

Cylch Meithrin Y Fenni

Yearend 1st April 2021 - 31st March 2022

Charity Number: 1184382

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Charity Information

Trustees

Sarah Pitt - *resigned*
Lucy Dugmore
Lowri Jackson
Crystal Keet - *resigned*
Kerry Martin - *resigned*
Nia Angharad Edwards - *appointed on 26th January 2022*
Mared Dafydd Jones - *appointed on 26th January 2022*
Rhiannon Leaver-Thomas - *appointed on 26th January 2022*
Richard James Edwards - *appointed on 26th January 2022*

Independent Examiners

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Adroddiad y cadeirydd | Chair's report

Nia Edwards, Cylch Meithrin y Fenni AGM 2022-23

Croeso mawr i chi gyd – a huge welcome to everyone at this year's AGM.

We are a not-for-profit Welsh-medium nursery where pre-school children learn Welsh through play, games, stories and songs. We welcome children from all backgrounds, especially non-Welsh speakers who want their children to develop bilingual skills from an early age, and as a committee, we are particularly proud of how our staff are supporting and nurturing these children at such an important stage in their lives.

This is my first AGM as chair. It has been a privilege to work with our incredible staff and amazing committee members during a busy year for Cylch Meithrin y Fenni, one which has brought a few changes and challenges with it. But it has also shown how wonderful our Cylch really is.

Our core members of staff, led by Trina and Heidi as deputy, are committed and invaluable, and often give up their own free time to ensure that our Cylch continues to offer incredible childcare. This year we've welcomed Mai, Tegan and Emma to the team – they've settled in very quickly and they are fabulous with all the children. We have said goodbye to Nadine, Liz, Hannah and Sarah who have moved on to pastures new. Emily left us for a short time, but we have managed to get her back for one day a week (we didn't want to let her go that easily!).

Huge congratulations to Abbi and Chloe for achieving their level 3 childcare, play learning and development qualifications. They have now started their first year of university, along with Emma, to achieve a Bachelor of Science in Childhood Studies, along with Heidi who is in her third year. Tegan is also working towards her level 3 childcare qualification. These awards take a massive amount of work and dedication, and we really appreciate all the effort they've put in.

A testament to our wonderful staff has been the great inspection report from Care Inspectorate Wales (CIW) in July 2022. Achieving ratings of Excellent in Wellbeing, Environment, Leadership & Management and a rating of Good in Care and Development (with the recommendations for improvements implemented immediately), the report is a true reflection of the hard work and dedication each member of staff puts in to the Cylch Meithrin. Here is a summary from the report:

"Children are very happy and enjoy attending the setting. They feel very safe and secure in the care of staff. Children have excellent opportunities for play and learning and develop their independence through a range of quality experiences and play. Staff implement the settings policies and procedures effectively. They are patient, kind and caring. The environment is secure, clean, and welcoming. People who run the setting are highly motivated and dedicated to delivering high quality childcare."

Trina is working on a business proposal for opening the Cylch over school holidays, offering a Holiday Club for 3-4 year olds. This has been checked with CIW who are happy with this offer, as are Mudiad. All bar one member of staff is happy to work over the holidays, creating a rota based on numbers booked in. The main proposal now is working on changes to staff contracts and holiday allowance as well as how much will be charged for the sessions.

2022 saw the staff, committee members, parents and friends undertake a huge fundraising challenge of climbing the Sugarloaf and the Skirrid mountains in Abergavenny, both in one day. A staggering £1,412 was raised for the Cylch, which will go towards educational resources, waterproof clothing for staff to allow more outdoor learning and playground improvements.

We also organised fundraising in the form of facepainting and glitter tattoos at the Ysgol y Fenni summer fayre, and a tedi tombola at the Ysgol y Fenni Christmas fayre.

The Cylch received a £200 Capital Grant for a new fridge freezer for the setting. Monmouthshire County Council also gave us a New Curriculum grant of £2,300 for resources and £1000 for new equipment which has been used on new chairs and tables at the Cylch.

On the financial side of things, I want to say a huge thank you to Lucy for staying on the Cylch committee for an additional year to help to correct the bank account type. Her dedication to this has seen her go back and forth with different people within the bank, requiring a lot of patience and deep breathing to resolve this issue, and for this we thank you.


Cylch Ti a Fi was set up early 2022 to encourage more families to meet regularly so that children can enjoy playing together giving parents/guardians chance to socialise over a cuppa, all in an informal Welsh atmosphere. The group is run from Mardy Hall and staffed by the Cylch using fees from attendees. It has seen a steady increase in attendance, with regular new families joining us and picking up more of the Welsh language. At the end of each term, it breaks even, and sporadic fundraising such as cake bakes brings in some additional funds to put back into the group in the form of crafts or activities. It truly has become its own little family, run by Abbi and Trina from Cylch, and some of our regular parents. We thank them all for their amazing efforts and drive to make it a welcoming setting and encouraging the use of the Welsh language.

The plan is still to move to Deri View/Acorn Centre, with a potential that this move may be as early as

Finally, two of our long-standing committee members are stepping down. Lowri and Lucy have been invaluable members of the committee, providing handovers and helping during the transition period, supporting us as we began to learn the ropes. Thank you so much for your dedication and for working tirelessly on the Cylch committee for the years that you have.

Thank you also to those staying on the committee: Mared as Secretary and Rich as Treasurer, along with Rhiannon as our Ysgol Gymraeg Y Fenni representative, who has helped greatly in ensuring the communication channels between both sites are free flowing. I look forward to the next year working together and driving the Cylch forward even more.

