

# CANOLFAN CLYDAU

England & Wales - Charity number 1158731

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2014-09-30

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO FURTHER OR BENEFIT THE RESIDENTS OF CLYDAU AND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD, WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF AGE, SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, RACE OR OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS BY ASSOCIATING TOGETHER THE SAID RESIDENTS AND THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES, VOLUNTARY AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS IN A COMMON EFFORT TO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND TO PROVIDE FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION AND LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE RESIDENTS. IN FURTHERANCE OF THESE OBJECTS BUT NOT OTHERWISE, THE TRUSTEES SHALL HAVE POWER: TO ESTABLISH OR SECURE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMUNITY CENTRE AND TO MAINTAIN OR MANAGE OR CO-OPERATE WITH ANY STATUTORY AUTHORITY IN THE MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF SUCH A CENTRE FOR ACTIVITIES PROMOTED BY THE CHARITY IN FURTHERANCE OF THE ABOVE OBJECTS. NEW BOARD OF TRUSTEES FROM THE LOCAL COMMUNITY, TAKING ON A LONG TERM LEASE OF A NEW COMMUNITY BUILDING. AS PER THE OBJECTS THE TRUSTEES WILL MANAGE A FULLY ACCESSIBLE COMMUNITY BUILDING ON BEHALF OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY. THE BUILDING IS A FOCAL POINT OF THE COMMUNITY AND PROVIDES AN AFFORDABLE MEETING VENUE, CATERING FOR A RANGE OF USES

**Activities:** PROVIDE A VENUE / COMMUNITY HALL FOR SOCIAL EVENTS FOR THE CLYDAU AREA AND BEYOND

## Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- Pembrokeshire

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	-	-	-	-
2024-03-31	£23,692	£38,511	-	-
2023-03-31	£24,035	£21,269	-	-
2022-03-31	£4,285	£17,824	-	-
2021-03-31	£37,793	£11,471	-	-
2020-03-31	£7,846	£7,985	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Angharad Mair Scourfield		2025-11-28
Debbie Davies		2024-09-22
Iwan Ward		2024-03-07
Jason Pierre Redding		2023-08-03
Kevin Hunt		2024-09-23
Marjorie Claire Sanders		2022-04-06
Michelle Jannetta Ravell Redding		2023-08-03
Sarah Helena Farnden		2025-11-28
WILLIAM BLETHYN		2024-03-07

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## 2023/2024 Chair's Report

In August 2023 Michelle Redding and Jason Redding both joined our Committee of Trustees and in late summer Karen Morgan stepped down. Paul Holland used to attend Committee meetings as a link between us and the Tegryn Welfare Committee until February 2024 when it was decided this was no longer necessary.

I took over as Chairman of Canolfan Clydau in February 2024 and will endeavour to update you with the current situation. Through the period between 1 April 2023 and the beginning of February 2024 Holly Cross was the Chairman of Canolfan Clydau and Peter Kaye was administrator. Unfortunately, both also worked for Cwm Arian who were Tenants in Canolfan Clydau which made the situation untenable, and Peter resigned as administrator (a position for which he had been paid grant funded) in December 2023 and Holly was asked to step down as Chairperson in February 2024 due to Conflict of Interest.

- From April 2023 Cwm Arian/ CARE were renting two Offices in Canolfan Clydau at a rental of £2000/annum, however, due to rising energy costs and the fact that their number of employees had risen from the original 6 in 2020 to 19 by the middle of 2023. They were essentially taking over the whole building which stopped members of our community feeling comfortable in using the Hall.
- The rent was increased at the beginning of 2024 to £650/ month but unfortunately this amount still didn't come close to covering the rising winter fuel bills.
- In 2023 we were paying Peter Kaye approximately £692/month to take bookings, apply for Grants and do the general administration and with that cost and the inflated fuel bills we were running at a considerable deficit each month.
- We did however get a Grant to develop a Community Garden which was given to Peter to oversee, and we built a cycle shed and have a poly tunnel and some very attractive garden furniture for our community use.
- We also continued with lunch club which brought in around £50/ month and Tea at 2 amounting to around £550.
- We had a very small number of party bookings.
- We also had a Twmpath evening
- Jason Redding rented the Hall for his classes which were a great asset to the community

Michelle Redding had started running a gardening club for local people which seemed popular, and they planted vegetables in the poly tunnel and our new raised beds.

