



## **Trustees Report for financial year - April 2023 - March 2024**

Charity Number: 1174213

### **TRUSTEES**

Ceri Preston

Nia Parker

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Cylch Meithrin Nelson  
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### **Objectives and Activities**

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

### **Introduction**

The tax year 2023 – 2024 was a challenging period for Cylch Meithrin Nelson. The number of children attending the setting dwindled significantly in early 2023, struggling to reach the mid-teens despite being authorised for 23 places. With six members of staff, the monthly wage bill became unsustainable. Although grants from the local council for staff over ratio and Welsh language champions provided some relief, further intervention was required.

By the summer of 2023, Mudiad Meithrin was brought in to support a restructure aimed at stabilising the setting. One staff member left voluntarily, while the remaining five were reviewed for possible redundancy. As the leader and deputy leader had been operating in a joint capacity, a decision was made that this was no longer necessary. Following a voluntary redundancy process, one leader and one other staff member left at the end of the summer term in July 2023. Before the autumn term could commence, the remaining leader also resigned for a full-time role elsewhere.



This left two staff members at the setting, which helped alleviate some financial pressure. A temporary leader was appointed from within the remaining staff, and that individual has since been made permanent. Under her leadership, significant improvements have been made to the setting, including layout and organisation, resulting in a much-improved environment.

### **Trustees**

During this difficult period, the remaining trustees also stepped down. While they continue to provide support during the transition, three new trustees have now joined the remaining trustee. Together, they are working with the leadership team to restore stability and drive improvement. The new trustees have collaborated with the local authority to address service provision concerns and have established a pool of bank staff to provide cover as required. This has been especially beneficial in light of one remaining staff member's ongoing health issues, ensuring continuity of care.

A number of volunteers have also stepped forward to help share the workload, providing additional support to the setting.

### **The Premises**

The landlord has retired and has put the premises up for sale. Fortunately, he has leased the attached shop, allowing the Cylch to remain in place for now. There are approximately 2.5 to 3 years remaining on the current lease, providing some stability in the short term.

### **Restructure and Financial Stabilisation**

The restructuring process led to a scaling back of resources within the setting. It became evident that there was an overabundance of materials, and reducing this has created more space for the children. As a result, attendance numbers have begun to rise again.

During this financially challenging period, a combination of emergency grants and loans helped sustain operations. The financial support received included:

- **Emergency Grants from Mudiad Meithrin:** £11,732
- **Local Authority Grants:** £22,555
- **Loans:** £13,034 (some of which is being repaid at £205 per month over three years)

These funds played a crucial role in ensuring the continued operation of the setting while it worked towards recovery.

### **Competitive Landscape and Future Planning**

The return to normal operations post-COVID has been complicated by competition from a nearby private nursery, which has expanded into a secondary building. This nursery provides wraparound care for both the Cylch and the local English-medium school, but because it is a private entity, parents do not receive funding for placements. As a result, families have had to make financial decisions regarding which setting to prioritise, impacting attendance at the Cylch.

In the summer of 2023, afternoon sessions were trialled with funding from the local council. However, uptake was very low. While there may be demand for such sessions in the future, this will need to be revisited and carefully reviewed before any further action is taken.



## The Year Ahead

Despite the challenges faced, the new leadership and trustees are committed to rebuilding and strengthening the Cylch. The focus will remain on increasing attendance, maintaining financial stability, and continuing to enhance the quality of provision. With improvements already taking shape, there is optimism that the setting will continue to recover and thrive in the coming years.





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

31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

Charity no  
(if any)

1174213

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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 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:

Date:

03-02-2025

Name:

Aled Williams

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

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## 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.





CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name  
Cylch Meithrin Nelson

No (if any)  
1174213

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	4/1/2023		3/31/2024

### 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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Fees	16,121	-	-	16,121	-
Mutual Grants	11,732	-	-	11,732	-
CCBC Grants	22,555	-	-	22,555	-
Loan	13,034	-	-	13,034	-
Donations	702	-	-	702	-
Transfer to Savings account	10,415	-	-	10,415	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>74,560</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>74,560</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>74,560</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>74,560</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Wages	44,006	-	-	44,006	-
Rent	6,000	-	-	6,000	-
Utilities	4,518	-	-	4,518	-
Resources	320	-	-	320	-
Training	1,199	-	-	1,199	-
Food & Supplies	940	-	-	940	-
Pensions	794	-	-	794	-
Maintenance	72	-	-	72	-
Repayment	5,697	-	-	5,697	-
Payroll	277	-	-	277	-
Printer	260	-	-	260	-
HMRC	278	-	-	278	-
Misc	878	-	-	878	-
Transfer to main account	4,645	-	-	4,645	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>69,883</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>69,883</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>69,883</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>69,883</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>4,677</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,677</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>1,803</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,803</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>6,480</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,480</b>	<b>-</b>



## 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	6,470	-	-
	Business Savings Account	1	-	-
	Pre-loaded Debit card	10	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>6,480</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

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

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	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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

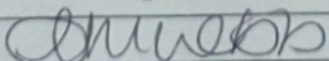
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval



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31/1/2025