	22,554	87,211	81,378
Net Assets		**64,657**	**22,554**	**87,211**	**81,378**
Funds of the Charity					
Unrestricted funds	13	64,657	-	64,657	32,038
Restricted income funds	12	-	22,554	22,554	49,340
Total funds		**64,657**	**22,554**	**87,211**	**81,378**

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.

Approved by the board and signed on its behalf by

Chair- Dr Brian Gibbons Date 21/8/2023

Company secretary- John Griffiths Date 13-10-23

GWYNFI MINERS COMMUNITY HALL
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

1 Basis of preparation

1.1 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 note(s) to these 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 Charities Act 2011

1.2 Going Concern

These accounts have been prepared on the basis that the charity is a going concern.

2 Accounting Policies

2.1 Income

Recognition of income

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability

Offsetting

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS 102 SORP or FRS 102.

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS102 SORP).

In the case of performance related grants, income must only be recognised to the extent that the charity has provided the specified goods or services as entitlement to the grant only occurs when the performance related conditions are met (5.16 FRS 102 SORP).

Deferred income

Deferred income has been included in the account in line with the deprecation of assets.

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Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts.

2.2 Expenditure and liabilities

Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Governance and Support costs

Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Creditors

The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts

2.3 Assets

Stock and work in progress

Goods or services provided as part of a charitable activity are measured at net realisable value based on the service potential provided by items of stock.

Debtors

Debtors (including trade debtors and loans receivable) are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amount advanced by the charity.
Subsequently, they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.

GWYNFI MINERS COMMUNITY HALL
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

3 Analysis of Income

	£ Unrestricted Funds	£ Restricted Funds	£ Total Funds	£ Prior Year Funds
Donations				
Donations	1,818	-	1,818	500
Bereavement Bequest	585	-	585	-
Grants				
NPTCBC- Rent	-	9,100	9,100	8,700
NPTCBC Economic Resilience Fund	-	-	-	2,000
NPTCBC Third sector Grant	-	5,000	5,000	5,000
NPTCBC Councillors Community Fund	-	-	-	1,602
People's Health Trust	-	1,497	1,497	4,493
Llynfi Afan REP Community	-	-	-	19,001
Garfield Weston Foundation Grant	-	15,000	15,000	15,000
Quatro public relations	21,216	-	21,216	-
UK Community Renewable Fund	-	22,288	22,288	-
Welsh Government cultural grant	-	-	-	14,250
HMRC Job retention scheme	-	-	-	1,215
Coalfields regeneration grant	-	-	-	2,000
National grid warm space community matters	-	7,162	7,162	-
Heritage Lottery Grant	-	410	410	410
NPTCBC Warm spaces Grant	-	1,157	1,157	-
NPT AWPOG Capital Grant	-	634	634	634
Afan cluster grant	-	3,286	3,286	-
Thynne Elizabeth Gill Craigie Events	-	-	-	350
West Glamorgan Prevention & Early Learning Grant Scheme	-	-	-	8,000
National Lottety Grant	-	-	-	8,500
	23,619	**65,534**	**89,153**	**91,655**
Income from charitable activities				
Fundraising events	2,137	-	2,137	260
Community Cinema	444	-	444	212
Room Hire	4,259	-	4,259	3,473
Gym	4,671	-	4,671	4,445
	11,511	**-**	**11,511**	**8,390**
Insurance claim	**-**	**240**	**240**	**3,204**
	35,130	**65,774**	**100,904**	**103,249**

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4 Analysis of Expenditure

	£ Unrestricted Funds	£ Restricted Funds	£ Total Funds	£ Prior Year Funds
Charitable activities				
Core activities	210	51,669	51,879	41,244
Children's Funds	95	1,370	1,465	106
Cinema & funding events	625	-	625	754
Governance costs (note 6)	1,331	3,680	5,011	2,083
Support costs (note 5)	250	35,841	36,091	65,511
	2,511	**92,560**	**95,071**	**109,698**

5 Support costs

All support costs have been allocated on the following basis.

	£ Unrestricted Funds	£ Restricted Funds	£ Total Funds
Rent	-	9,884	9,884
Repairs & maintenance	250	4,403	4,653
Equipment	-	1,535	1,535
Light, heat and water rates	-	11,506	11,506
Insurance	-	3,439	3,439
Telephone	-	683	683
Cleaning	-	709	709
Printing & stationery	-	710	710
Accountancy	-	1,008	1,008
Other office costs	-	1,427	1,427
Professional fees	-	537	537
	250	**35,841**	**36,091**

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6 Governance costs

	£ Unrestricted Funds	£ Restricted Funds	£ Total Funds
Independent examination	552	-	552
Deprecation	779	3,680	4,459
	1,331	3,680	5,011

7 Paid employees

Employee costs were £ 42,933 (2022-£38,712), including social security costs of £0 (2022-nil) There were no pension costs.

During the year various grants were received to cover wages totalling £ 42,933. (2022-£25,469).

No employee received more than £60,000 during the year (2022- nil)

8 Tangible Fixed Assets

	2023	2022
	£	£
Fixture & equipment		
Cost		
Brought forward 1st April 2022	12,718	10,742
Additions	10,169	1,976
At 31st March 2023	22,887	12,718
Deprecation		
Brought forward 1st April 2022	10,991	9,922
Charge for the year	4,459	1,069
At 31st March 2023	15,450	10,991
Net book value	7,437	1,727

During 2021 a computer was bought using restricted funds and in 2022 a PA system was purchased mainly using restricted income with the balance paid out of general funds. In 2023 gym equipment using partly restricted funds.

The balance of restricted assets at the at the yearend is £5,907. (2022-£1,679)

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9 Debtors

	2023	2022
Trade debtors	9,464	-
Prepayments	134	110
	9,598	**110**

10 Cash at Bank and in hand

	2023	2022
Bank Account	76,813	77,399
Deposit Account	1,174	1,174
Cash at bank and in hand	1,830	1,425
	79,817	**79,998**

11 Creditors: Amounts falling within one year

	2023	2022
Deferred Income	5,907	1,679
Accruals	3,734	1,982
	9,641	**3,661**

Deferred Income

During the financial year ended 2021 the charity received a Heritage Lottery grant for £10,000 of which £1,230 was used to buy a computer.

In 2022 a PA system was purchased for £1,976 of which £1,903 was money from NPT AWPOG Capital Grant.

Gym equipment was bought mainly using restricted funds from an Afan cluster grant during 2023. The amount of restricted funds used was £7,908

The items have been capitalised in fixed assets and depreciated over its useful economic life. Standard accounting practice is to include this grant as deferred income on the balance sheet

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and to write back the grant to the statement of financial activities account in line with the depreciation on the relevant assets.

The grant income recognised in these accounts this year is £3,680 (2022-£1,044).

12 **Restricted Income Funds**

	£ Balance at 1st April 2022	£ Incoming resources	£ Outgoing resources	£ Balance at 31st March 2023
Donations				
GASP-petty cash for new junior cinema	100	-	-	100
Pamela Walsh donation	300	-	-	300
	400	**-**	**-**	**400**
Grants				
Groundwork grant	1,504	-	-	1,504
Asda	168	-	-	168
Llynfi Afan REP Community	207	-	-	207
Peoples Health Trust	5,002	1,497	6,499	-
Community foundation Wales	10	-	-	10
Welsh Government Cultural Grant- Library	4,750	-	4,750	-
Afan Valley cluster Grant	675	3,286	3,486	475
Heritage Lottery Grant	24	410	410	24
UK Community Renewable Fund	-	22,288	22,288	-
NPT AWPOG Capital Grant	-	634	634	-
National Lottery Grant	8,500	-	8,500	-
Garfield Weston Foundation Grant	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
West Glamorgan Prevention & Early Learning Grant Scheme	8,000	-	8,000	-
NPTCBC Third sector	5,000	5,000	5,433	4,567
Thynne Elizabeth Gill Craigie Events	100	-	-	100
NPTCBC rent	-	9,100	9,100	-
Nptcbc Warm spaces grant	-	1,157	1,058	99
National grid warm space community matters	-	7,162	7,162	-
	48,940	**65,534**	**92,320**	**22,154**
	49,340	**65,534**	**92,320**	**22,554**

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13 Analysis of Unrestricted Funds

	£ Balance at 1st April 2022	£ Incoming resources	£ Outgoing resources	£ Balance at 31st March 2023
General Funds				
Unrestricted income fund	32,038	35,130	2,694	64,474
	32,038	**35,130**	**2,694**	**4,474**

14 Related party transactions

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

15 Company limited by guarantee

Gwynfi Miners Community Hall is a company limited by guarantee. Every member of the company undertakes to contribute such an amount as may be required not exceeding £1 to the assets in the event of its being wound up while he or she is a member, or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member.

