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GWYNFI BOWLS CLUB

Annual Report of the Trustees for the period 1st Jan 2021– 31st Dec 2021

Charity Name: Gwynfi Bowls Club

Registered No. 1158830

Trustees of the Charity

Anthony Williams	Chairman
Leigh Jones	Treasurer
Paul Bryant	Secretary
Paul Wilkins	
Robert Quinn	Vice-Chairman

The Charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation governed by a constitution document, available for public view on the club website:

gwynfibowlsclub.wordpress.com

All other policies and procedures pertaining to Club governance are similarly available. The Trustees are nominated and elected by the membership at an Annual General Meeting held each January.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Club shall be to promote community participation in healthy recreation and social engagement for the benefit of the inhabitants of Gwynfi and surrounding areas by providing and maintaining facilities for playing bowls recreationally and competitively and organising related community events and activities such as coaching sessions, family days, presentations and events for members and guests or similar. The club shall seek to encourage and support participation in the sport of bowls by all interested members of the local community irrespective of age, gender, ability or circumstance and aims to sustain a viable and active membership into the future that represents all sections of the community.

1. Chairman's Report for 2021 – Annual General Meeting 19th Jan 2022

The Chairman welcomed members and trustees to the meeting and was pleased to note that the clubhouse was once more fully operational. He reported that the green had been maintained in good condition throughout the year thanks to the efforts of a small core of volunteers and would be ready for play whenever the 2022 season got underway. A new mower was proving valuable in creating an improved playing surface and the club had also acquired a used rotary mower to maintain edges and general grounds surfaces. While COVID restrictions had impacted on play during 2021 and match numbers had been restricted, the Club had been able to participate in a full season, had retained its

position in the Neath League and moved into the First Division within the Port Talbot League. However, post-match and other traditional social events could not be conducted and Club income had again been severely impacted, membership had further declined and there were concerns that assembling a full team would be very challenging as league games returned to normal in 2022 without improved recruitment. Club tournaments had also been disrupted and weakly supported and the annual Presentation Evening had been cancelled. A gradual degrading or abandonment of some of the oldest traditions of the Club was a disappointment to many of the membership that ought to be addressed. These issues would need active member participation and support to resolve. The Chairman thanked Mrs. Jones for the preparation of the annual statement of account.

1. Treasurer's Report

The club opening balance for 2020-21 was £23,647.74 comprising £1,542.27 cash and £22,007.47 bank. The income for the year was £1,110.00 and total expenditure £11,929.24, with the balance of de minimis state aid representing the bulk of reserves. Capital expenditure on the new mower and associated secure storage were exceptional outgoings that should not recur in 2022 but overheads in the region of £9000 should be anticipated. The free membership initiative offered for 2021 had attracted five new members who would hopefully renew in 2022, but it was vital to re-establish income strands going forwards and fees would need to be reinstated. Greenkeeping and utility overheads were continuing to escalate and represented the heaviest expenditure for the season. The opening balance for the year amounted to £12,827.80 and placed the Club in good financial health but reserves would not see the Club through the following year without a substantial increase in income during 2022.

2. Secretary's Report and 2021 Grant Application Update

The club had successfully changed banks from HSBC to Santander in October 2021 following much difficulty in working with HSBC during the year. Services were much improved, with on-line account access and card transaction facilities available as well as low-cost charity banking, otherwise set to incur significant new charges from HSBC. The ability to conduct chequeless business was a relief in view of changing financial practises although cheques could still be raised but with a single signatory if required. Mrs. G.Jones had been enabled as Club Treasurer with Santander and Mr.L.Jones, Mr. A.Williams and Mr.P.Bryant were authorised signatories. The electrical supply from EoN was much more affordable and a fixed-price contract for a term of three years had been agreed in November with monthly billing and direct debit payment. While no shopping around for lower-cost deals had been undertaken, acceptable, albeit higher rates had been secured and the EoN nominated agency (Energy Prices Direct Ltd) were allegedly committed to securing the most competitive contract for a charitable organisation. P.Bryant would investigate whether a longer-term contract could secure an even better deal. The Club was contracted to pay 38p/day standing charge and 27.4p/Kwh which would cost approximately £1200 per year based on historic usage.

No grant applications were pending. An application in March 2021 to Neath Port Talbot Council for Voluntary Services for a grant to support post-COVID promotional activities was rejected as COVID restrictions continued to be imposed. The £5000 grant awarded by Pen Y Cymoed Community Fund towards the costs of installation of photovoltaic panels remained in abeyance and could be re-activated until the end of 2022 without a further full application if this option were to be pursued. The EoN contract allowed for a feed-in tariff and the clubhouse had an appropriate smart meter installed.

The Chairman requested grant support be sought to purchase a top dresser.

3. Election of Officers: President, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Captain , Vice Captain and Fixtures Secretary

All Officers of the Club elected at the AGM 15/1/21 agreed to continue to act for 2022, seconded.

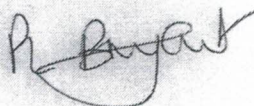
Mr C. Jones agreed to act as President, Mr A.Williams agreed to stand as Chairman, Mr R.Quinn agreed to stand as Vice-Chairman, Mr P. Bryant agreed to stand as Secretary, Mr L. Jones agreed to act as

Treasurer, all carried by those present. Mr A. Simpson had agreed to continue to act as Captain and Mr R. Quinn agreed to act as Vice-Captain. Mr. D.Cole agreed to act as Fixtures Secretary.

The Trustees declare they have approved the Trustee's report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signature

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Bryant', is written over a light grey rectangular background.

Full Name : Paul Bryant Hon. Club Secretary

Date: 24th January 2022

Cash-in-Hand end of 2020	£1,542.27
Money in Bank end of 2020	£22,007.47
Money in Boxhorse (Lottery)	£98.00
Total Money in Club 2020	£23,647.74

Rinks and Raffles	£999.00
Misc Income	£111.00
Membership	£0.00
Grants	£0.00
Bowls Lottery income	£0.00
Money in	£1,110.00

Green Expenditure	£6,988.23
Misc Expenditure	£3,920.74
Water	£588.25
Electric	£412.72
Transport	£20.00
Money out	£11,929.94

£23,647.74 Money in Bowls end 2020
 £1,110.00 Plus Money in 2021
£24,757.74

Cash-in-Hand 2021	£190.71
Money in Bank end of 2021	£12,539.09
Money in Boxhorse (Lottery)	£98.00
Total Money in Club 2021	£12,827.80

£24,757.74 Above
 £11,929.94 Less Money out in 2021

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