

Gower New Life Church CIO

Charity number: 1188131
Company Number: CE020823

Trustee Report and Financial Statements
for the period 24th Feb 2020 to 24th May 2021

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Legal and administrative information

Company Name: Gower New Life Church CIO

Charity Registration Number: 1188131

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Report of the Trustees

For the period ended 24 May 2021

The Trustees present their report and the financial statements for the period ended 24 May 2021. The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1. The organisation has operated previously as a not-for-profit organisation and appointed trustees in February 2020 in preparation of the charity application. The organisation received charitable status approval as a CIO on 24th February 2020. This report relates to the full financial period of activities prepared under the charitable accounting requirements.

Structure, governance and management

The Charity is managed by trustees who are appointed and in line with the charity's governing document.

Governing Document

The charity is governed by its Constitution.

Objectives and activities

The main purpose and objects of the charity are set out in the governing document as follows:

- The advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrine set out in the underwritten Fourth Schedule and the worship of God in the county of Swansea and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the World and elsewhere by any means whatsoever including (but not by way of limitation) the preaching and proclamation of the Christian gospel, the teaching of the Christian Doctrine and principles, the pastoral care of Christian people and the printing and distribution of the Bible and Christian literature including video, and audio recordings and by any other media which is, or may become, available;
- The relief of persons who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress or who are aged or sick and the promotion and preservation of good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind including through the provision of training, counselling and support in the county of Swansea and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the World and elsewhere as the trustees may from time to time think fit;

Achievements and performance

Sunday Services

Our Sunday services help us fulfil our vision of "Following Jesus and Growing Together..."

Our core activities consist of providing a contemporary worship experience, relevant bible teachings and fellowship. The most common feedback we get from our Sunday service visitors is that "it feels like family". This is a real encouragement as being a church family where all generations can be family and feel at home, is one of our core values. When the covid pandemic started in March 2020, we adapted by moving our services online via zoom. Having "zoom church" online actually contributed to bringing us closer together as a church family. Our love for Jesus and for each other grew and our faith strengthened. When the covid restrictions were first lifted in September, we took the opportunity to have our first outdoor church meeting (20/09/2020). This was followed by the second outdoor meeting on May 2nd, 2021. Both meetings were the well needed break for our church members as "zoom fatigue" was starting to set in. We had the visit from friends whose churches were not able to meet in person during those meetings as well.

Gower New Life Groups

Our midweek life group meetings are vital part of church expression with the focus on bible study and fellowship. Our life group church expressions are as important as our Sunday meetings. They offer the opportunity to build meaningful relationships, grow in faith, hope, love and get connected into the life of the church. This year we set out to study the whole book of Acts, which proved very enlightening for all participants.

The Gower Well Being Project

This was our response to the covid pandemic and the focus of the year. The project was designed to support our community via a range of activities such as our Creative Collections, Live Hacks, Drawn Together Art Group, Nativity Project, Virtual Choir...).

Gower Wellbeing Project was initially started to combat social and rural isolation, and its accompanying issues, during the first Covid lockdown. The project was headed by a Project Manager/wellbeing worker taking the lead in developing ideas, networks, and community engagement. Through the project our church has been able to engage with various groups within society, initially all via technology, to accommodate the national lockdown. The Project Manager has facilitated the development of a practical video project - sharing skills from cooking, baking to artwork.

Further to this, another video project included "Creative Collections" which included e.g., poetry and gentle talks to help people relax, bringing some gentle meditation to a difficult day. These elements of the Gower Wellbeing Project saw volunteers trained in camera use, recording, file transfer and video production. Many volunteers had no previous experience and those who did were significantly unskilled. We are proud and thankful to the volunteers for their dedication and commitment, without whom this project would not be possible. We are also thankful to Moondance whose funding enabled us to train, upskill and equip, ensuring the success of the project. The Moondance fund also enabled a unique Online Art Group (Drawn Together) to start, and continue, on a weekly basis. This took place over zoom and enabled participants to better cope with social isolation, disability and the mental health challenges faced during lockdown and beyond. One member of the group described it as follows:

"It was a lifesaver for me as for many years friendships and social interactions have been problematic in the past through my disability of ME what made the group attractive to me was the interactive skilled, I learned through the world of art. Making friendship with all the ladies is a big part of that which has made me happy. It has opened my eyes to new ways forward and went beyond my normal output. It was a great feeling and lovely to share and enjoy the work of all my fellow artists too. I am proud of what I achieve, and it has been a long time since I felt so motivated and grateful to be in the company of such lovely, helpful, and creative people."