GWYNFI MINERS COMMUNITY HALL

England & Wales - Charity number 1154423

Accounts

Gwynfi Miners Community Hall

(A company limited by guarantee)

Report and Financial Statements for the

12 months ended 31st March 2022

Charity number 1154423

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Annual Report and Financial Statements
For the 12 months ended 31st March 2022

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Report of the Trustees for the 12 months ended 31st March 2022

The trustees are pleased to present their annual directors' report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ending 31 March 2021 which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity name:	Gwynfi Miners Community Hall
Charity registration number:	1154423
Company registration number:	08275575
Registered Office and Operational address:	98 Jersey Road Blaengwynfi Port Talbot SA13 3TE

Trustees

Dr Brian Gibbons FRCGP, MB BCh BAO	Chair
Mrs Jane Jones	
Mr John Griffiths	Company Secretary
Mrs Christine Isobelle Suzanne Keirle	
Mrs Mairlyn Young	
James Arthur Jordan	Appointed 7th November 2022

*Trustees who are not directors under company law.

Independent Examiner	**Darren Norton FCCA** Young and Phillips Chartered Certified Accountants
Bankers	Co-operative Bank
Accountant	Joanna Surman FCCA Young and Phillips

Objectives

Our charity's objectives as set out in the objects contained in the company's memorandum and articles of association are:

To promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of the electoral ward of Gwynfi and the surrounding area, the provision of facilities for well-being, self-improvement, recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances or for the public at large in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the condition of life of the said inhabitants.

To help young people, especially but not exclusively through leisure time activities, to develop their capabilities so that they may grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society.

Ensuring our work delivers against our objectives

Our objectives are borne in mind when considering new activities, services or facilities provided by the charity. During our first year of operation a review of activities was undertaken to determine core activities offered to the community so as to achieve our objectives. Since then, every year we have continued to build on our prior achievements, trying new activities as well as reviewing those already in place.

The manager regularly reports to the trustees on the activities undertaken with reference to what was done, activity attendance levels and usage rates for the hall facilities. The manager also reports on future activity plans and discussion centres around who would benefit from the provision of any suggested activity or facility provision. Any activities or facilities that are reviewed and found to be no longer suitable or supported by the community are stopped so that resources can be redirected to new activity which better achieves our objectives.

We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our objectives and in planning our future activities.

Structure, Governance & Management

Governing Document

Gwynfi Miners Community Hall is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales on 31 October 2012 and registered as a charity on 31 October 2013.

The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

Recruitment and Appointment of Directors

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law. Directors are appointed at the annual general meeting or co-opted for a particular skill sets during the year.

Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association the directors are appointed to serve until such time as they are required to retire at a subsequent annual general meeting. At each annual general meeting one third of the directors or, if their number is not three or a multiple of three, the nearest to one third, must retire from office. The directors to retire by rotation shall be those who have been longest in office since their last appointment.

All directors give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or benefits from the charity.

Management

The directors manage the business of the charity and the premises are managed operationally by two paid members of staff providing cover between them during opening hours.

Risk Assessment

The Manager has carried out an appropriate health and safety risk assessment and has established systems to reduce identified risks. Assessments are kept up to date with regular reviews by the Directors. The Directors receive a Health & Safety report at their monthly meeting. The most significant risk was our funding uncertainty however the Corvid Pandemic has now taken precedence. All of the Directors and staff are aware of this risk and every effort is focused on helping to control the spread and to protect others. Measures have been introduced in line with the guidance and regulations from the Welsh Government and local authority.

Chair's Report

We are coming to the end of our first decade of Gwynfi Miners Community Hall and next year we will be celebrating our 10 Anniversary.

It is a remarkable achievement and a tribute to much dedicated work and commitment that we are still here.

And not only are we still here but we are providing a wider and much more engaging range of activities for the communities of Aber-Blaengwynfi and for others who travel from outside the village to use our facilities.

Their continuing support is a vindication of the work of the staff and directors in keeping GMCH open. And it is a vindication for the support that we have had from local fundraising efforts here in our community but also from the generous support we have had from a range of funding and grant giving bodies over the last decade as well as NPT CVS and Coalfields Regeneration.

Our last AGM was in November last year – as we emerged from the shadow of the Covid pandemic. The staff and directors have not had to start from square one again but in some respects it was close to it. Since then we have seen the Hall put on its boots, tie up its laces and get going once again.

At the last AGM we reported how the best use was made of the lull in our activities to renew and refocus on what the Hall would provide. And that is now bearing fruit though the continuing loss of the downstairs part of the building remains a real barrier to providing more activities and opportunities. We are constantly looking at ways of not only bringing that part of the building back into use but also looking at how the patio area at the back could also be more usefully used. That remains a work in progress as a whole range of ideas and projects are continually being explored.

We continue to look beyond the narrow confines of GMCH to support our work. Over the last year links with the local primary school, Penafan Primary School, has greatly improved. And in this context the work that is taking place with the Flying Start programme is also very positive as are the links with the Youth Service – though the lack of downstairs facilities places restrictions on what we can offer.

We will hear more about activities from Simon, our manager, but two events in the last year do merit special mention – the Remembrance Sunday events and the premier of the film Independent Miss Jill Craigie.

Our now annual Remembrance Day concert is an important part of village life. As well as having excellent entertainment, the concert is also a time to remember and reflect. We are grateful to G2 for hosting the event, to Ogmore Male Voice Choir and to Treherbert & District Silver Band and to Josie Gibbons for her solo performance.

G2 was also the location of the premier showing, to a full house, of the film Independent Miss Jill Craigie in the presence of the director / producer Prof. Lizzie Thynne and Hollie Price from Sussex University and our special guest for the night Michael Sheen. As the director of film Blue Scar, Jill Craigie had very close links with our village.

We work closely with Cymer Community Library and other similar groups to ourselves in the Upper Afan Valley. We have made links with a walking and activities group in the Rhondda and we have indicated our

willingness to provide support to any refugee community in our Hall if the need should arise. And we have made links with Neath Port Talbot College to see if there are ways to address our flooding problems. This year we also contributed to the NPT CBC Corporate Plan and Budget Consultation.

In view of the local elections that took place in May, we felt that this input was important to help shape the policies and outlook of any new administration at the Civic Centre. This is particularly important in view of the former council's decision to take Leisure Services back in-house. In these circumstances we felt that the needs of our communities also had to be taken on board.

On paper, our finances look somewhat more healthy than in previous years. But much of the money is already committed and tied to specific projects and activities. It highlights that with funding and resources more can be provided at Gwynfi Miners Community Hall. But as always we are only one setback away for disaster. Our overall funding situation is precarious and this is why our discussions with the new NPT CBC administration is so important.

We are continually grateful for the continuing support we receive from Llynfi Afan Renewable Energy Park. Their funding is indispensable and having their support is vital. We also have a substantial grant from Garfield Weston Foundation for the second time. This second round of funding is not only welcome for obvious reasons but it also is a vote of confidence in our efforts by this prestigious grant giving organisation. We are also grateful with the support we received from NPT CVS in making applications to the various funding streams that have replaced EU money.

Gwynfi Miners Community Hall's aim is to improve the quality of life of all residents of Aber-Blaengwynfi. I think it is fair to report that we are doing this and that we are gratified to see the numbers, from all ages and groups, who are using our building. Thanks for that support.

To our directors whose time and efforts are crucial – thank you and we would like to thank the contribution we have had from our new directors Jim Jordan.

And to our staff – who make everything happen --- to Leigh, Pam and Dionne – thanks for your work **over** the year.

And to our Manager – our Jurgen Klopp or Pep Guadiola – who makes it all happen. Simon who keeps his finger firmly on the pulse of our community's needs, comes up with the ideas and puts them into action. Thanks indeed.

Manager Report

Our AGM seems to be upon us very quickly after the last, which is absolutely the case and as our chair mentioned next year we will be celebrating our 10th Anniversary and what a great milestone to celebrate.

During this period, we have provided an extended range of services and activities for all ages and have transformed the GMCH into a more diverse community resource and a one stop shop. Services that are improving the lives of the people in our communities and are helping to reduce health inequalities and keeping people connected.

However there is no denial that the last two years were extremely challenging for all of us, but hopefully we have all come through it and ready to face the challenges going forward.

Now more than ever it seems, is the need for the GMCH to provide the services required in line with our strategic aims - support for families, reducing loneliness and isolation, tackling physical and mental health issues and improving confidence and self-esteem in those that find themselves particularly vulnerable in this post-pandemic period.

We started the financial year realigning our normal calendar appearance following a gap due to COVID restrictions. It was great to see those restrictions start to drift away, as the community began to feel more confident enough to return to the 'new' normal the usage of the hall started to increase accordingly.

During lockdown I noticed that there were a significant increase of people out walking around the Afan Valley and people seem to be valuing our green spaces more than ever, and this trend was witnessed across the country.

Being mindful of the residents who were still feeling anxious about meeting indoors, it was paramount that organisations built on this and invested in organising outdoor activities. GMCH in collaboration with the lost Peatlands organised a string of outdoor activities and established a new "walk and talk" group.

