



# Gwynfi Bowls Club

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## GWYNFI BOWLS CLUB

**Annual Report of the Trustees for the period 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2023– 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2023**

**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](http://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 2023 – Annual General Meeting 17<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024**

The Chairman welcomed members and trustees to the meeting and was pleased to report the Club had enjoyed another good season in 2023 with an excellent performance in both Neath and Port Talbot Leagues, retaining 1<sup>st</sup> Division position in both. Club tournaments had been better supported this year and a pleasant presentation evening was enjoyed at the G2 Sports Bar. Mr. A.Simpson was congratulated on winning the Nefyn Lane Memorial Singles tournament, which title he would be

defending this season. The Chairman also thanked Mr. A.Simpson for his efforts to organise the tournaments and presentation and Mr. D.Townsend for his help. Mr. D.Townsend was congratulated on achieving Club Champion status for the season. The green had been well-maintained throughout the season and thanks were extended to all those who had contributed to this, especially Mr. R.Quinn, Mr. D.Townsend and Mr C.Trahar. Unfortunately serious mole and fox damage to ditch margins had been sustained at the end of the season on three sides of the green and would need significant effort and resources to repair before the 2024 season. The Chairman undertook to meet with Councillor S.Jones to discuss whether any Council support could be obtained to repair the damage and suggested that grants should be sought to obtain ditch liners. The status of the green would be reviewed at the pre-season meeting. Overall membership remained stable but the Club needed more participants to help maintain income, facilities and competitive bowling. The Chairman thanked Mr. C.Trahar for his effort in organising the Bowls Lottery during the season and Mrs. G.Jones for the preparation of the annual statement of account.

## **2. Treasurer's Report**

The report was presented by the Secretary on behalf of the Treasurer. The club opening balance for 2022-23 was £11,798.31 comprising £3,799.39 cash and £7,998.92 bank. Total income for the year was £7,316.16 and total expenditure £8,382.92. The Bowls Lottery had contributed £2,108 and thanks were given to Mr. C. Trahar for his efforts to manage and sustain this. Green maintenance and other overheads had been contained but there were concerns about water usage amounting to £941.40 due to the dry spell at the beginning of the season. Mr P. Bryant had successfully applied for grants to purchase top dressing and seeding machinery, of which the seeder attachment had yet to be obtained. Sports Wales and Pen Y Cymoedd Community funds were thanked for their support, a completion report to the latter was pending which would require acknowledgement on the Club Facebook page. Of immediate concern were escalating energy bills prompted by Council use of the Clubhouse during repair work to the rear retaining wall, although some compensation had just been received for some of this there remained a problem with estimated bills yet to be resolved. The opening balance for the year amounted to £10,780.31, a little less than that of the previous year but a reasonably healthy position.

## **3. Secretary's Report**

The Corona Energy account was working on estimated bills based upon a November reading when the Council use of the Clubhouse had incurred large heating costs. This had pushed the account into higher tariff and VAT bands that were in dispute with the company. The smart meter installed by EoN was not accessible to Corona and meter readings would need to be submitted online at the end of each month going forward. There was considerable credit to be reclaimed from the company but this was not yet agreed.

The Club had incurred fines for unavoidable absence at two recent League meetings and it was important the rolling fine arrangements instigated in 2023 were contained by other member attendance when the Secretary was unavailable.

The membership was reminded that new Neath League rules had introduced a £16 fee for catering costs at away matches, payable in advance of the game to the host club, which would need to be paid by a nominated attendee agreed in advance of the fixture.

## **4. Election of Officers: President, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Captain , Vice Captain and Fixtures Secretary**

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 during 2024, all carried by those present. Mr A. Simpson agreed to continue to act as Captain and Mr R. Quinn agreed to act as Vice-Captain. The role of Fixtures Secretary was vacant, as Mr. D.Cole was uncertain whether he would be able to continue. Mr. A.Simpson would cover fixture re-arrangements in the event the position remained unfulfilled.

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signature

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'P. Bryant', written over a horizontal line.

Full Name : Paul Bryant Hon. Club Secretary

Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024

# Accounts 2023

Cash in Hand end of 2022	£3,799.39
Money in Bank(1) end 2022	£4,997.68
Money in Bank(2) end 2022	£3,001.24
<b>Total Money in Club 2022</b>	<b>£11,798.31</b>

Rink Money Collected	£1,540.00
Raffle Money Collected	£236.00
Membership income	£1,100.00
Misc Income, Grants, Interest	£4,440.16
<b>MONEY IN</b>	<b>£7,316.16</b>

— INCLUDING £2,108 BOWLS LOTTERY (CRAIG)

Green expenditure	£2,815.37
Misc expenditure	£2,408.68
Water Rates	£941.40
Electric	£2,217.47
Car Use	£0.00
<b>MONEY OUT</b>	<b>£8,382.92</b>

Cash in Hand end of 2023	£4,867.39
Bank Account (1)	£2,886.76
Bank Account (2)	£3,026.16
<b>TOTAL MONEY IN CLUB</b>	<b>£10,780.31</b>