

**Canolfan Cymuned Llanwddyn
Llanwddyn Community Centre
Chairs/Trustees report for April 2020 to March 2021**

The Llanwddyn Community Centre Management Committee, have been a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) since 7th April 2014 (Registered Charity Number 1156546)

I write this report at a time which is still very worrying and strange for all of us. Although we are told we are now through the other side of the COVID 19 Pandemic, we remain cautious in our approach to getting the Community Centre up and running again.

To begin, my report reflects on 2020/2021 positively. We were so pleased to hear that we qualified for a business grant support from Powys County Council. This has enabled us to continue to pay the overheads of the building whilst being closed. Such things as heating the building through the winter, carrying out all compulsory annual checks and testing on the safety aspects of the building, such as fire alarms, legionella testing, electricity usage, insurances, licences, general maintenance and so on. By being frugal the remaining grant should allow us to slowly get back to normal and hopefully cover any shortfall we come up against in the next 24 months.

Now the centre has reopened, we can again offer it for private hire, our affiliated clubs have all resumed, including Yoga classes which now runs on a Wednesday instead of Thursday and we can organise our fundraising events to ensure we can remain open for business.

Of course all COVID precautions as per current rules will be in place, such as wearing masks whilst walking around the building, entering and leaving, offer track and trace (optional) and provide hand sanitiser all around the building. Our COVID Risk assessment is in place and the regular weekly clubs have their own rules in place also, thus minimising any risk to those entering the building.

During the past year our meetings were greatly reduced due to not being able to hold online meetings efficiently, due to lack of signal, technical issues and some members not owning computers. Our trustees did meet when allowed to go over anything urgent and our secretary has ensured all committee members have been kept up to date throughout the pandemic as to any movements and progress within the community centre.

As soon as COVID permission permits, our dedicated members will continue to run weekly activities for all to come along and enjoy for a small fee. Bowls nights are Tuesday, line dancing and yoga on Wednesdays and sport clubs activities on Thursdays. Not forgetting the monthly Hall social on the 3rd Friday of every month. This particular event gives our more rural residents a chance to get together and catch up on the goings on around Llanwddyn, farming and livestock issues, and all manner of other things from the day to day. This is a great opportunity also, to reduce social isolation. All of these efforts continue to take a lot of dedication and volunteering time and it is greatly appreciated by the Hall committee. Thank you to everyone.

Our village post office has continued during this pandemic to open every Monday and Thursday mornings offering a valuable service to the community and where ever possible. This services has been provided by Audrey Jones for a considerable amount of years and we would like to thank her for doing so.

To continue with a more positive report, Llanwddyn Events had yet another very successful festival in 2019 and while the 2020 festival had to be postponed, it was fantastic to hear that all the tickets had already been sold have been moved to 2021 by the holders. The Events team have confirmed there are just 60 tickets left to sell. The annual Half Marathon also took place the weekend afterwards in 2019 and proved very popular. Sadly it was unable to run in 2020.

Both of these events take a great amount of effort to organise to run successfully and our Community Centre facilities are always widely used on both of these events, with people visiting Llanwddyn from all over the country and overseas to enjoy the music, run the marathon, or just enjoy the atmosphere both of these events create. Everyone in the area benefits from these 2 events, including hotels, B&B's, shops and other businesses. All being well we will see them running again in September 2021. Thank you to the organisers for all the work they put in.

Sadly we were unable to run the Autumn Fair in 2020 and combined with the loss of funds raised from this, the affiliated clubs, marathon and the Festival weekend, the centre lost all its income so again we are thankful for the grant given by PCC

While the Community Centre continues to provide a base for many charities who use the hall for fundraising, sadly we continue to see a demise in bookings from them. On enquiring with our regular charities, they are finding it increasingly difficult to get people to attend these challenges. This is a sure sign of tougher times for everyone, with possibly the need to rethink theirs and our approach to fundraising.

Encouragingly, before COVID, we did see an increase in private hires from business and people hiring the hall for

their own events. This includes: The Glyndwr way challenge, Cycle challenges, Welsh Classes, birthday parties, Christenings, weddings and funeral teas, meetings, open days and more. Income from private hire is always encouraged and a great help financially.

The community centres running costs and revenue achieved each year continue to need careful consideration and review on regular bases. Our finance committee, led by our Treasurer Janet Roberts, continue to keep a check on this, reminding us that every penny is vital to secure the fate of the hall for years to come. Our thanks to all involved.

The roof refurbishment is now complete and it has already made a huge difference to inside the centre. Pinnacle Roofing worked hard through some dreadful conditions and although it took until early spring 2020 rather than December 2019 to complete we are more than happy with the end result. Monitoring of its progress has been carried out by Ruth Powell and Ken Powell, with help from Norman Gil, an experienced roofer who kept a watchful eye on their work.