We continued through the winter with Community meals and had a warm space, grant funded. However, in December 2023 it became apparent to the Trustees that we could no longer afford to pay Peter Kaye and that the grant-funding had stopped at this point the deficit was approximately £3000/ month.

At that point we were still banking with Barclays and they had foreclosed on a couple of local village halls so we all agreed to approach The Co-operative Bank.

At the December meeting it was agreed by The Chairman and Treasurer (Holly Cross) that £10,000 should be moved from The Barclays, Canolfan Clydau Account to a Cwm Arian Renewable Energy (CARE) Savings Account for safe keeping and on 13/12/2023, £7,000 was transferred and on 14/12/2023 a further £3,000 was transferred. This was paid back in full £5,000 on 06/02/2023 and a further £5,000 on 27/02/2024 after the new Committee of trustees had opened the Co-operative Bank Account.

We also started approaching local people, who were offering help, to join our Committee. William Blethyn is now our Treasurer, Michelle Redding is administrator, Iwan Ward, who is our local councillor has joined the Committee of Trustees. Also, since April 2024 Debbie Phillips, Margaret Graham and Kevin Hunt have all joined us and are now taking an active part in everything we do and there is no conflict of interest.

At the January Trustees meeting it became apparent that we needed to take a good look at the situation and after that meeting it was put to the vote and Holly Cross stepped down as Chair.

I then took over as Chair at the Trustees meeting in February

## **Financial Situation**

Bank Balance on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 = £27,468.77

Bank Balance on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 = £14,853.34

The Bank balance on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 reflects a Grant for the Garden restoration of approximately £9,000 to be used on the building of the bicycle shed, polytunnel, garden furniture and Peter Kaye's wages to oversee the project. We also had a garden designer in to make the project child friendly and introduce lots of wildlife and flower information. We also had to continue paying an outside cleaner due to the rise in Cwm Arian Renewable Energy employee numbers and the obvious rises in Winter Fuel payments.

Since February 2023 with the help of the new Committee of Trustees we do not have a wage bill to pay. We have Yoga Classes twice a week and Mini Beasts for the children of the Community. We run Roller disco's every couple of weeks which are well attended. We are also still running Lunch Club and Tea at Two. Private party numbers have increased considerably and the whole building has been decorated throughout voluntarily by our new Committee of Trustees. We have a Wellbeing Suite and still offer Warm Space and Hot drinks when required. Our IT class has proven extremely popular and has also turned into a social gathering.

We have now managed, as you can see, to get Canolfan financial situation stable and consider ourselves lucky to have so much support from the community. Our Trustees are all very pro-active so we feel the hall can now move forward in a very positive manner.



CASH FLOW		
	Canolfan Clydau	
INCOME		
Rent	£ 5,672.14	Rental Income
Room Hire	£ 4,969.20	Office space/Room hire & Party/Event Bookings
Charger	£ 1,869.84	Electric Vehicle Charging
FIT	£ 1,120.59	Solar PV Feed-In Payments
Grant	£ 9,000.00	
Hire of Mower	£ 70.00	
Events	£ 330.00	
Refunds	£ 470.00	Transfers & Refunds
Other	£ 10,000.00	Transferred from CARE in case of bank account being closed (omitted from final figures)
	<b>£ 23,501.77</b>	
EXPENDITURE		
	Total	
Electricity	-£5,895.05	
Wages	-£4,990.18	
Cleaning	-£2,713.30	Cleaner & Cleaning Materials
Maintenance	-£1,628.27	Alarms, Extinguishers
Bike shed	-£8,647.65	Supply of Materials & Building of bike shed
Garden	-£5,257.43	Garden Equipment and Maintenance
Events	-£861.63	
Phone/Internet	-£954.63	Phone & Broadband
Insurance	-£502.38	Property & Liability Insurance
Water	-£343.32	Dwr Cymru
Trolley	-£262.99	Vertical Mat Trolley supplied by Ysgol Clydau
Solar	-£1,784.20	Solar Panels, etc fitted to drying room
Building	-£1,620.00	Architect's Fees
Printing	-£40.00	Leaflets/Flyers
Other	-£701.17	Miscellaneous items inc. Amazon Prime subscription, payment error
Transfer	-£10,000.00	Transferred to CARE in case of bank account being closed (omitted from final figures)
	<b>-£36,202.20</b>	

Running Costs	-£12,036.95	Electricity, Cleaning, Maintenance, Phone/Internet, Insurance, Water
Deficit (running costs minus rent, deductions and other income)	-£11,994.82	

Grants 'in hand' at end of year	£0.00	
Creditors (Outstanding issued invoices)	£190.50	2x invoices to CARE
Debtors (received invoices)	£2,308.87	Peter's wages

Expenditure adjusted	-£38,511.07
Income adjusted	£23,692.27
<b>Profit/Loss for 2023/24</b>	<b>-£14,818.80</b>

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## **2022/23 Chair's report;**

Thank outgoing committee - Rod, Steve, Marie and Annabelle, all of whom are still giving their time to the community and the Canolfan in their various ways.