Covid has brought communities together and residents have set up new groups. For example the Gwynfi Litter Pickers are achieving great things. I am jubilant to see groups finally realising the importance of working together where previously they would have worked against each other to achieve the same outcomes.

The GMCH continues to work in consultation with local people and other statutory and voluntary agencies in developing our programmes and responding to new initiatives. Like our Chair mentioned in his report our list of supporters and partners are for ever growing and with this so is the organisation.

However fresh approaches are needed from our key public agencies, our local authority, our health board, Natural Resources Wales and similar bodies to support and better engage with our communities, in particular with the local community groups. Third sector organisations are working under increased pressures and face significant challenges to meet the emerging needs, and the GMCH is no exception.

As we no longer receive the level of support we were promised by Neath Port Talbot CBC I am pleased to report that larger funder`s have recognised the vital role we play and were awarded funds in support of this. The year 2021-22 has been very prosperous in terms of grant funding which is critical to our survival and success.

What have we learnt though? Firstly what has become even clearer is that, in times of crisis local organisations and networks have become more important and are the front line for the local communities.

Secondly, during tough times people and organisations have shown that they can be resilient. I have witnessed this on many occasions when local residents recently responded to the house fires in Jersey Road where local residents provided refreshments and warm clothing for the people affected by the fire and the emergency services and the GMCH was opened out of normal operating hours to provide a shelter and warm refuge.

During the pandemic residents took it upon themselves to set up a volunteer support group to provide a food bank and a shopping and befriending service inclusive to everyone who needed it.

These are just a few examples of the community's solidarity and kindness that springs to mind but I am sure there are many more inspiring stories that can be told from the years gone by.

I am still so proud to be the manager of such a warm, welcoming, special place that is the Gwynfi Miners Community Hall and I would like thank the staff, volunteers, board of trustees, funders to many to mention and lastly our wonderful loyal and resolute community.

As a team we can make things happen.

My sincere thanks and gratitude to you all.

Thank you so much

Achievements & Performance

The information in this section refers to the period 1st April 2021 to the 31st March 2022. Gwynfi Miners Community Hall have now been operating for nine years and the next we will be celebrating the 10th Anniversary and this is an achievement in its own right.

During this period people of all ages have attended the GMCH to take part in a wide variety of activities and services that has helped develop a culture of wellbeing across, social, mental and physical health.

Health & Wellbeing

Unfortunately the basement flooding still remains our burden and we are limited with the range of physical activity we can offer. The GMCH are grateful to have access to the school's Mugga where children activities have taken place. However this can be limited by the weather and not suitable in the wet or cold winter months.

There are other options available to develop unused land behind our facility to create an outdoor multi use playing area. However it was agreed that it would be in the organisations and communities best interests to exhaust all avenues first to restore and protect the GMCH before we commit to other larger projects.

Since the start of the pandemic when the UK were put into lockdown children's physical activity behaviours lessened significantly. Social restrictions meant that children and young people could not access classes, such as dance classes, football sessions or other forms of school-related or community-based physical activities that they would normally attend prior to the pandemic.

The Kids Sports & Activity Club was set up to encourage children to become more active and help them to ditch the bad habits they inherited during lockdown. The sessions were fun so that young people would view physical activity more positively. The club was well attended but it is apparent that children are still exercising less and there is still considerable work to be done collectively with other organisations and bodies before we can expect to achieve the figures recorded before the pandemic.

The weights and fitness gymnasium has experienced one of its quietest phases which could be down to varying factors including the above and others such as younger people travelling longer distances to work, increased sedentary behaviour , increased penetration of television and mobile phone devices and competition from neighbouring gyms that are larger, modern and more equipped.

Despite this the gym is still well used when you take into consideration there Gwynfi has a declining and ageing population and high levels of social disadvantage.

Gwynfi Amateur Boxing Club continues to be a popular activity at the Hall. Boxing is a sport that fosters discipline and engages individuals with goals they once considered difficult to achieve, both in and out of the ring. Gwynfi Miners Community Hall acknowledges the importance of the Gwynfi ABC and has given the club a free residency at the GMCH so that the club can continue to thrive and inspire.

We must thank Owain Davies and his team of dedicated volunteers who took over the gym a few years back after the saddened loss of the founder and coach of Gwynfi ABC Mr John Radmore.

The GP Exercise Referral Scheme is a great way for people with short or long-term conditions to improve their health and increase levels of physical activity. Patients suffering with common medical conditions such as obesity, mental health, cardiovascular diseases, hypertension and diabetes have all benefited from the scheme.

The scheme is running at a maximum capacity which is evidence for the need of the GMCH so that there is an assured base where specialist health schemes can be delivered from.

Dance Aerobics has always proven popular at the GMCH and this year was no exception. Dance aerobics is a good form of exercise to get fit whilst having fun. On average fifteen women from the village and neighbouring communities attended the weekly sessions to dance and socialise with friends. Other fitness classes also included Legs, Bums & Tums and Exercise for The Older Adult but these classes did not prove as popular.

The Walk and Talk Group was established so that people who were still feeling vulnerable or anxious after the pandemic would have the opportunity to take part in an outdoor physical activity. Besides the many health benefits the walks created a platform for discussion where new friendships were made.

We were pleased that the Rhondda Strollers accepted our invitation to join us on a walk around the Gwynfi forestry. They were a fantastic group of people with the same common interests and passion for the outdoors. The group will be returning the favour and will be joining the Rhondda Strollers on one of their walks shortly which everyone is looking forward to.

Leisure, Recreation and Other Activities

The GMCH is extremely proud of the way that the community groups and volunteers have adapted to the circumstances and continue to deliver a varied yet relevant programme of meaningful activities - re-establishing old favourites like the Coffee Morning, Book Club and craft club (Gwynfi Crafters). These are activities that keep the community socially active and connected.

The community cinema continues to be well supported where people experience a night out at the movies with friends locally without the concerns over cost and travel. Average audience numbers for the adult screenings were around twenty-five and the family screenings attracted audiences in excess of forty- five. Pen Afan Primary School also visited the GMCH cinema where combined one hundred children attended the two screenings to watch a Christmas film where the GMCH provided free festive snacks for each child.

Lost Peatlands were a relatively new organisation and aims to restore the upland landscape of the Upper Afan Valley whilst helping local communities and organisations to explore and enjoy their natural heritage. Lost Peatlands have organised a diverse variety of activities for all ages that have taken place in the GMCH and in the green spaces around the villages and woods.

Activities such as bush crafts, wood carving, nature walks and outdoor cooking were well attended, thoroughly enjoyable and educational. Activities many people would not experience if it was not for specialist organisations like the Lost Peatlands who possess the relevant interests, skills and training to provide such a diverse timetable of activities for all age groups. Further activities and projects are already scheduled for the year ahead.

Another symbol of a tentative return to normality was the return of the Remembrance Concert which is always a sombre but enjoyable evening and a highlight on people`s social calendar. Safety measures and

reduced audiences were imposed but this year`s concert will return to a maximum capacity giving more people the opportunity to attend and commemorate. Other notably events included the premier of a documentary "Independent Miss Craigie" where we were joined by Hollywood star Michael Sheen. The film was directed by Prof. Lizzie Thyme (Film Director of Media and Arts Sussex University) and Dr Hollie Price (Film Pioneer of Media and Arts at Sussex University).

The film captures the fascinating life of the socialist and feminist film director Jill Craigie. Film Director Lizzie Thyme approached the GMCH with the opportunity to screen the premiere before it was shown across the country in other locations. It was a great honour and privilege to show this award winning film that included video footage from and relevant to the villages of Aber-Blaengwynfi.

Local crafters from the village and neighbouring communities organised various craft fairs throughout the year to raise funds to support the local primary schools and community organisations like the Gwynfi Miners Community Hall. The events brought the communities together during these difficult times and gave people the opportunity to purchase quality handcrafted items, try different activities and taste delicious homemade baking. These are a group of generous people

Young People

Gwynfi Miners Community Hall makes a particular effort to cater for the needs of our young people. We work with the local council to provide a weekly youth club but we also seek to welcome our young people at other times.

During the school holidays we provided a choice of activities for young people such as film shows, arts & crafts and recreational activities. We established a "Junior Cinema Club" where children were given the opportunity to select the films that they would like to see, design marketing materials and take up lead roles during the screenings.

Thirty children attended the workshops and an audience of forty-five attended the cinema screenings.

We organised Easter, Summer and Christmas Arts & Craft sessions which are always a popular choice for families and younger children. The children had the opportunity to paint and make different seasonal themed objects. The classes were very enjoyable, fun, messy and educational.

Gwynfi Miners Community Hall provides a safe environment for our children to engage in enjoyable and useful activity. We believe that it is no coincidence that our levels of anti-social activity and crime is at such a low level that South Wales Police has deployed our village Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) to other duties for most of their working week

Training, Learning and Family Support

During the year people could access key services that included Communities4Work Plus Employment Support, Training courses and the Credit Union collection point.