After the first term a virtual gallery was produced using technology, we were able to purchase through the Moondance funding. The local MS for Gower, Rebecca Evans, was also involved with the project over the advent season, helping with the advertisement and support of a Community Nativity Project coordinated and enhanced by the Project Manager and with the help of our volunteers. This element saw the restoration of nativity figures (by a couple of our volunteers) put on a display outside a chapel on Gower. A video was made so people could enjoy the display whether they could visit it or not - which proved to be even more beneficial when we entered our second lockdown.

Connections were made with various charities that support the wellbeing of the Agricultural community, and funds were raised (collected via donation box onsite and just-giving page online) for RABI (Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution). This charity was chosen because Gower is a rural area and shaped by Agriculture. This industry faces the highest rate of suicide of all industries in Britain, and it was imperative that as part of the Gower Wellbeing Project, this vital element of the local community was also acknowledged (for their help as keyworkers during the pandemic) and offered means of help, should they need it.

In addition to this, 32 local farming families, in accordance to GDPR, were gifted with a card, thanks to the Moondance funding, and other charity leaflets illustrating the help available to the farming community (should they need it). The card was designed by the project manager using a photograph taken by one of our volunteers. Additionally, the technology and equipment we were able to purchase through the Moondance funding was used to produce a community Virtual Carol, which was advertised by our local MP and MS, and featured one local community councillor.

It was made possible by a dedicated group of volunteers who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to produce this: Through this networking the Project Manager has also taken the opportunity to volunteer with the Farming Community Network, which saw her as a pastoral visitor/caseworker for them and she also trained with them to help young farmers with mental health issues.

Our social media accounts have continued to go from strength to strength and this enabled the church to reach out further and ensure that as many people as possible could be encouraged throughout the week, during this exceptionally difficult time. Other organisations were also contacted, including Tidy Wales, with the view to carry out community litter picks in January 2021, but due to restrictions we were not able to follow this

through, at this time. Contact was also made and established, via our MS again, with a new charity: The Sharing Table. They were running a pilot in Clydach (part of the constituency of Gower) to combat child food poverty in a positive and dignified way. Our church plans to support this venture and look to working closer together in the future as they look for other areas across Gower to implement the project. The donation will be used to sponsor a Teaching Assistant for 10 weeks, to deliver this program.

Further to this, we have also been in touch with local primary schools that we helped to support two families going through hardship. We purchased three Chromebooks and bags which were distributed by the headmaster to the families. As this project develops, we hope to expand our offline network further and continue to grow our support of the local community, as well as online.

We recently started supporting North Gower Food Hub (Foodbank), which was set up during lockdown in response to the challenges individuals faced across Gower. We donate monthly to them and are also provided a one-off donation e.g., several months' supply of nappies etc. - We have 4 volunteers working closely with them to maintain a long-term relationship. In the coming months we hope to be able to carry out several litter picks, as lockdown eases. We also developed our network with other farming charities locally including Farming Community Network, DPJ Foundation, NFYFC and Tir Dewi, each aiming to support and help combat the challenges of mental health.

The Gower Wellbeing Project have contributed in such a positive way to the local community, and we are encouraged by the difference it has made to people's lives.

Youth Ministry

As a family church, investing in youth is very important to us. Our youth ministry was called Ablaze and was for 12–16-year-olds. Our youth used to meet in the Pennard community hall and started to have a good attendance. Unfortunately, in February our youth workers who were volunteers from the church decided to move on to another church. We had some support from other churches to help keep the ministry alive. But unfortunately, the covid pandemic hit and brought those meetings to an end.

However, we were determined to provide a safe space for our youth people to meet. As a result, we added to the new reality and moved the youth meetings online via zoom. The focus was mainly using games to help young people connect and deal with the isolation that was created by the lockdown. As it happened, it was more attended than our in-person meetings as other "unchurched" friends of our young people were able to attend from the comfort and safety of their own homes.

Children Ministry

As a family church, investing in children is very important to us. Our children ministry is called Ignite and is aimed at those between the ages of 5 and 11. We are committed to teaching God's word to all ages including our children and giving them a firm foundation in scripture. Through instructional Bible study, crafts, fun games, and memory verses, we seek to convey God's truth in a lively, interactive, and understandable way. Ignite meets on a Sunday morning during the normal meeting time.

As we did with other ministries, we had to adapt during the covid pandemic and moved it online. It was still well integrated with the main Sunday services.

We had concerns when our youth and children workers moved on. But volunteers from the church stepped up and provided unparallel ministry to our children. We have noticed increased interest and enhanced creativity from our children. We have grown significantly during the online zoom children's church.

Prayer Ministry

The prayer team meet weekly, bringing church and community needs, issues and requests to God in prayer. As a church we believe that everything we do needs to be underpinned by prayer.

