

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

PERIOD ENDED: 31 AUGUST 2021

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

STATUS

The organisation (previously an unregistered playgroup) was formed and granted charitable status on 17th October 2018 (charity number 1180347).

The charity is governed by its constitution which was adopted on 5th September 2018.

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

TRUSTEES

The board members serving during the period and since the year end were as follows:

T Williams - Chair
VA Morgan – Treasurer
KA Lewton – Secretary
R Durham
DG Richards
MA Bounds
LC Arnold

Day to day Management

Leanne Jenkins - Manager
Melanie Powney - Manager

PRINCIPAL ADDRESS

Treharris Community Centre
Perrott Street
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

R I Knoyle ACA FCCA
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BANKERS

HSBC
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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

The trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st August 2021. Legal and administrative information set out on page 1 forms part of this report.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE CHARITY

Purposes and aims

The Charity's objects are specifically to provide high quality affordable childcare that enhances the development, care and education of pre school children in a safe and stimulating environment, where they can learn through play in partnership with parent/carers.

The charity aims to offer a child centred environment to meet the social, physical, intellectual, creative and emotional needs of each child and to encourage parents/carers to understand and provide for the needs of their children.

The charity is fully committed to the active promotion of equality and inclusion and put children's rights at the centre of everything we do.

HOW OUR ACTIVITIES DELIVER PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Trustees are aware that the Charity has a responsibility under the Charities Act to demonstrate that it has charitable aims that meet the public benefit requirement and are therefore charitable. The Trustees confirm that they have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and comply with S17 Charities Act 2011 when considering, planning and implementing the activities of the charity. As Trustees, we believe that the aims of our organisation are charitable and for the public benefit.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The Charity is CIW (Care Inspectorate Wales) registered and had an unannounced inspection in July 2021. The inspection was carried out under Covid19 regulations where ratings were suspended, but inspection feedback indicated that no drop in standards had taken place from the previous inspection where we were awarded excellent in all four areas.

The charity received The High Sheriff of Mid Glamorgan's award for 'Great and Valuable services to the community' and 'Supporting key workers on the front line during the pandemic'

Other Achievements include:

- Recognition of contribution to children with additional needs
- Commitment to working with the local community
- Gold Award for Design-a-Smile initiative
- Phase one and two of the Healthy Sustainable Preschool Scheme
- Green award for the Amber/Green Inclusion Scheme
- Commitment to Continuous Professional Development of Staff
- Nominated for Early Years Wales setting of the year

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The charity has been successful in maintaining and increasing funding levels for the period to 31st August 2021. The charity received total funding of £116,374. It is the aim of the charity to continually source additional funding, but this has been extremely difficult in 21/22 due to the continuing Covid19 pandemic. The charity was lucky to have been supported by a large community campaign, donations from local business and Covid grant funding. This enabled the charity to keep running A cash surplus was made in the year amounting to £2,050. It is the aim of the charity through careful business management and budgeting by the trustees throughout the forthcoming difficult year, to continue to be able to maintain, and in the future, to build up again, reserves of the organisation.

Reserves Policy

Upon reviewing the reserves policy, the trustees decided to maintain a financial reserve, approximately equivalent to the normal, predictable outgoings in three months. In 2021 that is approximately £28,575. The charity currently has free reserves well in excess of this, being £40,850. The reserves policy does also however, have a caveat, that if a pressing financial need arises within the charity, and the charity has the ability to meet this out of the reserve, then this should be done, in accordance with the aims and objectives of the charity.

Covid19 has brought to trustee's attention the importance of reserves, as if the government funding of Flying Start, the Childcare offer and the Job Retention Scheme had not been available, the charity reserves could have diminished very quickly.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Organisation

The method of appointment of trustees is set out in the constitution dated 17th July 2018. There are currently seven trustees involved in the organisation. See page 1 for details.

Recruitment and Appointment of New Trustees

New Trustees must be interviewed by the current Board of Trustees, and if appointed are informed of their legal obligations under charity law, the decision-making process and business plan and recent financial performance of the charity. The charity aims to recruit people who can offer a range of skills for example personnel, training, finance etc.

COVID19

Throughout the year the group has still been working under the Welsh Government Protective measures Covid 19 guidelines. Staff have taken part in twice weekly asymptomatic testing. All staff have accessed the vaccination programme. No closures for Covid19 have taken place during the year. September to December numbers of children in attendance were lower than previous years and the group had empty spaces. Grant funding was available via the local authority for the loss of income during this period. Income increased throughout the remaining months of the year as attendance improved. The job retention scheme was accessed when needed and all staff have been retained. Grant funding was also made available for cleaning items, wet weather outdoor clothing, blended learning resources and items required from the impact of the pandemic. The group is at full capacity in September 2021. The trustees have considered the effect and risk of COVID19 on the going concern of the organisation and consider the risk to be minimal.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

We are continually investigating potential new sources of income. We are also continually trying to identify any new services, consistent with the primary purpose of the charity that may be of benefit to the public in the County Borough of Merthyr Tydfil area.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities (issued in January 2015).

Signed on behalf of the board:

T Williams - Trustee

Dated: 27th April 2022

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
NURSERY RHYMES PLAYGROUP

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Nursery Rhymes Playgroup

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Nursery Rhymes Playgroup for the year ended 31 August 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity 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 Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.

R.I. KNOYLE
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Chartered Accountants
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Date: 27th April 2022

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st August 2021

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Totals 2021 £	Totals 2020 £
Receipts				
Fees received	101,878	-	101,878	83,704
Bank interest received	-	-	-	25
Other	-	-	-	-
HMRC JRS Grant	4,338	-	4,338	10,063
Cymryd Rhan Incentive Grant	-	500	500	-
MTCBC Covid Revenue Grant	-	4,397	4,397	-
MTCBC Covid Capital Small Grant Scheme	-	1,040	1,040	-
MTCBC Child Development Grant	-	2,263	2,263	-
Fos y Fran Grant	-	-	-	300
Welsh Water Donation	-	-	-	200
Moondance Foundation Donation	-	-	-	1,000
Childcare Offer in Wales Grant	-	-	-	7,197
Fundraising	1,808	-	1,808	6,188
Donations	150	-	150	2,050
Total Receipts	108,174	8,200	116,374	110,727
Payments				
Wages	93,624	5,365	98,989	91,407
Food & Resources	1,445	500	1,945	1,154
Equipment	1,420	1,686	3,106	4,732
Rent	7,000	1,295	8,295	7,486
Administration & Other costs	1,989	-	1,989	5,315
Total Payments	105,478	8,846	114,324	110,094
Net of Receipts	2,696	(646)	2,050	633
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Cash funds brought forward	38,154	646	38,800	38,167
Cash funds this period end	40,850	-	40,850	38,800

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

for the year ended 31st August 2021

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Totals 2021 £	Totals 2020 £
Cash Funds				
Cash at bank	40,848	-	40,848	38,744
Cash in hand	2	-	2	56
Total Cash Funds	40,850	-	40,850	38,800
Other monetary assets				
Other debtors	2,014	-	2,014	5,576
Prepayments	-	-	-	-
Total monetary assets	2,014	-	2,014	5,576
Liabilities				
Accruals	1,502	-	1,502	1,486
Other creditors	3,025	-	3,025	4,024
	4,527	-	4,527	5,510

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T Williams - Trustee & Chair

Dated: 27th April 2022