The library upgrades undertaken during lockdown have attracted new bookings and we are pleased that the facility was suitable to accommodate the Welsh Governments flagship early years Flying Start programme for families with children under 4 years of age.

The mother and toddlers meet at the GMCH twice a week where they take part in a programme of activities for families so that they can learn, develop and thrive.

All services that have been critical to supporting families affected by the aftermath of the pandemic, economic climate and more recently the cost-of-living crisis.

Financial Review

The accounting period in this report covers the 12 months to 31st March 2022.

We exercise a very tight financial discipline and prudently manage our funds, keeping a close eye on the fluctuating energy market and comparing energy suppliers. We were fortunate to negotiate fair energy contracts at the right time however as the year went on we noticed that energy prices started to increase.

Bearing this in mind when our gas contract ends in September there will be no guarantee that contracts will remain so competitive. Thankfully we are tied into a longer-term electricity contract so this may help to mitigate some of the anticipated gas increases.

All of our expenditure is scrutinized and like our utility costs we obtain multiple quotes for services and purchases to ensure we get the resources for the best price. We are fortunate to have reliable contacts in various industries who can recommend reputable companies to carry out maintenance work at the GMCH. This has been invaluable as we now have contracts with companies and engineers who are trusted, fair and always provide a first class service.

In terms of grants and donations this financial year has been quite prosperous, however our annual accounts can be misleading to casual readers. Our financial position comes across more healthier but in reality this is far from the truth. The majority of grants are restricted and allocated for specific projects therefore from year to year we continue to operate under shadow a shoestring budget.

Despite this it is pleasing to see funders are finally realising the importance of awarding grants for core funding which is vital to the survival of Third Sector Organisations. GMCH being in receipt of these grants have managed to end the year with a healthier bank balance than previous years.

Although we ended the year with a healthy balance the funds are either restricted grants or set aside to fund the forecasted annual core running costs. Whilst operating from a shoestring budget it is not possible to build a contingency pot to fund unforeseen maintenance or replace old or damaged equipment.

The period ended with a deficit of £6449 on our annual running costs. This has meant a reduction in money that was carried forward to the new financial year to £79998 compared to £87250 the previous year.

Principal Funding Sources

After our set-back with the loss of the grant from NPTCBC in 2016 we have still managed to provide a valued community amenity. We are always pleased to hear about the positive differences our services are making in people lives and the local economy.

Llynfi Afan Renewable Energy Park - LAREP (GAMESA / John Laing) have provided unrestricted index linked funding for the past six years and are committed to providing this for the next fourteen years. LAREP is the only organisation who provide long term unrestricted financial support to the Gwynfi Miners Community Hall. We are constantly grateful to them for this loyal and much valued support. We appreciate that they have a sound understanding of how the third sector works and the importance to award such funding in the light of the consequences of “austerity, Pandemic and the more recent increased costs of living”.

Other funders have not been willing to follow suite and adapt their funding strategy which recognises that survival is biggest challenge facing Third Sector Organisations. In many cases this has led to the closure and demise of many community assets.

The expectations and requirements from previous decades that were well past their sell-by date. They need to be re- assessed with funders offering survival packages and unrestricted grants. There is some evidence of change but it is not at a pace to meet the financial crises that too many community groups face.

The Garfield Weston Foundation awarded the GMCH a two-year multi grant where we would receive two annual payments of £15000. Garfield Weston are a prestigious funder and apart from receiving the large sums we are proud to be selected, recognised and acknowledged for our hard work.

The Gwynfi Miners Community Hall received grants from other funders which are equally important. The People's Health Lottery, Neath Port Talbot CBC Third Sector, have all been consistent supporters over recent years and this year has been no exception where they have provided further funding to support new activities.

The GMCH is always grateful for the ongoing support we receive from the Neath Port Talbot Council for Voluntary Service who have played an influential role in the growth and developed of the GMCH. We have also received funding from the Integrated Community Fund Grants to support new initiatives and activities. that replaced EU funding and was administered by the NPTCVS.

Coalfields Regeneration Trust have also been an avid supporter of the GMCH and like the NPTCVS have demonstrated their continued support and provided funding for building condition surveys and maintenance. This funding prevented the GMCH from closing and ensured we could continue operating in an uninterrupted way.

Other income was generated from our core activities, room hire charges and community fundraising. In facing our the new financial year out of lockdown people were still anxious about meeting in groups and therefore income generated from users and charitable fundraising was lower in comparison to previous years.

Our public services have traditionally been a key instrument in addressing social disadvantage and inequalities particularly in areas where there is a market failure in delivering facilities and opportunities. Consequently these services have only operated with a subsidy. However the recent decade of austerity has seen this policy being eroded in both statutory and non-statutory provision.

It is still totally unrealistic to expect facilities that operated with financial support in “the good times” should become financially self-sustaining particularly when the communities that they serve have been hardest hit by the policies of austerity and the pandemic. While funders like to see “innovative” and imaginative projects it is vital that they should not be at the cost of established well-valued, core community facilities.

Plans for The Future

- Continue fundraising to provide quality services, activities and a facility that reflects diversity and meets the needs of the Afan Valley Communities.
- Sustain and develop our activities that will connect and engage with people in our community to promote equality, health and well-being through tackling social exclusion, isolation and loneliness.
- Develop a business plan that includes projects to tie in with local developments and tourism that could potentially generate more revenue streams to improve the organisation's financial viability.
- Retain our high profile and relevance to local needs through our social media, publicity, marketing and collaborative partnership working.
- To mitigate the impact of austerity, Covid Pandemic and the cost of living crisis as best we can and try to keep costs to a minimum.
- Recruit and develop our team of directors and volunteer base so that they can help to shape and deliver the Gwynfi Miners Community Halls Strategy.
- Build a resilience and mitigate the long-term impacts caused by the prevailing climate

Given the level of reserves and negotiations with other funding bodies, the Directors are confident that the charity can continue as a going concern for a period of at least 12 months.

Investment Policy

Most of the charity's funds are to be spent in immediate service provision so there are no funds available for longer term investment.

Reserves Policy

The trustees have examined the charity's requirements for reserves in light of the main risks to the organisation. We realise the importance of having a reserve fund worth three to six months of running costs. However this will remain a massive challenge as year to year survival must be our top priority.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

Company law requires the trustees/directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is not appropriate to assume that the charitable company will continue on that basis.

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware;

- there is no information relevant for the examination of which the charitable company's examiner is unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps they ought to have taken in order to make themselves aware of any information relevant for the examination

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Chair – Dr Brian Gibbons

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Company Secretary – Mr John Griffiths Date 06-10-22

GWYNFI MINERS COMMUNITY HALL
INDEPENDENT EXAMIER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2022

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

Report to the trustees Gwynfi Miners Community Hall of the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2022, which are set out on pages 4 to 12.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited for this year under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act"). In carrying out my examination, I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 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; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102). IER 2 October 2018 I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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27th September 2022

GWYNFI MINERS COMMUNITY HALL
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

	Notes	£ Unrestricted Funds	£ Restricted Funds	£ Total Funds	£ Prior Year Funds
Incoming Resources					
Grants and Donations	3	21,201	70,454	91,655	121,130
Income from Charitable activities:					
Operation of community hall		8,390	-	8,390	2,907
Insurance claim		-	3,204	3,204	7,550
Total Incoming Resources		**29,591**	**73,658**	**103,249**	**131,587**
Resources Expended					
Charitable Activates	4	37,299	72,399	109,698	77,135
Total Resources expended		**37,299**	**72,399**	**109,698**	**77,135**
Net Income/(Expenditure) and net movement in funds for the year		(7,708)	1,259	(6,449)	54,452
Reconciliation of Funds					
Total funds brought forward		39,746	48,081	87,827	33,375
Total funds carried forward		**32,038**	**49,340**	**81,378**	**87,827**

GWYNFI MINERS COMMUNITY HALL
BALANCE SHEET
AT THE 31ST MARCH 2022

	Notes	£ Unrestricted Funds	£ Restricted Funds	£ Total Funds	£ Prior Year Funds
Fixed Assets	8	48	1,679	1,727	820
Current Assets					
Debtors	9	110	3,204	3,314	2,498
Cash at bank and in hand	10	33,862	46,136	79,998	87,250
Total current assets		33,972	49,340	83,312	89,748
Liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	1,982	1,679	3,661	2,741
Net current assets		31,990	47,661	79,651	88,007
Total assets less current liabilities		32,038	49,340	81,378	87,827
Net Assets		**32,038**	**49,340**	**81,378**	**87,827**
Funds of the Charity					
Unrestricted funds	13	32,038	-	32,038	39,746
Restricted income funds	12	-	49,340	49,340	48,081
Total funds		**32,038**	**49,340**	**81,378**	**87,827**

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.

Approved by the board and signed on its behalf by

Chair- Dr Brian Gibbons Date 06-10-22

Company secretary- John Griffiths Date 06-10-22

GWYNFI MINERS COMMUNITY HALL
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

1 Basis of preparation

1.1 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 note(s) to these 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 Charities Act 2011

1.2 Going Concern

These accounts have been prepared on the basis that the charity is a going concern.

