

Annual Report Beddau and Tynant Community Library September 2021- August 2022

This was the year, eighteen months after the first Covid lockdown when the Library was able to get more back to 'normal' than any previous period. We re-opened to our users on 13th September, having offered a 'click and collect' service during much of the past year. That service has proved popular with some of our readers, so we have continued to operate it and to undertake some home deliveries to our less mobile regular clients. It is pleasing to see from our borrowing figures that Library usage is slowly but surely returning to pre-pandemic levels.

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
January		236	257	194	191	248	118	186
February	109	247	196	205	171	255	104	174
March	352	191	145	172	232	353	120	174
April	245	292	182	201	243	0	131	268
May	297	261	97	156	247	36	148	175
June	337	307	185	168	248	15	181	227
July	253	255	294	213	328	28	159	196
August	328	396	313	364	325	100	148	240
September	312	279	303	291	335	133	202	183
October	333	271	232	253	243	157	172	190
November	322	246	224	221	234	131	156	154
December	193	189	128	118	121	160	161	134
Total Loans	3081	3170	2556	2556	2918	1616	1800	2301
Average Loans	280.09	264.17	213	213	243.1667	134.6667	150	191.75

We returned to opening with changed hours from pre-pandemic times; Monday 1500-1645; Wednesday 1000-11.45; and Saturday 10-11.45, as well as continuing the 'click and collect' service. We continue to source new books to keep our stock up to date, and we have extended our opening hours to include Fridays.

From the beginning of September, we had some limited hire from the local WI, and the Reading Group as well as our own Monday Club. Several of these groups have successfully grown whilst being based in the Library and have actually become too big for the premises. Beddau Belles WI, as well as the Tai Chi and Armchair Exercise Group, have had to move to the large hall in the Welfare to accommodate new members. We think this is a brilliant success for groups which started with us. We're looking forward to more groups emerging in the Community wanting to use our facilities to begin their activities.

We were pleased to welcome back the PACT meetings which restarted in October and have been generally well attended; and the Library was also the venue for meetings to discuss holding events in the village into the Autumn and Winter.

These events meetings followed on from a successful Tynant and Beddau Community Fair which was held in the village on September 5th at which the Library and the Monday Club had a stall and were able to attract interest from many new people.

The Monday club continues to go from strength to strength with a full programme of activities and events planned well in advance. We also have a monthly creative writing class and an evening reading group. For the younger members of the community, we took part in the Gadgeteers Summer Reading Challenge and ran free craft sessions for young people in the school holidays. The four sessions run in the summer break were particularly well received and we are grateful to Anne Callow who represents the Community Council on the Library Committee for all her hard work in putting these on.

We really value our links with local schools and were delighted when Gwaunmiskin Primary asked if they could bring every class to the Library during March and April this year. They took part in story telling sessions and browsed the books and facilities. As the new Curriculum for Wales continues to be rolled out, we are looking forward to supporting all local schools in any way we can.

Our Christmas event 2021 was the largest we've had. Working in partnership with Llantrisant Community Council and Litter-Free Beddau and Tynant, we had the usual Carols around the Christmas Tree and lights switch on with the addition of craft stalls, children's rides and activities, and a Santa's Grotto. Despite it being a very damp evening, it was really well supported by our community.

We also worked in partnership with the Community Council over hosting a book of condolence following the death of the Queen; and to commemorate a local person, Suzanne Goodall MBE who was living in the village when she founded the children's hospice Ty Hafan. This would have been her 100th year. The Monday Club also planted a tree of remembrance in the gardens next door dedicated to all those in the village who are gone but not forgotten. There is a book available for signing in the Library for anyone who would like to commemorate a loved one.

We successfully obtained a grant from Newydd Housing Association and Encon Construction Ltd who are building in the village. We were able to purchase a new projector which was supplied and fitted by Extrascope IT Services who continue to help us with all things IT related. We have also been able to offer our users free access to Find My Past.

The Fire Alarm was replaced following a routine maintenance visit which identified issues with the control panel.

It remains the aim of the Trustees to continue to run the Library for the benefit of as many members of the local community as we can. As well as being a place to discover the fascinating world of books, and to meet with friends and have a taster of new skills and experiences, we are a vital local access point for online services and printing. This is a testament from a local woman who used our facilities just before the pandemic was declared over

'At the library, you can do an online search; fill in a vital online form; download paper forms and information from important websites; print out; photocopy; and scan documents. All these activities can change your life; perhaps, in one or two instances - save it. Informed and experienced librarians and helpers can guide you through a maze of difficulties and make life-changing suggestions.'

The library, for me, has meant the difference between receiving a Conditional Offer on an NHS job - and a Firm Offer on the same job; during a global pandemic. That, alone, is priceless'.

As always we are hugely indebted to our hard working Trustees and loyal volunteers, without who we simply couldn't function. We also remain grateful to Llantrisant Community Council for all their support and for the Annual Grant we receive from them which ensures we can provide a service, whatever the circumstances.

Julie Barton

Chair of Trustees

January 2023

Independent Examiner's Report

Beddau & Tynant Community Library, Charity Number 1157769

For the period ending 31st August 2022

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees requested an audit this year for funding and statutory purposes.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination has been carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charity Commission. The examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter of concern has come to my attention and in my opinion the accounts:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Charity's affairs as at 31st August 2022 and of its incoming resources and applications of resources, for the year then ended
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Signed.....

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Relevant Professional Qualification or Body.....

Association of Accounting Technicians



Date.....

24/11/2022

Beddau & Tynant Community Library
Charity Number 1157769

Income & Expenditure Account
For the year ending 31st August 2022

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

2022

Income

Grants	8,165
Donations	1,657
Fundraising	794
Room Hire	727
Gift Aid including Match Funding	

11,343

Expenditure

Gas & Electricity	756
Water	136
Insurance	884
Book Purchases	1,433
Telephone	760
Stationery & Postage	298
Fundraising Events	131
IT Expenditure	-
Dedicated Grant Expenditure	-
Dues & Subscriptions	139
Repairs & Renewals, Buildings	998
Professional Fees	2,351

Total Expenditure 7,886

Income over Expenditure 3,457

Opening Balance, Bank 38,747

Net Incoming Resources for the Year 42,204

Signed

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Date

24/11/2022

Technicians