



Trustees Report for Financial Report for April 2021 - March 2022

Cylch Meithrin Nelson
21a Commercial Street,
Nelson,
CF46 6NF

Charity Number: 1174213

Trustees

April 2021 – March 2022

Aled Williams
Aled Hopkin
Anna Webb
Alison Price-Jenkins

Objectives and Activities

To advance the education of pre-school children through the medium of the Welsh language.

Introduction

It's safe to say that 2021-2022 has been a very challenging period for Cylch Meithrin Nelson. Emerging from a pandemic which has affected the worldwide economy and working trends has not been an easy task but here we are, making positive strides in the right direction. We've seen some staffing changes over the last year, meaning that we now have a strong team of staff and trustees, all working together to maintain our award-winning status.

Trustees

We've seen a huge improvement in the board of trustees and welcomed a brand-new team, apart from Anna, of course! Despite running busy family and work lives, they've stepped in and done an amazing job and supported the staff at Cylch Meithrin Nelson tremendously.

A massive thanks to them all for taking time out of their very busy lives to carry out Session Visits in line with their responsibilities as trustees. We hope that this was a rewarding exercise, providing an insight into the amazing job the staff do, on a daily basis.

- Alison Price-Jenkins | Deputy Chair

A huge thanks to Alison for raising so much money with her raffles; bringing the community together and allowing them the chance to show their appreciation for the great work we do in caring and educating their precious children.

- Aled Hopkin | Secretary

Also, a big thanks to Aled Hopkin for his secretarial prowess! Minute taking and simultaneously making a meaningful contribution to meetings is no mean feat! Thanks Aled. Nobody likes writing minutes, but you do it with zero complaints.

- Anna Webb | Treasurer and Responsible Individual

Even though Anna doesn't have as much on her plate as before, thanks to the invaluable contributions of the new trustees – she still works tirelessly, making sure that everyone gets paid and providing managerial support to the leaders. I think we can all agree that she does an amazing job on top of her hugely demanding day job, oh and the other Meithrin, that demands the same from her!

The Premises

The pandemic has also brought some other challenges with the introduction of a strict cleaning regime, which has been managed effectively and efficiently, on a daily basis by the staff. Within that particular challenge is an obstacle in the form of a stubborn landlord who doesn't seem to understand the very strict parameters set out clearly by CIW as to the management of the cleanliness and general health and safety.

The new lease has not yet been signed. It has been sent back to the landlord's solicitor to ensure the landlord fully understand their obligation, especially the clause pertaining to the "Right of quiet enjoyment". We have chased them but are still waiting for them to respond.

The Search for a New Premises

We have started on the journey of sourcing a new premises, which will provide us with the autonomy to fulfill everything that is asked of us by CIW. We have met with some agents and kept a close ear to the ground for a new venue without much luck as yet, but mainly due to the uncompromising approach we have taken to tick all the relevant boxes. The search continues!

Improvements

The setting has recently undertaken some major improvements

- The whole of the interior has been painted and now looks much fresher as a result.
- Prior to the inspections, the whole place has been de-cluttered and now looks fantastic
- The kitchen/office now has a decent workspace and now no longer needs to use the stove as a desk area!
- We also have moved some utilities to *Utilities Warehouse* and we now have broadband!

Estyn and CIW Inspections

Also due to the pandemic we have been very much overdue an inspection by Estyn and CIW. This is not something to be taken lightly and it's fair to say that the whole team has pulled together during this stressful process, so a massive thank you to every single one of you for your efforts on this. They have all worked their socks off to get everything in order. We had a few immediate recommendations which have all been addressed. We are eagerly awaiting the results but believe them to be positive from the initial signs.

The Staff

- Sian Richards

Sian is our latest member of staff, but it feels like she's been here for ages! She has settled in amazingly well. She has already established a great rapport with the staff and the children.

- She gets stuck in to the not so pleasant tasks and all with a smile
- Also, she has re-invigorated the new décor with her creative abilities
- She has also demonstrated her amazing lumber jacking skills as you can see by the lack of a very wobbly pear tree. The tree will be missed but we do have a couple of apple trees to replace it

Thanks Sian and welcome once again!