2 Accounting Policies

2.1 Income

Recognition of income

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability

Offsetting

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS 102 SORP or FRS 102.

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS102 SORP).

In the case of performance related grants, income must only be recognised to the extent that the charity has provided the specified goods or services as entitlement to the grant only occurs when the performance related conditions are met (5.16 FRS 102 SORP).

Deferred income

Deferred income has been included in the account in line with the deprecation of assets.

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Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts.

2.2 Expenditure and liabilities

Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Governance and Support costs

Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Creditors

The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts

2.3 Assets

Stock and work in progress

Goods or services provided as part of a charitable activity are measured at net realisable value based on the service potential provided by items of stock.

Debtors

Debtors (including trade debtors and loans receivable) are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amount advanced by the charity.
Subsequently, they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.

GWYNFI MINERS COMMUNITY HALL
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

3 Analysis of Income

	£ Unrestricted Funds	£ Restricted Funds	£ Total Funds	£ Prior Year Funds
Donations				
Donations	200	300	500	675
Bereavement Bequest	-	-	-	695
Grants				
NPTCBC- Rent	-	8,700	8,700	8,300
NPTCBC Economic Resilience Fund	2,000	-	2,000	23,000
NPTCBC Third sector Grant	-	5,000	5,000	5,000
NPTCBC Councillors Community Fund	-	1,602	1,602	-
People's Health Trust	-	4,493	4,493	13,987
Llynfi Afan REP Community	19,001	-	19,001	18,390
Garfield Weston Foundation Grant	-	15,000	15,000	-
Pen Y Cymoedd Covid Survival Fund	-	-	-	10,000
Foundation Wales resilience Grant	-	-	-	2,000
Welsh Government cultural grant	-	14,250	14,250	7,500
HMRC Job retention scheme	-	1,215	1,215	7,251
Coalfields regeneration grant	-	2,000	2,000	2,000
NPT CVS Grant	-	-	-	11,952
Heritage Lottery Grant	-	410	410	9,180
Afan valley cluster Grant				1,200
NPT AWPOG Capital Grant	-	634	634	-
Thynne Elizabeth Gill Craigie Events	-	350	350	-
West Glamorgan Prevention & Early Learning Grant Scheme	-	8,000	8,000	-
National Lottety Grant	-	8,500	8,500	-
	21,201	70,454	91,655	**121,130**
Income from charitable activities				
Fundraising events	260	-	260	-
Community Cinema	212	-	212	-
Room Hire	3,473	-	3,473	1,324
Gym	4,445	-	4,445	1,583
	8,390	-	8,390	2,907
Insurance claim	-	3,204	3,204	7,550
	29,591	**73,658**	**103,249**	**131,587**

GWYNFI MINERS COMMUNITY HALL
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

4 Analysis of Expenditure

	£ Unrestricted Funds	£ Restricted Funds	£ Total Funds	£ Prior Year Funds
Charitable activities				
Core activities	13,375	27,869	41,244	35,617
Children's Funds	34	72	106	27
Cinema & funding events	305	449	754	-
Governance costs (note 6)	1,039	1,044	2,083	1,501
Support costs (note 5)	22,546	42,965	65,511	39,990
	37,299	**72,399**	**109,698**	**77,135**

5 Support costs

All support costs have been allocated on the following basis.

	£ Unrestricted Funds	£ Restricted Funds	£ Total Funds
Rent	387	8,700	9,087
Repairs & maintenance	11,463	20,846	32,309
Equipment	901	5,690	6,591
Light, heat and water rates	3,160	2,500	5,660
Insurance	3,374	-	3,374
Telephone	684	-	684
Cleaning	1,003	315	1,318
Printing & stationery	299	2,014	2,313
Accountancy	1,008	-	1,008
Other office costs	159	1,000	1,159
Professional fees	108	1,900	2,008
	22,546	**42,965**	**65,511**

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6 Governance costs

	£ Unrestricted Funds	£ Restricted Funds	£ Total Funds
Professional fees	462	-	462
Independent examination	552	-	552
Deprecation	25	1,044	1,069
	1,039	**1,044**	**2,083**

7 Paid employees

Employee costs were £38,712 (2021-£35,587), including social security costs of £0 (2021-£335) There were no pension costs.

During the year various grants were received to cover wages totalling £25,469. (2021-£7,251).

No employee received more than £60,000 during the year (2021- nil)

8 Tangible Fixed Assets

	2022	2021
	£	£
Fixture & equipment		
Cost		
Brought forward 1st April 2020	10,742	9,512
Additions	1,976	1,230
At 31st March 2021	12,718	10,742
Deprecation		
Brought forward 1st April 2020	9,922	9,922
Charge for the year	1,069	410
At 31st March 2021	10,991	9,922
Net book value	1,727	820

During 2021 a computer was bought using restricted funds and in 2022 a PA system was purchased mainly using restricted income with the balance paid out of general funds.

Deprecation and cost has been apported in line with percentage paid.

The balance of restricted assets at the at the yearend is £1,679. (2021-£820)

GWYNFI MINERS COMMUNITY HALL
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9 Debtors

	2022	2021
Trade debtors	-	453
Prepayments	110	2,245
	110	**2,498**

10 Cash at Bank and in hand

	2022	2021
Bank Account	77,399	85,260
Deposit Account	1,174	1,174
Cash at bank and in hand	1,425	816
	79,998	**87,250**

11 Creditors: Amounts falling within one year

	2022	2021
Deferred Income	1,679	820
Accruals	1,982	1,921
	3,661	**2,741**

Deferred Income

During the financial year ended 2021 the charity received a Heritage Lottery grant for £10,000 of which £1,230 was used to buy a computer.

In 2022 a PA system was purchased for £1,976 of which £1,903 was money from NPT AWPOG Capital Grant.

Both items have been capitalised in fixed assets and depreciated over it useful economic life. Standard accounting practice is to include this grant as deferred income on the balance sheet and to write back the grant to the statement of financial activities account in line with the depreciation on the relevant assets.

The grant income recognised in these accounts this year is £1,044 (2021-£410).

GWYNFI MINERS COMMUNITY HALL
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12 Restricted Income Funds

	£ Balance at 1st April 2021	£ Incoming resources	£ Outgoing resources	£ Balance at 31st March 2022
Donations				
GASP-petty cash for new junior cinema	100		-	100
Pamela Walsh donation	-	300	-	300
	400	**300**	**-**	**400**
Grants				
Groundwork grant	1,504	-	-	1,504
Asda	240	-	72	168
Llynfi Afan REP Community	207	-	-	207
Peoples Health Trust	8,987	4,493	8,478	5,002
Pen Y cymoedd survival fund	10,000	-	10,000	-
Community foundation Wales	435	-	425	10
Welsh Government Cultural Grant- Library	3,686	14,250	13,186	4,750
HMRC Job Retention scheme	-	1,215	1,215	-
Coalfields regeneration grant	2,000	2,000	4,000	-
NPT CVS ICF Grant	11,952	-	11,952	-
Afan Valley cluster Grant	1,200	-	525	675
Heritage Lottery Grant	7,770	-	7,746	24
NPTBC Councillors Community fund	-	1,602	1,602	-
NPT AWPOG Capital Grant	-	1,903	1,903	-
National Lottery Grant	-	8,500	-	8,500
Garfield Weston Foundation Grant	-	15,000	-	15,000
West Glamorgan Prevention & Early Learning Grant Scheme	-	8,000	-	8,000
NPTCBC Third sector	-	5,000	-	5,000
Thynne Elizabeth Gill Craigie Events	-	350	250	100
NPTCBC rent	-	8,700	8,700	-
	47,981	**71,013**	**70,054**	**48,940**
	48,081	**71,313**	**70,054**	**49,340**

GWYNFI MINERS COMMUNITY HALL
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

13 Analysis of Unrestricted Funds

	£ Balance at 1st April 2021	£ Incoming resources	£ Outgoing resources	£ Balance at 31st March 2022
General Funds				
Unrestricted income fund	39,746	29,591	37,299	32,038
	39,746	**29,591**	**37,299**	**32,038**

14 Related party transactions

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

15 Company limited by guarantee

Gwynfi Miners Community Hall is a company limited by guarantee. Every member of the company undertakes to contribute such an amount as may be required not exceeding £1 to the assets in the event of its being wound up while he or she is a member, or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member.

GWYNFI MINERS COMMUNITY HALL

England & Wales - Charity number 1154423

Accounts

Gwynfi Miners Community Hall

(A company limited by guarantee)

Report and Financial Statements for the

12 months ended 31st March 2021

Charity number 1154423

Company number 08275575

Annual Report and Financial Statements
For the 12 months ended 31st March 2021

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Report of the Trustees for the 12 months ended 31st March 2021

The trustees are pleased to present their annual directors' report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ending 31 March 2021 which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity name:	Gwynfi Miners Community Hall
Charity registration number:	1154423
Company registration number:	08275575
Registered Office and Operational address:	98 Jersey Road Blaengwynfi Port Talbot SA13 3TE

Trustees

Dr Brian Gibbons FRCGP, MB BCh BAO	Chair
Mrs Jane Jones	
Mr John Griffiths	Company Secretary
Mrs Christine Isobelle Suzanne Keirle	
Mrs Mairlyn Young	
Mrs Pamela Walsh	Deceased 12th June 2020
Cllr. Ralph Thomas	Resigned 1st April 2020

*Trustees who are not directors under company law.