Thank new committee/trustees - Claire, Paul and Holly started our roles in April 2022 along with Karen Morgan who saw us through the summer before retiring in the winter, at which point Michelle and Jason joined as committee members.

- It was from April 2022 that the committee decided to use the financial buffer gained from Covid grants to offer the use of the hall for free to not-for-profit organisations.
- In 2022/23, Cwm Arian Renewable Energy/CARE were in their 3rd year as tenants, now inhabiting both the small rooms, which they use as offices for their ever expanding staff team and project work - the Canolfan has very much become CARE's home and the organisation brings a multitude of people across the threshold for meetings and activities.
- The mutually beneficial relationship with CARE has meant the Canolfan benefited from monitoring of the building over the winter by CARE's energy advisors, leading to adjustments to the heating regime to save energy and keep all users comfortable as well as us receiving a report with recommendations for what to focus on in terms of building maintenance to improve energy efficiency
- The Lunch Club and Te am 2 coffee afternoons are still going strong, with a huge thanks to the volunteers who give their time for free, which means, for example, the lunch club donates between £40 and £60 a month to the Canolfan and dozens of people continue get a good feed and a chance to meet their friends and neighbours.
- The Tegryn Welfare Committee and Ysgol Clydau both continue to be regular users of the Canolfan for regular activities and seasonal events - and we are grateful that we enjoy such a friendly relationship with both of these crucial community organisations
- The hall was used as a polling station for local elections in May 2022, and we also enjoyed visits from many support organisations such as PAVS Community Connectors and Pembrokeshire Community Hub staff, the Community Energy Wales team, and the Helping Halls project.

From summer 2022, the new committee started proactively trying to invest time and money in raising awareness of the Canolfan's existence, getting more people using the facilities, and different groups to run activities here. The following month by month summary shows some of the results of that strategy;

August - we held a taster fortnight which attracted dozens of people to try out a wide variety of free sessions from yoga and gong baths to scything and salsa. This kick started the many active classes that now fill the hall most nights of the week..

September - the design for the community garden was finalised with the help of Cwm Arian's Feeding Our Community project, and we began to plan how to spend the funding that was given as part of that project. Jason also started one of his weekly activity sessions, which he now

runs 3 nights a week here, and we hosted a popular apple day with Cwm Arian's apple pressing service.

October - the shipping container was purchased, allowing us to move much of the bigger equipment and spare chairs out of the hall and giving space for the sofas which created the warm space we have on offer throughout the year but especially for the colder months.

November - TWC hosted another popular christmas fair in the marquee on the garden, and CARE hosted a family cookery workshop.

January - Peter started as Centre Coordinator and has been instrumental in helping the Canolfan run smoothly by running the bookings and managing maintenance of the building, plus the series of 10 community cook-ups began with the Canolfan partnering with CARE to apply for grant funding from various sources to allow us to offer free meals throughout the winter, which attracted an average of around 12 volunteers and 55 diners each week to cook and eat great meals together

February - community freezer arrived, which has proved very popular with CARE staff, people attending the regular classes, and people from the community too. We also held two community work days in the garden and a group of hardy volunteers planted the hedge and the forest garden border, and installed the picnic benches.

March - work began on the bike shed in the car park

All this, alongside regular bookings from Alan James & Sons, bookings for private parties and funeral teas, first aid courses and Merched y Wawr meetings. I think we can safely say that Canolfan Clydau has turned the corner and is now a pretty busy little community hall!

### **Financials;**

Bank balance at 1st April 2022 = £24,702.37

Bank balance at 1st April 2023 = £27,468.77

The cost of electricity and water is more than double in 2022/23 compared to the previous year; this is partly due to price rises but there has also been a significant increase in usage of the building. For similar reasons, maintenance costs have increased as we now employ a cleaner who visits once a week to keep the place spick and span. Around 10 times the amount was spent on events in 2023/23 compared to the previous year - more than half this cost was for the community cook-ups and was grant-funded, the rest came from reserves, which the committee feels has been worth the investment given what I've outlined above about increased use.