During the lockdown period, we were able to allow trades people in to work safely and carry out the internal water ingress repairs. These are now also complete with freshly painted ceilings in the main hall kitchen and canteen area. The foyer ingress repairs, painting and decorating are also complete. All in all the building is looking so much better.

We are now moving towards the refurbishment of the canteen and Kitchen, disabled toilets and then further cosmetic work, down the corridors, new curtains, stage gear and fingers crossed in the future WIFI installation. On behalf of the centre I would like to thank Janet Roberts and Ruth Powell for tirelessly seeking help with funding for all these projects. We remain optimistic that in another 12 to 18 months you will see great improvements again.

Many of our committee and volunteers from around the village continue to support us with there time, to carry out such things as painting, decorating and general maintenance work. Thank you everyone for your support.

The future use of the redundant school building is still a concern. Powys CC still maintain the building will be sold off. There was recent movement towards doing so with an estate agent visiting to take photographs. Since then there has been no further movement.

With the resignation of Dewi Johnson in his role as Caretaker in March 2020. Without any income we could not afford to employ a new caretaker straight away and members Ruth and Ken Powell continued to volunteer and act as caretakers to date. We have selected Greg Anderson, who lives in the village, as our new Caretaker and look forward to welcoming him to the centre when the time comes.

On a personal note as Chair for the community centre, despite the setback we have encountered with COVID 19 Pandemic, I do believe there remains a solid future for the community centre. I remain proud to have been elected to be Chairman and with the help of the rest of the committee continue to be committed to the centre. I end my report again thanking all the Trustees and officers - for all the work undertaken during the financial year 2020/2021, a lot of negotiations were carried out with PCC and will continue to in years to come. Thank you to Secretary Ruth, member Ken and Treasurer Janet for bearing the heaviest burden of running the Centre in the past year and to all members of the Committee. Finally huge thanks to the residents and visitors to Llanwddyn, who continue to support us in many different ways. Without the community, there would be no centre and hope you will all continue to do so more than ever before. We have lots of plans and we will need your continued support to make them happen.

A Community Centre like the one we have here in Llanwddyn, is very special and vital to our community, especially in such trying times as these. It requires the dedication of many, which I believe remains.

Long may we continue to grow as a centre.

Thank you/Diolch yn Fawr
BRYAN ELLIS - Chairman
August 2021

E B Ellis

07 - 10 - 2021

Llanwddyn Community Centre Account 2020 - 2021
Statement of Income and Expenditure, 1st April 2020 - 31st March 2021

TOTAL Opening Balance, as at April 1st, 2020 (Bank Statement 004/2020)		£112,700.27		
Community Centre Funds Opening Balance		£34,388.67		
Garfield Weston Funds opening balance				
Income				£78,311.60
Affiliation				
Autumn Fayre	£80.00			
Bar	£0.00			
Bowls	£0.00			
Caretaking	£0.00			
Donations	£0.00			
Easy Fundraiser	£140.00			
Fundraising	£16.19			
Gas	£300.00			
Hall Hire	£0.00			
Line Dancing	£60.00			
Maintenance	£166.00			
Newsletter	£0.00			
Powys & Llanwddyn CC	£0.00			
Powys Lotto	£23,000.00			
Renovation	£1.00			
Snooker	0			
Sports Club	£0.00			
	£0.00			
2020/21 Income	£23,763.19			
Plus uncleared chq from 2019 / 2020	£0.00			
2020/21 Centre Opening balance and all incomes		£58,151.86		
2020/2021 GW Opening Balance and incomes				£78,311.60
Expenditure				
Affiliation	£0.00			
Autumn Fayre	£20.00			
Bar	£0.00			
Bowls	£0.00			
Caretaking	£447.14			
Donations	£0.00			
Easy fundraiser	£0.00			
Fundraising	£0.00			
Gas	£1,930.99			
Hall Hire	£0.00			
Line Dancing	£0.00			
Maintenance	£482.94			
Newsletter	£424.20			
Powys & Llanwddyn CC	£0.00			
Renovation				£28,520.10
Snooker	£0.00			
Sports Club	£0.00			
2020/21 Total Expenditure	£3,305.27			
Less unrepresented cheques	£960.24			
20/21 Expenditure Less Unrepresented	£2,345.03			£450.00
2020/21 Centre Opening Bal & Inc Less Exp		£55,806.83		
2020/21 GW Opening Bal & Inc Less Exp minus unrepresented cheque				£50,241.50
TOTAL FUNDS IN BANK AS AT MARCH 31ST, 2021 (Bank Statement 004/2021)		£106,048.33		
TOTAL FUNDS BELONGING TO THE CENTRE		£55,806.83		£49,791.50
GARFIELD WESTON FUND which can be reclaimed				

Signed E B Ellis (CHAIRMAN)

Date 07-10-2021