Independent Examiner	**Darren Norton FCCA** Young and Phillips Chartered Certified Accountants
Bankers	Co-operative Bank
Accountant	Joanna Surman FCCA Young and Phillips

Objectives

Our charity's objectives as set out in the objects contained in the company's memorandum and articles of association are:

To promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of the electoral ward of Gwynfi and the surrounding area, the provision of facilities for well-being, self-improvement, recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances or for the public at large in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the condition of life of the said inhabitants.

To help young people, especially but not exclusively through leisure time activities, to develop their capabilities so that they may grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society.

Ensuring our work delivers against our objectives

Our objectives are borne in mind when considering new activities, services or facilities provided by the charity. During our first year of operation a review of activities was undertaken to determine core activities offered to the community so as to achieve our objectives. Since then, every year we have continued to build on our prior achievements, trying new activities as well as reviewing those already in place.

The manager reports to the trustees each month on the activities undertaken during the month with reference to what was done, activity attendance levels and usage rates for the hall facilities. The manager also reports on future activity plans and discussion centres around who would benefit from the provision of any suggested activity or facility provision. Any activities or facilities that are reviewed and found to be no longer suitable or supported by the community are stopped so that resources can be redirected to new activity which better achieves our objectives.

We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our objectives and in planning our future activities.

Structure, Governance & Management

Governing Document

Gwynfi Miners Community Hall is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales on 31 October 2012 and registered as a charity on 31 October 2013.

The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

Recruitment and Appointment of Directors

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law. Directors are appointed at the annual general meeting or co-opted for a particular skill sets during the year.

Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association the directors are appointed to serve until such time as they are required to retire at a subsequent annual general meeting. At each annual general meeting one third of the directors or, if their number is not three or a multiple of three, the nearest to one third, must retire from office. The directors to retire by rotation shall be those who have been longest in office since their last appointment.

All directors give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or benefits from the charity.

Management

The directors manage the business of the charity and the premises are managed operationally by two paid members of staff providing cover between them during opening hours.

Risk Assessment

The Manager has carried out an appropriate health and safety risk assessment and has established systems to reduce identified risks. Assessments are kept up to date with regular reviews by the Directors. The Directors receive a Health & Safety report at their monthly meeting. The most significant risk was our funding uncertainty however the Corvid Pandemic has now taken precedence. All of the Directors and staff are aware of this risk and every effort is focused on helping to control the spread and to protect others. Measures have been introduced in line with the guidance and regulations from the Welsh Government and local authority.

Chair's Report

The unprecedented Covid pandemic has dominated this year. Virtually all of our activities were brought to a halt. For many months we wondered if we would ever re-open. But good staff and community support linked to grants from the Llynfi Afan Renewable Energy Park, Pen y Cymoedd Community Fund, Welsh Government, Peoples' Health Trust, Coal Fields Regeneration, NPTCVS, Heritage Lottery, Foundation Wales and Afan Primary Care Cluster has meant that we were still standing as Covid restrictions were eased. We would also like to thank Cllr J Jones for a contribution from NPT CBC's Community Fund and to the NPT Council for its Third Sector Grant.

We were able to be there to provide a steppingstone back towards some sort of normality for local people. We extend our deepest gratitude to all of those who supported us through this difficult period.

We are pleased that as we re-opened and we have been able to provide opportunities that have catered for all ages from the very youngest toddlers to our very oldest citizens, and we have been able to increase our partnership working with bodies such as the NHS and the Ramblers.

But the time of closure was not totally wasted. We used the opportunity to redesign the Library, computer suite and Clydfan. The new lay out has impressed all who have visited the building and we have new opportunities to expand the range of activities that we can provide. This includes looking to explore new ways to integrate Gwynfi Miners Hall into our wider community heritage.

The age of our building is a legacy we could well do without. It is a source of constant problems from the slates on the roof to the flooding in the bottom floor Sports Hall. In

the latter instance, for now we have to accept that the elements have beaten us and acknowledge that we cannot afford to address the level of repair that would be needed to keep it functional.

During the year we have seen a decline in our Directors numbers. Pam Walsh sadly passed away. She was a formidable champion and supporter of Gwynfi Miners Community Hall. We will sadly miss her good spirit and humour. Ralph Thomas has also had to retire from his post due to family and work commitments. The numbers of directors has dwindled over recent years. All community social enterprises face a continual challenge of renewing their membership. This is something we will seek to address in the coming year.

A special thanks to Leigh, Dionne and Pam for their loyalty over a difficult year. That is much appreciated. And we own a special thanks to our Manager, Simon. He faced a difficult and frustrating year where obstacles and problems seem to dominate his working hours. But despite that he managed great changes and has ensured that Gwynfi Miners Community Hall is in a fit position to face 2021-22. Once again a very many thanks.

Managers Report

This is now my ninth annual report and it has certainly been one of the most challenging and uncertain periods to reflect back on. Like everyone else, we have needed to adapt, pivot and respond to the rapidly changing circumstances and the emerging needs.

The Gwynfi Miners Community Hall like many other organisations have been severely impacted with the pausing of all activities, access to the centre restricted, loss of income and having fewer staff available.
The hall is a true ‘Hub` of the community and an excellent example of local community action in the face of government cuts. How-ever it has been particularly sad to see our Community Centre, usually so full of life and bustling with activity so under-utilized, but of course this has been unavoidable.

The pandemic has created a wide range of practical and emotional challenges including maintaining contact with people and providing support during this period of uncertainty. The GMCH were proud to play their part in helping local volunteers whom from their own initiative set up community groups to provide a shopping and

befriending service to our most vulnerable residents. The programmatic response to the coronavirus pandemic is an extension of the excellent work the Gwynfi Miners Community Hall, groups and volunteers are already doing in the community, making positive change and a sustainable impact.

I have no doubt in saying that without the resilience from the community, many vulnerable people would have gone without support, communities would have been a lot lonelier and primary care services would have been under even more pressure.

I find the community response to Covid19 reassuring but not surprising. Historically, the villages in the Afan Valley have had to look after their own interests in the absence of public services and support.
Having all experienced social isolation, disconnection from family and friends and existing medical conditions being exacerbated, we recognise that the existence and purpose of the Gwynfi Miners Community Hall is now more important than ever.

Due to the age of the facility and our levels of income that does not cover the running costs,
funding the maintenance and up-keep of the Gwynfi Miners Community Hall remains to be a burden and could always pose a potential threat to the operations or worse closure.

This year has been no exception and sadly the building has encountered further damage from the sporadic flooding and wintery storms. On top of this our heating system become faulty and was decommissioned. Although elements of the work were covered within our Building Insurance Policy it took us several months to source and secure funding to renew the boiler. Unfortunately due to the complexity and cost involved the flooding is unresolved and the sports hall and changing rooms remain out of use.

We must thank the Welsh Government and our multiple funders who have provided critical Covid related support that has compensated for the loss of income. The funding we received ensured that we could sustain our business model and meet the monthly running costs until we return to normal levels of usage. It also would enable us to make building adaptions and carry out critical maintenance repairs has mentioned above.

There are so many individual donors, community groups and grant giving bodies to personally thank so on behalf of the Gwynfi Miners Community Hall I would like to this opportunity to thank you all for your overwhelming support, kindness and commitment. Our projects could not take place without you.

Whilst the facility was operating at a reduced capacity, it gave me the opportunity to undertake a thorough organisational health check. Resulting from this the facility and services have been adapted and modified in accordance to meet the communities changing needs. We liaised closely with hall users and our partners to introduce new conditions to ensure that safe systems of operations were agreed and maintained. In

this context the support and advice provided by the Welsh Government and Local Authority have proved invaluable.

Although the pandemic cast a shadow over this year it has still been a very productive year in terms of development. Funding for new activities have been secured to react to the physical, emotional, financial and economical impacts caused by the Covid Pandemic. In addition to our current timetable a Walk & Talk Group, Men Shed, Adult Craft Club, Junior Cinema Club, Children Dance Class and a variety of fitness and health related health schemes are just some of the sessions we have planned for when business resumes.

During the lockdown work was undertaken to relocate our library to a larger, more practical and diverse space. The renovations included a new IT Suite, Library, Communal Seating and a Heritage Centre. The new IT suite was created out of necessity and will become a vital resource when it opens. More services are being offered online therefore it is essential that residents have access to a reliable broadband connection and staff support so that they are not placed at a disadvantage and at risk of becoming digitally excluded.