Rental income has increased by around 60% compared to last year, thanks mainly to CARE renting both offices for the full year and Jason's classes becoming regular fixtures in the calendar. We have been successful with grant funding bids with the total coming from 4 sources - PAVS Warm Welcome grant for the community cook-ups, PAVS Outdoor Connections grant for the garden furniture, CARE's Feeding Our Community grant for the plants and compost, and PCNPA's Sustainable Development Fund, which has funded the vast majority of the container and bike shed development in the car park. The significant amount of donations -

£520 - have come almost entirely from the Luncheon Club. The Canolfan also earns a modest income from the electric car charging point, which CARE uses for charging the company vehicles it leases, and from Feed in Tariffs from the solar PV array.

You can see that we have stripped out running costs and compared them against rental income, to find that we ran at a loss of around £1,600 (compared to a running loss of £1,100 the previous year). Whilst we have a comfortable buffer still in the bank account at the end of this year which has meant we can continue to offer use of the hall for free to not-for-profit groups, we can't be complacent as current rental rates do not cover what it costs to keep the building going. Taking into account the grant that we held unspent at the end of March, what we owed to CARE for Pete's wages, and the creditors still to pay us, we ended the year with an overall loss of £4,065.88.

<b>Expenditure</b>				
Electricity	-£4,935.18			
Internet	-£954.48			
			<b>Running costs</b>	<b>-£8,725.54</b>
Water	-£316.13		<b>Deficit (running costs minus rent, donations &amp; 'other' income)</b>	<b>-£1,624.85</b>
Maintenance	-£1,693.14	Alarms, extinguishers, mower incl fuel, cleaning		
Refurbishment	-£8,159.26	Shipping container, garden, shelving, furniture		
Insurance	-£767.99	Policy for renewal in June		
Consumables	-£58.62	Loo roll, cleaning stuff		
Events	-£4,034.89	Taster fortnight, community cookups		
Other	-£349.60	consultancy help, wheelie bin, ICO registration		
	<b>-£21,269.29</b>			
<b>Income</b>				
Room hire	£5,352.23			
Grants	£16,935.00			
Donations	£520.00			
Other	£1,228.46	EV charging, FiTs, refunds		
	<b>£24,035.69</b>			
			<b>Grants 'in hand' at end of year</b>	<b>£6,011.80</b>
			<b>Creditors (FiTs, EV charging, rental)</b>	<b>£390.72</b>
			<b>Debtors (Pete wages)</b>	<b>-£1,211.20</b>
			<b>Expenditure adjusted</b>	<b>-£22,480.49</b>
			<b>Income adjusted</b>	<b>£18,414.61</b>
			<b>Profit/Loss for 2022/23</b>	<b>-£4,065.88</b>

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at Canolfan Clydau

on 18 January 2022 at 7.30pm

In attendance: - Rod Bowen, Steve Potter, Annabel Stewart, Marie duQuesnay, Holly Cross, Paul Holland

Ref	Item	Action
1.	<b>Minutes of last AGM</b> in 2019 were circulated in advance and agreed.	
2.	<p><b>Report 2019 – 2021</b></p> <p>Rod Bowen gave a report on the past 2 years, when we were unable to hold AGMs due to Covid protection rules. A number of grants and the tenancy of Cwm Arian Renewable Energy using the meeting rooms for office accommodation have been instrumental in keeping the hall operating during this time, in the absence of usual hire income for events and parties. Whilst the hall was out of regular use, we took the opportunity to fully redecorate internal and external walls and replace the defective flooring. Liza and Kevin Miles have not joined the committee, and Rod thanked them as well as the existing and co-opted members for their valuable input. The current Committee is in its 8<sup>th</sup> year, and the present members have all served well beyond the time stipulated in the Constitution. Rod has alerted the Charity Commission and PAVS to this issue, and both gave reassurance that it is a common problem with other voluntary groups, but we may need to change the constitution. The report was accepted, with thanks to Rod.</p>	
3.	<p><b>Financial report</b></p> <p>Balance at April 2020 - £10,041.67</p> <p>2020 -2021 Income from Grants from Pembrokeshire County Council, National Lottery and PAVS - £34,470 Total income - £37,793.14. Expenditure £11,471.19 with a closing balance of £26321.95.</p> <p>2022 - Current balance £25,434.70.</p> <p>There are ongoing issues with transferring permissions on the bank account as it has been impossible to deal with Barclays Business banking due to Covid. We need to explore other options, such as use of a Credit Union as soon as practicable.</p> <p>The Canolfan finances are in a good state, clearing the way for a future management team to pick up the reins with the confidence of at least 2 years' operating costs being available.</p> <p>The Treasurer's Report was agreed, with thanks to Christine Bowen.</p>	
4.	<p><b>Nominations</b></p> <p>All the current committee members wish to step down, but are willing to remain as co-opted members <i>temporarily</i> to allow a transition period. Holly volunteered to join the committee and was warmly welcomed as a new Trustee. Paul offered to work with the committee, not as a Trustee, but as a co-opted member to</p>	