During our prayer meeting, we focus on:

- Committing concerns and requests to God, asking that He would intervene and act to bring about His plans and purposes in situations.
- Listening for His leading and directions so we can act in His power to fulfil His will and not be doing things aimlessly and ineffectively.

- Thanking God for answered prayers, His revelation and direction and acknowledging His power and sovereignty and requesting these be manifest in us as a church and over all that we are and do.

In the future, we plan to make prayer more accessible to our community so they can also experience the power of prayer in their own lives and draw them closer to the love of God. We believe that God cares for every member of our community and wants to meet them at their points of need.

Drawn Together

Drawn Together is a weekly online Art Group that started during Lockdown in 2020 due to Covid. It's driven the vision of one of our members, Illustrator Jane Tregoning. The group continues to meet on a weekly basis throughout term time via Zoom, with periodic socials face to face. The ethos of the group is not to create a finished work or follow a strict learning of techniques and styles but rather to create a space where creativity can be inspired, vision caught and new ways of thinking creatively developed.

It continues to ease social isolation in the local rural community and aids the positive wellbeing of its members, some of whom have long term mental and/or physical illnesses. It is an all-inclusive group and each term a fresh topic is explored with room to deviate based on the needs of the group and current circumstances.

Future Plans

During 2021 we continue to focus on our key priorities:

- Sunday Church expressions (mainly in person as restrictions allow and online when necessary)
- Gower New Life Groups

Bless Gower Initiative, which is essentially our missions and community actions ministry, implemented during covid as "The Gower Well-Being Project". We will continue to support our community via a range of relevant activities.

Financial review

Policy on reserves

The reserves policy is to keep a minimum in general funds to cover 3 month's operating costs.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

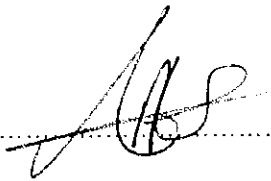
Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

On behalf of the board

Signed:  Trustee Date: 06/09/22

Print Name: FLEMAN PATRICE AIKA

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

I have been appointed as independent examiner under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with regulations made under section 145 of that Act.

My responsibility is to examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act, to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

I have examined the financial statements of Frontline Nations for the period ended 24th May 2021 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and the related notes.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 154 of the Charities Act 2011. My independent examination work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity's trustees as a body, for any audit work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below)

- Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
- To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
- To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:  Independent Examiner Date: ... 12th August 2022

Nicola Lewis (EasyBooks Wales Ltd)

Statement of Financial Activities

For the period ended 24th May 2021

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>		
	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>last year</u>	
<u>Incoming Resources</u>					
Donations, Legacies & Similar Incoming resources					
Grants Received	15500	10000	25500	0	
Regular Donations received	7717		7717	0	
Donations from Other Organisations	11825		11825	0	
Incoming Resources from Operating Activities					
a) in furtherance of the charity's objectives					
Trading Income	0		0	0	
b) for generating funds					
Fundraising	0		0	0	
Investment Income					
Bank Interest Received	3		3	0	
Other Incoming Resources					
Tax Rebate from Covenant/Gift Aid	0		0	0	
Other Income	0		0	0	
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	Note 3	35044	10000	45044	0
<u>Resources Expended</u>					
Costs of generating Funds					
Fundraising Costs	0		0	0	
Charitable Expenditure					
Grants/Gifts in furtherance of objectives	0		0	0	
Management, Administration & Ministry	Note 4	13031	10000	23031	0
Loss on Sale of Asset	0		0	0	
Depreciation Charge	1313		1313	0	
Professional Fees	0		0	0	
Accounting & Bookkeeping Fees	Note 6	720	720	0	
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		15064	10000	25064	0
NET INCOMING RESOURCES Before transfers		19980	0	19980	0
Transfers Between Funds	0	0	0	0	
NET INCOMING RESOURCES After transfers		19980	0	19980	0
Gains/Losses on Fixed Assets	0	0	0	0	
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		19980	0	19980	0
Total Funds Brought Forward	0	0	0	0	
Total Funds Carried Forward	19980	0	19980	0	

Balance Sheet

As at 24th May 2021

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>last year</u>
<u>Fixed Assets -Tangible</u>				
Fixtures & Equipment	Note 9	9213	9213	0
		9213	0	9213
<u>Current Assets</u>				
Debtors & Prepayments	Note 10	0	0	0
Bank Main a/c & Savings		11591	0	11591
		0	0	0
		11591	0	11591
<u>Current Liabilities</u>				
Creditors & Accruals	Note 11	824	824	0
Loan repayments due in 1 year		0	0	0
		824	0	824
Net Current Assets		10767	0	10767
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		19980	0	19980
Creditors Falling due after 1 year		0	0	0
Total Net Assets		19980	0	19980
<u>Fund Balances</u>				
Funds B/fwd		0	0	0
Net movement of funds		19980	0	19980
TOTAL FUNDS		19980	0	19980

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006
For the period ended 24th May 2021

The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its financial statements
for the period ended 24 May 2021 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small charitable companies and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015).