The Heritage Centre will pride itself in promoting the Afan Valleys Rich Heritage both past and present. It is important that people are reintroduced to their cultural roots and children and tourists can learn about the history so that the heritage and legacies can live on.

At first we anticipate that it may be difficult to attract back some of our volunteers and users, particularly older generations who may be less inclined to meet in person. There-fore it is still paramount that we keep a strong presence in the community and online.

Working in collaboration with organisations with the same common aims has proven more efficient and productive. In partnership we have managed to cut costs, access more resources and funding, avoid duplication and have brought communities together. Community groups are finally starting to realise the importance of working together, where has previously splinters groups would become exhausted fighting against each other to achieve the same outcome.

A word of thanks to the Committee. They are a small group, all with other commitments, and facing increasing requirements around health & safety, in particular relating to Covid. Each of them have faced into the challenge in helping to keep the Gwynfi Miners Community Hall open.

It was with deepest regret and sadness to hear that one of the Gwynfi Miners Community Halls Director Ms Pamela Walsh sadly passed away on the 12th June 2020. Pamela was an exceptional friend and supporter of the GMCH. A truly kind, caring and inspirational lady who will be dearly missed by everyone.

I would like to thank our loyal staff Leigh Owen, Dionne Williams and Pamela Walsh Griffiths. Has a team

we make things happen.

I must show my sincere thanks and gratitude to our Volunteers who are the backbone of the organisation and help to fill in the gaps, and without them the Gwynfi Miners Community Hall would not function.

Lastly on behalf of the Gwynfi Miners Community Hall I would like to thank our loyal and resolute community for their custom and overwhelming support. You are the heartbeat of the community and the reason why we exist.

While it has been a challenging time we have emerged safely and strongly at the other end and ready to meet the continued challenges of the year ahead. We will look forward to meeting you all back at the Gwynfi Miners Community Hall when it is safe and appropriate to do so.

Please keep safe and well

Achievements & Performance

The information in this section refers to the period 1st April 2020 to the 31st March 2021.

The total number of people who visited the Gwynfi Miners Community Hall during the previous reporting period was 15,306. Taking into account the rural demographic location, combined with an ageing and declining population the footfall recorded was very impressive and supports the need for the services the Gwynfi Miners Community Hall and other Third Sector Organisations provide.

Entering into a new financial year our aspirations were high and we anticipated that our services would continue to be in great demand and therefore we forecast that the year 2020-21 could be potentially the busiest year on record.

How-ever no one could have predicted the devastation that the pandemic would cause globally. The Gwynfi Miners Community Hall and other multi-use community facilities who support a wide range of local activity were instructed to close to help prevent the further spread of the Corona Virus.

Although the facility was permitted to reopen for Short periods apart from our gymnasium all of our other core services and activities were suspended. The facility was used to store items for the community foodbank and a point of contact to support our most vulnerable residents.

The GMCH`s manager played an important role during the pandemic where he delivered books to our elderly residents so that they could continue to read and stay occupied during the lockdown. Having a presence in the community allowed us to keep check on our most vulnerable residents and provide them with reassurance. Although people can download books on IT devices many of our library users are elderly and not up to speed with this digital age and therefore this initiative provided a lifeline for many.

Plans for The Future

During these unprecedented times with so much uncertainty it is difficult to predict when there will be normality and there is no indication when we will be back open operating at a maximum capacity. However we will strive to meet the needs of our communities and adapt our services and facility to meet such needs.

Financial Review

The accounting period in this report covers the 12 months to 31st March 2021.

Gwynfi Miners Community Hall have now been operating for nine complete years and no doubt this could have been potentially one of our most financially uncertain and precarious.

We exercise a very tight financial discipline and prudently manage our funds, keeping a close eye on the fluctuating energy market and comparing energy suppliers. Once again we have been fortunate to negotiate fair energy contracts at the right time before the energy prices escalated. Bearing this in mind future energy contracts may not be so competitive when the time comes to renew.

The facility was closed for long periods and the energy consumption was reduced, but the manager remained active in work so some energy and utilities were still used so that he could carry out is duties. Although our seasons are getting milder the heating is still required to control the damp caused by the age of the building and ongoing flooding.

All of our expenditure is scrutinized and like our utility costs we obtain multiple quotes for services and purchases to ensure we get the resources for the lowest possible price. How-ever we only use certified and reputable contractors to undertake any maintenance or building improvements at the Gwynfi Miners Community Hall.

Every year we consider and understand the importance to set aside funds each month to accumulate a maintenance contingency pot for future repairs. How-ever our continuing yearly financial deficit has meant that we struggle to build our reserves and we remain heavily dependent on donations and grants.

With the prevailing climate of austerity and more recently the Covid 19 Pandemic inevitably competition for grants will increase.

Our annual accounts can be mis-leading and our financial position comes across much more prosperous to our funders, but in reality this is far from the truth and from year to year we operate under a growing concern.

Although we ended the year with a healthy surplus of £54452 the funds are predominately restricted or set aside to fund the annual core running costs.

The period ended with a surplus of £54452 and a annual surplus (£2018 – 2019-2020): and unrestricted reserves of £39746 (£33375 – 2019-2020).

Principal Funding Sources

After our set-back with the loss of the grant from NPTCBC in 2016 we have still managed to provide a valued community amenity. We are always pleased to hear about the positive differences our services are making in people lives and the local economy.

Llynfi Afan Renewable Energy Park - LAREP (GAMESA / John Laing) have provided unrestricted index linked funding for the past five years and are committed to providing this for the next twenty years. LAREP is the only organisation who give long term unrestricted financial support to the Gwynfi Miners Community Hall. We are constantly grateful to them for this loyal and much valued support. We appreciate that they have a sound understanding of how the third sector works and the importance to award such funding in the light of the consequences of “austerity and the latter Pandemic”.

In recent years other funders were not willing to adopt this funding framework and put increased pressures on Third Sector Organisations, but finally the expectations and requirements from previous decades that were well past their sell-by date have been re- assessed and now more funders are offering survival packages and unrestricted grants which has been greatly received.

The Gwynfi Miners Community Hall receive grants from other funders for smaller amounts but are equally important. The People's Health Lottery, Neath Port Talbot CBC Third Sector, have all been consistent supporters over recent years and this year has been no exception where they have provided further funding to support new activities.

We also received funding from the Welsh Government Cultural Fund, Lottery Heritage Find, Foundation of Wales, Neath Port Talbot Council for Voluntary Service Integrated Community Fund. These funds were restricted to carry out maintenance work and to adapt our facility to give it a Covid safe status.

Other income streams are generated from our core activities, room hire charges and community fundraising. Unfortunately with the halting of activities and incapacity to carry out community fundraising these income streams were severely impacted. How-ever we must be thankful for support we have received from the Welsh Governments Economic Resilience Fund which would cover our losses until normal levels of income and activity can resume.

Our public services have traditionally been a key instrument in addressing social disadvantage and inequalities particularly in areas where there is a market failure in delivering facilities and opportunities. Consequently these services have only operated with a subsidy. How-ever the recent decade of austerity has seen this policy being eroded in both statutory and non-statutory provision.

It is still totally unrealistic to expect facilities that operated with financial support in “the good times” should become financially self-sustaining particularly when the communities that they serve have been hardest hit by the policies of austerity and the pandemic. While funders like to see “innovative” and imaginative projects it is vital that they should not be at the cost of established well-valued, core community facilities.

Plans for The Future

- Continue fundraising to provide quality services, activities and a facility that reflects diversity and meets the needs of the Afan Valley Communities.

- Sustain and develop our activities that will connect and engage with people in our community to promote equality, health and well-being through tackling social exclusion, isolation and loneliness.

- Develop a business plan that includes projects to tie in with local developments and tourism that could potentially generate more revenue streams to improve the organisation's financial viability.

- Retain our high profile and relevance to local needs through our social media, publicity, marketing and collaborative partnership working.

- To mitigate the impact of austerity and the Covid Pandemic as best we can and try to keep costs to a minimum.
- Recruit and develop our team of directors so that they can help to shape and deliver the Gwynfi Miners Community Halls Strategy.
- Build a resilience and mitigate the long-term impacts caused by the Corvid 19 Pandemic

Given the level of reserves and negotiations with other funding bodies, the Directors are confident that the charity can continue as a going concern for a period of at least 12 months.

Investment Policy

Most of the charity's funds are to be spent in immediate service provision so there are no funds available for longer term investment.

Reserves Policy

The trustees have examined the charity's requirements for reserves in light of the main risks to the organisation. It has been established that a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets held by the charity should be between 9 and 12 months of expenditure.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

Company law requires the trustees/directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is not appropriate to assume that the charitable company will continue on that basis.