It has been an absolute privilege to be on the Cylch Meithrin y Fenni committee over the past year. Ensuring that children in Abergavenny can access childcare in a Welsh language setting is vital and I am very proud of the work our team does here at the Cylch.


Nia Edwards
Cadeirydd | Chair
Cylch Meithrin y Fenni

CYLCH MEITHRIN Y FENNI TRUSTEES REPORT

Structure, Governance and Management

Cylch Meithrin Y Fenni is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and registered charity, number 1184382, and is governed by its constitution.

Trustees are elected annually at the AGM and adopt the constitution.

Regular meetings held with the trustees and committee.

We are members of Mudiad Meithrin and have access to support, guidance, and training.

The charity works closely with Monmouthshire Council, Flying Start and Mudiad Meithrin.

Objectives and Activities

Cylch Meithrin Y Fenni is a not-for-profit Welsh-medium nursery where pre-school children learn Welsh through play, games, stories, and songs. We welcome children from all backgrounds, especially non-Welsh speakers who want their children to develop bilingual skills from an early age. We offer services to families that can access Flying Start, Childcare offer Wales and for private fee-paying enabling parents to return to work if they wish.

As a committee, we are particularly proud of how our staff are supporting and nurturing these children at such an important stage in their lives.

The committee discuss grants available and make decisions on if they are suitable to apply and best person to complete grants. The Cylch leader and the administrative personnel can apply for grants if agreed by the committee.

The trustees of the Management committee are all volunteers.

Achievements and Performance

We focus our work on improving the life chances for the children in our care. We serve an area in South Wales that includes some of the most disadvantaged children in Wales. We do this in several ways including by introducing the Welsh language to children who come from non-Welsh speaking families. We know that giving these children the advantage of being bilingual will greatly increase their chances of employment when they later become adults and that introducing a new language during the preschool years is the most effective method of introduction. We also work closely with the Local Authority to ensure staff attend training courses that upskill our staff to provide high quality provision enabling us to put early interventions in place for individual children. We assess and plan our activities so that we can identify areas of need and put in place preventative work to support the children's progress.

Financial Review

Children's fees for the services provided either through Local authority/Welsh Government Funding for Flying Start or Childcare Offer or private fee-paying parents.

The Cylch raises funds from the public but does not work with professional fundraisers or commercial participators.

Reserves are held to support any additional expenses that arise, and to purchase any resources that may be required.

Trustees Responsibilities and Approval

The Trustees are satisfied that the charity is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Section 130 of the Charities Act 2011.

The Accounts were approved by the board of trustees on 19 / 4 / 2023.


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Nia Edwards

Chair, Cylch Meithrin Y Fenni

Independent Examiners Report

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

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

Basis of the independent examiner's report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the General directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of our examination, no matter has come to our attention;

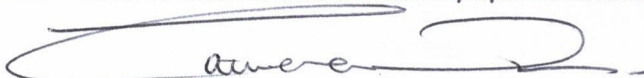
(A) which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that;

* proper accounting records are kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and

* accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act; or

(B) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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CYLCH MEITHRIN Y FENNI FINANCIAL REPORT

SUMMARY

Account ending 3716

Opening Balance as of 01/04/2021	966.64
Final Balance as of 31/03/22	966.72
Receipts	0.08
Payments	-

Account Ending in 8552

Opening Balance as of 01/04/2021	48,832.15
Final Balance as of 31/03/2022	54,097.72
Receipts	112,603.80
Payments	107,338.23

Petty Cash

Opening Balance as of 01/04/2021	-
Final Balance as of 31/03/2022	-
Receipts	328.17
Payments	328.17

INCWM/INCOME

	UNION/EXACT BLWYDDYN/YEAR CURRENT YEAR 01.04.2021-31.03.2022 £	UNION/EXACT BLWYDDYN/YEAR PAST PERIOD 01.04.2020-31.03.2021 £
Monmouthshire County Council Grants	1,000.00	-
30 Hours funding	26,034.08	29,407.75
MCC Flying Start Funding	42,730.75	39,030.25
Children's fees	39,795.88	23,341.23
Fundraising	1,172.37	-
Refunds	75.21	2.16
Uniforms	373.67	94.40
Other Grants	1,750.00	-
Furlough Grants	-	15,501.78
Interest received	0.08	0.43
Cyfanswm Incwm/Income Total A	112,932.05	107,378.00

GWARIANT/EXPENDITURE

	UNION/EXACT BLWYDDYN/YEAR CURRENT YEAR 01.04.2021-31.03.2022 £	UNION/EXACT BLWYDDYN/YEAR PAST PERIOD 01.04.2020-31.03.2021 £
Salaries, Pension and PAYE Costs	90,266.13	82,595.72
Rent & Heating Costs	4,688.62	4,993.21
Professional Services	3,463.58	2,602.80
Other Materials & Resources	6,250.00	3,366.63
Uniforms	462.48	296.75
Food & Drink Costs	1,937.31	1,092.51
Refunds	-	-
Petty Cash	328.17	-
Children's Fees refund	270.11	-
Cyfanswm Gwariant/Expenditure Total B	107,668.40	94,947.62

A-B Surplus (deficit) for the year

	5,265.65	12,430.38
Final totals of all cash and bank accounts	55,064.44	49,798.79
Parent Fees - Payments owing	1,017.45	1,344.10
Liabilities - PAYE	-	375.38
Assets - PAYE	2,659.49	-