<p>5.</p>	<p>provide a liaison role with the Welfare Committee. For CIO/Charity Commission purposes these were confirmed till April when a further Special General Meeting will be needed in order to make changes to the Constitution, to allow future flexibility in terms of service.</p> <p>For the time being, at least till April, the committee will comprise:</p> <p>Rod Bowen – only willing to stay with an exit plan  Marie duQuesnay – only willing to stay till handover of duties  Steve Potter – only willing to stay till handover of duties  Holly Cross – Trustee  Paul Holland – Co-opted member from Tegryn Welfare Committee.</p> <p>Annabel Stewart will be stepping down, and Rod thanked her for her years of support. Rod expressed sincere thanks to everyone.</p> <p>Special General Meeting to be held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm.</p> <p><b>Next meeting to identify a way forward – Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm.</b></p>	
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Canolfan Clydau

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022 AGM - Annual Report

Canolfan Clydau was built by European funding gained by the regeneration department at Pembrokeshire County Council in 2012. Canolfan Clydau is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) Its charity number is 1158731

### **Introduction to the committee**

Rod Bowen - Chair  
Marie duQuesnay - Secretary  
Annabelle Stuart  
Steve Potter

We have two co-opted members

Richard Butler (Tegryn Welfare)  
Christine Bowen (Stand-in Treasurer)

It's been almost exactly 14 months since our last AGM. We have delayed this meeting because we thought it best to wait for the partial relaxation of Covid-19 restrictions so that it allowed us to hold an in-person meeting whilst keeping to the restricted numbers.

There has not been a lot of activity at the hall over this period due to COVID restrictions but since the last report we have been fortunate to gain Cwm Arian Renewable Energy (CARE) as a long-term user of the facility. CARE has provided an invaluable service to the community as well as much needed income for the hall.

There are now signs that the worst of the pandemic may be over which will hopefully allow us to welcome back our previous customers and resume a full programme of activities, however this will be subject to WG advice.

While the hall has not been busy, we have been fortunate to have progressed some big projects, such as redecorating inside and outside of the facility. We have also been able to finally rectify the flooring issues that we inherited.



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During this period, we were fortunate to gain grants from PAVS, PCC and Awards for all.

During the year Thelma Glover, Liza Miles and Kevin Miles stood down from the committee. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for dedication to the hall and for all their hard work.

Finally I would like to thank all the remaining and current committee members for their hard work over for what has been a worrying and sometimes frustrating time for us all.

That concludes the 2020 - 2021 Annual Report.

Rod Bowen  
Chair

#### CANOLFAN CLYDAU APRIL 2020/MARCH 2021 INCOME BREAKDOWN

	Income	Outgoing
April 2020	£10041.67	£489.28
May 2020		£36.62
June 2020	£2227.75	£334.97
July 2020	£945.38	£886.36
August 2020	£105.00	£37.97
September 2020	£1758.50	£220.77
October 2020	£550.00	£1169.86
November 2020	£3364.07	£524.20
December 2020	£554.00	£2529.20
January 2021	£3126.77	£3552.69
February 2021	£3060.00	£419.55
March 2021	£12060.00	£1269.72
Total	£37793.14	£11471.19
	Total available	£26321.95

#### Bills April 2020/March 2021

British gas	£1971.14
BT	£586.56
Dwr Cymru	£138.20
Zurich Insurance	£730.78
Other Expenditure	£8044.51
Total Expenditure	£11471.19

#### Grants April 2020/End of March 2021

Pembrokeshire County Council	£23000.00
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PAVS	£3470.00
National Lottery	£8000.00
Total Grants	£34470.00

Other income

Income / Room rental etc	£3323.14
Outstanding (Pending)	2 x invoices £122.69 / £207.69