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware;

- there is no information relevant for the examination of which the charitable company's examiner is unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps they ought to have taken in order to make themselves aware of any information relevant for the examination

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Chair – Dr Brian Gibbons

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Company Secretary – Mr John Griffiths Date 22-9-21

GWYNFI MINERS COMMUNITY HALL
INDEPENDENT EXAMIER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2021

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

Report to the trustees Gwynfi Miners Community Hall of the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2021, which are set out on pages 4 to 11.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited for this year under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act"). In carrying out my examination, I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 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; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102). IER 2 October 2018 I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Darren Norton FCCA
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5th August 2021

GWYNFI MINERS COMMUNITY HALL
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

	Notes	£ Unrestricted Funds	£ Restricted Funds	£ Total Funds	£ Prior Year Funds
Incoming Resources					
Grants and Donations	3	52,660	68,470	121,130	61,507
Income from Charitable activities:					
Operation of community hall		2,907	-	2,907	14,041
Insurance claim		-	7,550	7,550	-
Total Incoming Resources		55,567	76,020	131,587	75,548
Resources Expended					
Charitable Activates	4	46,494	30,641	77,135	73,530
Total Resources expended		46,494	30,641	77,135	73,530
Net Income/(Expenditure) and net movement in funds for the year		9,073	45,379	54,452	2,018
Reconciliation of Funds					
Total funds brought forward		30,673	2,702	33,375	31,357
Total funds carried forward		39,746	48,081	87,827	33,375

GWYNFI MINERS COMMUNITY HALL
BALANCE SHEET
AT THE 31ST MARCH 2021

	Notes	£ Unrestricted Funds	£ Restricted Funds	£ Total Funds	£ Prior Year Funds
Fixed Assets	8	-	820	820	-
Current Assets					
Debtors	9	2,498	-	2,498	848
Cash at bank and in hand	10	39,169	48,081	87,250	34,667
Total current assets		41,667	48,081	89,748	35,515
Liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	1,921	82	2,741	2,140
Net current assets		39,746	47,261	87,007	33,375
Total assets less current liabilities		39,746	48,081	87,827	33,375
Net Assets		**39,746**	**48,081**	**87,827**	**33,375**
Funds of the Charity					
Unrestricted funds	13	39,746	-	39,746	30,673
Restricted income funds	12	-	48,081	48,081	2,702
Total funds		**39,746**	**48,081**	**87,827**	**33,375**

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.

Approved by the board and signed on its behalf by

Chair- Dr Brian Gibbons Date 22/9/2021

Company secretary- John Griffiths Date 22-9-21

GWYNFI MINERS COMMUNITY HALL
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

1 Basis of preparation

1.1 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 note(s) to these 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 Charities Act 2011

1.2 Going Concern

These accounts have been prepared on the basis that the charity is a going concern.

2 Accounting Policies

2.1 Income

Recognition of income

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability

Offsetting

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS 102 SORP or FRS 102.

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS102 SORP).

In the case of performance related grants, income must only be recognised to the extent that the charity has provided the specified goods or services as entitlement to the grant only occurs when the performance related conditions are met (5.16 FRS 102 SORP).

Deferred income

Deferred income has been included in the account in line with the deprecation of assets.

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Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts.

2.2 Expenditure and liabilities

Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Governance and Support costs

Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Creditors

The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts

2.3 Assets

Stock and work in progress

Goods or services provided as part of a charitable activity are measured at net realisable value based on the service potential provided by items of stock.

Debtors

Debtors (including trade debtors and loans receivable) are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amount advanced by the charity.
Subsequently, they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.

GWYNFI MINERS COMMUNITY HALL
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3 Analysis of Income

	£ Unrestricted Funds	£ Restricted Funds	£ Total Funds	£ Prior Year Funds
Donations				
Donations	500	100	675	2,079
Bereavement Bequest	770	-	695	-
Grants				
NPTCBC- Rent	-	8,300	8,300	8,300
NPTCBC Economic Resilience Fund	23,000	-	23,000	-
NPTCBC Third sector Grant	5,000	-	5,000	4,980
NPTCBC Community Grant – Capital Grant	-	-	-	5,322
People's Health Trust	5,000	8,987	13,987	10,000
Changing for the better	-			3,715
Llynfi Afan REP Community	18,390	-	18,390	19,311
Garfield Weston Foundation Grant	-	-	-	7,500
Asda Grant	-	-	-	300
Pen Y Cymoedd Covid Survival Fund	-	10,000	10,000	-
Foundation Wales resilience Grant	-	2,000	2,000	-
Welsh Government cultural grant	-	7,500	7,500	-
HMRC Job retention scheme	-	7,251	7,251	-
Coalfields regeneration grant	-	2,000	2,000	-
NPT CVS Grant	-	11,952	11,952	-
Heritage Lottery Grant	-	9,180	9,180	-
Afan valley cluster Grant	-	1,200	1,200	-
	52,660	**68,470**	**121,130**	**61,507**
Income from charitable activities				
Fundraising events	-	-		4,530
Community Cinema	-	-	-	780
Room Hire	1,324	-	1,324	3,297
Gym	1,583	-	1,583	5,434
	2,907	-	2,907	14,041
Insurance claim	-	7,550	7,550	-
	55,567	**76,020**	**131,587**	**75,548**

GWYNFI MINERS COMMUNITY HALL
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

4 Analysis of Expenditure

	£ Unrestricted Funds	£ Restricted Funds	£ Total Funds	£ Prior Year Funds
Charitable activities				
Core activities	28,366	7,251	35,617	37,506
Children's Funds	-	27	27	3,094
Cinema & funding events	-	-	-	1,909
Governance costs (note 6)	1,091	410	1,501	923
Support costs (note 5)	17,037	22,953	39,990	30,098
	46,494	**30,641**	**77,135**	**73,530**

5 Support costs

All support costs have been allocated on the following basis.

	£ Unrestricted Funds	£ Restricted Funds	£ Total Funds
Rent	200	9,024	9,224
Repairs & maintenance	6,942	12,011	18,953
Equipment	-	865	865
Light, heat and water rates	3,489	-	3,489
Insurance	3,281	-	3,281
Telephone	886	-	886
Cleaning	367	968	1,335
Printing & stationery	512	-	512
Accountancy	960	-	960
Other office costs	400	85	485
	17,037	**22,953**	**39,990**

6 Governance costs

	£ Unrestricted Funds	£ Restricted Funds	£ Total Funds
Professional fees	551	-	551
Independent examination	540	-	540
Deprecation	-	410	410
	1,091	**410**	**1,501**

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7 Paid employees

Employee costs were £35,587 (2020-£34,231), including social security costs of £335 (2020- nil)
There were no pension costs.
£7,251 was claimed from the Job Retention Scheme Grants during the year to cover wages cost whilst employees were on furlough.
No employee received more than £60,000 during the year (2020- nil)

8 Tangible Fixed Assets

	2021	2020
	£	£
Fixture & equipment		
Cost		
Brought forward 1st April 2020	9,512	9,512
Additions	1,230	-
At 31st March 2021	10,742	9,512
Deprecation		
Brought forward 1st April 2020	9,512	9,512
Charge for the year	410	-
At 31st March 2021	9,922	9,512
Net book value	820	-

During 2021 a computer was bought using restricted funds. The balance of restricted assets at the at the yearend is £820. (2020-nil)

9 Debtors

	2021	2020
Trade debtors	253	431
Prepayments	2,245	417
	2,498	848

10 Cash at Bank and in hand

	2021	2020
Bank Account	85,260	32,715
Deposit Account	1,174	1,174
Cash at bank and in hand	816	778
	87,250	34,667

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11 Creditors: Amounts falling within one year

	2021	2020
Deferred Income	820	-
Accruals	1,921	2,410
	2,741	2,410

Deferred Income

During the financial year ended 2021 the charity received a Heritage Lottery grant for £10,000 of which £1,230 was used to buy a computer which is capitalised in fixed assets and depreciated over it useful economic life. Standard accounting practice is to include this grant as deferred income on the balance sheet and to write back the grant to the statement of financial activities account in line with the depreciation on the relevant assets. The grant income recognised in these accounts this year is £410 (2020-nil).

12 Restricted Income Funds

	£ Balance at 1st April 2020	£ Incoming resources	£ Outgoing resources	£ Balance at 31st March 2021
Donations				
GASP-petty cash for new junior cinema	-	100	-	100
	-	100	-	100
Grants				
Changing for the better	724	-	724	-
NPT CBC	-	8,300	8,300	-
Groundwork grant	1,504	-	-	1,504
Asda	267		27	240
Llynfi Afan REP Community	207			207
Peoples Health Trust		8,987	-	8,987
Pen Y cymoedd survival fund	-	10,000	-	10,000
Community foundation Wales	-	2,000	1,565	435
Welsh Government Cultural Grant- Library	-	7,500	3,814	3,686
HMRC Job Retention scheme	-	7,251	7,251	-
Coalfields regeneration grant	-	2,000	-	2,000
NPTBC ICF Grant	-	11,952	-	11,952
Afan Valley cluster Grant	-	1,200	-	1,200
Heritage Lottery Grant	-	10,000	2,230	7,770
	2,702	69,190	23,911	47,981
	2,702	69,290	23,911	48,081