- Keryl Heafield

I have to follow on from Sian with Keryl, to add that having Sian onboard has bolstered Keryl's creative efforts, no end. I'm sure they'll continue to work very well together and keep the creativity flowing into the future.

Keryl has faced some pretty difficult health challenges in the last year but was determined to keep on working throughout! It seems to have benefitted her immensely and we're all so happy that she is now back in full swing after putting it all behind her.

- Cerys Hancox

Cerys' confidence has grown massively over the past year, and it is wonderful to see how well she interacts with children and with the staff. Her use of the Welsh language has proved to have enriched the learning experience for the children at the setting, which is certainly worth mentioning. She is also a strong member of the team who is keen to progress in her role.

- Nia Walsh

Nia is another fairly new member of staff who has also settled in very well with everyone. Music and dancing are a massive part of the early years learning process and Nia keeps the whole place singing and dancing with her amazing musical talents! The children absolutely love it and really look forward those sessions.

Nia is fantastic with the children and staff and the place wouldn't be the same without her.

- Sharon Lewis-Connolly and Ruth Corney

What a Team!

They have and continue to work incredibly hard to keep everything ticking over.

The pandemic has created some huge challenges for so many reasons, some mentioned earlier, but thanks to their hard work and determination they have kept up the momentum amazingly well.

Their work carries on way beyond their contractual hours, but they never, ever complain.

They're constantly striving to make improvements and it has honestly paid off.

They work really well with the new board of trustees, and we owe them a massive thanks for all their amazing efforts. Thank you so much.

The Year Ahead

After such an amazing year, we are hoping to continue the momentum and plough on into 2023 with some further improvements:

- There's a new website in the pipeline, with some new branding
 - New signage to draw people in off the street which will incorporate the new branding
 - We're working on a plan to provide a full-day service instead of just mornings which is very exciting! There's still a way to go on this one, but we're determined to make it work
 - The continuation of the search for new premises with no compromising
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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Cylch Meithrin Nelson

On accounts for the year
ended

31st March 2022

Charity no
(if any)

1174213

Set out on pages

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Responsibilities and
basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2022.

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Carrie Mancer

Date:

30.01.23

Name:

Carrie Mancer

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

N/A

Address:

62 Pengam Street

Glan-y-Nant, Blackwood

Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.



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Cylich Meithrin Nelson

1174213

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

1/4/2021

To

31/03/2022

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
FEES	15,270	-	-	15,270	-
CCBC GRANTS	59,702	-	-	59,702	-
MUDIAD GRANT	500	-	-	500	-
HMRC GRANT	2,006	-	-	2,006	-
FUNDRAISING	4,412	-	-	4,412	-
REFUNDS	3,162	-	-	3,162	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	85,051	-	-	85,051	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	85,051	-	-	85,051	-
A3 Payments					
WAGES	59,254	-	-	59,254	-
RENT	6,000	-	-	6,000	-
RESOURCES	14,105	-	-	14,105	-
UTILITIES	3,759	-	-	3,759	-
PAYE	442	-	-	442	-
FOOD / SUPPLIES	2,740	-	-	2,740	-
UNIFORM	295	-	-	295	-
SUBSCRIPTIONS	156	-	-	156	-
PENSION	251	-	-	251	-
PRINTING	269	-	-	269	-
IT	2,122	-	-	2,122	-
MAINTENANCE	2,940	-	-	2,940	-
DBS	147	-	-	147	-
TRAINING	835	-	-	835	-
Sub total	93,317	-	-	93,317	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	93,317	-	-	93,317	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 8,266	-	-	- 8,266	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	30,326	-	-	30,326	-
Cash funds this year end	22,060	-	-	22,060	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Business Current Account	13,865	-	-
	Business Savings Account	8,195	-	-
	Total cash funds	22,060	-	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

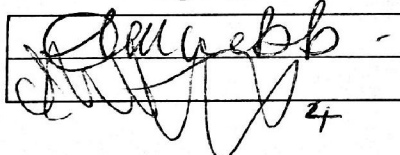
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

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A M WEBB -
ALEX WILLIAMS

30/01/23
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