The financial statements were approved by the Board on And
were signed on its behalf by:

Signed by.....

Trustee

Print Name... FLEHAN PATRICE AKA

Dated... 06/09/22

Notes to the financial statements
for the period ended 24 May 2021

1. Basis of preparation

1.1. Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice' (SORP FRS102) and with the Charities Act.

1.2. Change in Basis of Accounting

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and methods of accounting) since last year.

1.3. Changes to previous Accounts

No changes have been made to accounts for the previous years.

2. Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year.

2.1 Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Voluntary income is received by way of donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Gifts donated for resale are included as income when they are sold. Donated assets are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified and a third party is bearing the cost. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included.

Tax Reclaims are included in the SoFA when they are received by the organisation.

Grants, including grants for the purchase of fixed assets, are recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which they are receivable.

Income from investments is included in the year in which it is receivable.

Legacies are included when the charity is advised by the personal representative of an estate that payment will be made or property transferred and the amount involved can be quantified.

2.2 Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Resources expended are recognised in the year in which they are incurred.

Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management.

2.3 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Expenditure is capitalised if the asset has a useful life of more than 1 year and its cost exceeds £500.

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, on a straight-line basis as follows:

Office Equipment

25%

3. Analysis of Incoming Resources

Donations income consists of regular giving by church members in tithes and offerings, plus "one off" gifts or donations. Where these gifts are given for a specific purpose they are held in a restricted fund.

Incoming resources are as follows:

	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Donations Received	7717	0
Transfer from Gower New Life Church as at 24.2.2020	11825	0
Grants	25500	0
Bank Interest	3	0
	45044	0

The grants received in the year were :

Unrestricted Moondance Foundation £15,500
Restricted Lottery Fund – Gower Wellbeing Project

4. Analysis of Resources Expended

The financial value of volunteer time has not been included in the financial statements but forms a crucial part of the success of the organisation.

Management and Administration Costs are broken down as follows:

	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Project Manager Costs	7000	0
Rent And Rates	639	0
Bank Charges	6	0
Memberships and Subscriptions	1031	0
Repairs and Maintenance	15	0
Stationery, Postage & Advertising	967	0
Small tools & Equipment	1122	0
Telephone & Internet	0	0
Gifts and Donations	955	0
Travel and Subsistence	154	0
Motor Expenses	0	0
Books & Training	10377	0
Insurance	521	0
Loss on Sale of Asset	0	0
Uniform	245	0
Sundries	0	0
	23031	0

5. Trustee Expenses

There were no out-of-pocket expenses reimbursed to trustees during the year.

6. Governance Costs

	<u>This year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Fee for Audit / Examination of Accounts	720	0

7. Staff Expenditure

There were no employees during this financial period

8. Grant making

Grants awarded – Grants are given in accordance with the objectives of the charity. All decisions on grant awards are considered and decided upon by the trustees.

9. Fixed Assets

	<u>Fixtures & Equipment</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Opening Balance Cost	0	0
Additions in Year	10525	10525
Disposals in Year	0	0
Closing Balance at Cost	10525	10525
Opening Accumulated Depreciation	0	0
Charge for year	1312	1312
Released on Disposal	0	0
Closing Accumulated Depreciation	1312	1312
Closing Net Book Value	9213	9213

No assets have been re-valued during the year.

10. Debtors and prepayments

Breakdown is as follows:

	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Debtors	£ 0	£ 0
Prepayment	£ 0	£ 0
	£ 0	£ 0

11. Creditors and Accruals

Amounts falling due within 1 year are as follows:

	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Trade Creditors	£ 104	£ 0
Accruals	£ 720	£ 0
	£ 824	£ 0

12. Transactions with related Parties**12.1 Remuneration and benefits**

No amounts were paid to trustees as salary in the year.

A trustee's spouse was contracted to deliver the Gower Well-being Project as project manager and was paid £7000 during this period

12.2 Loans

No loans were made to the trustees or related parties during the year.

No loans were made from the trustees during the year.

13. Restricted Funds Summary

	Opening Funds	Income	Expenditure	Closing Funds
Gower Well Being Project	0	10000	10000	0
Total Restricted Funds	0	10000	10000	0

14. Additional Disclosures

There are no further disclosures for this year.

