

RHIGOS RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2024 RHIGOS RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

Structure, Governance & Management

The Club is registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation which is a new type of legal format for a registered charity with the intention of affording charities limited liability without having to register as a formal limited company. The financial control of the Club is in the hands of 3 trustees. All finance decisions are discussed with the management committee but ultimately all are made and controlled by the trustees. The Club is governed by its constitution, adherence of which is monitored by the trustees. The trustees are appointed at an Annual General Meeting and after recruitment, training is provided.

Objectives & Activities

The objective of the Club is to promote community participation in healthy recreation by providing facilities for the playing of amateur rugby union in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Welsh Rugby Union and such other amateur sports capable of promoting healthy recreation.

Achievements & Performance

During the year we continued with our programme of improvements to the Club's land and buildings in several ways. We paid for a drainage engineer to design a drainage scheme for the car park. We improved our patio with 5 outdoor picnic tables, benches and sun shades for the benefit of members, players and visitors. We sold off the oil fired generator and converted its housing into a storage facility. Pitchside, we cleaned out the shed given to us by Aberdare Motor Cycle Club and installed 2 new spectator shelters. We commissioned a graffiti style portrait in honour of Dai Morris, our most famous player, at the entrance to the Club.

Our 1st XV and Walking Rugby team began the year with a joint tour to Gateshead and Newcastle and ended by preparing for a similar weekend in Liverpool and North Wales. In between these times the 1st XV gained promotion from Division 5 West Central to Division 4 West Central and our walking Rugby team played weekly and entered a tournament in Morriston. During the off season, we hosted Cynon Valley Cavalier Junior Rugby League team who played all of their home games on our pitch.

In the Clubhouse, again our darts team competed in the Glynneath Winter and Summer Leagues and we held weekly bingo sessions for the benefit and well being of our members. The Club was a venue for birthdays, christenings, weddings and funeral wakes and a number of musical evenings to support the community of Rhigos.

Throughout the year, we kept in mind the Charity Commissioners guidelines on public benefit and acted to provide a safe environment for all our members and utilise our asset within the terms of our constitution.


Financial Review

Bar Sales this year amounted to £95,485, falling for the second year in a row. The cost of bar stock did not fall proportionally. General donations also fell from £11,610 to £7,490 further lowering income. The Club did however receive a grant of £4,464 from Cronfa Wind Farm which offset the lower donations. Major maintenance spending last year did not reoccur with total repairs and maintenance expenditure down from £15,648 to £3,846. Premises costs, admin costs and legal and professional costs were not materially different to the previous year. Rugby expenses were lower due to rugby ticket sales but this was matched by the income collected. Reserves were down by the year end, from £45,319 to £43,734 reflecting the deficit of total expenditure over income.

Reserves Policy

The trustees of Rhigos Rugby Football Club have considered the reserves and have the following policy:

The trustees consider that the level of reserves should be set at a level to ensure that the charity can meet its liabilities and contractual obligations should it cease to exist.

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Trustee

RHIGOS RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
1) Grants received		
WRU grants and subsidies	6,416.00	6,345.00
Cronfa Farm grant	4,464.00	-
	<u>10,880.00</u>	<u>6,345.00</u>
 2) Sponsorship and Donations		
Sponsorship	2,300.00	3,148.00
General donations	7,490.00	11,610.00
	<u>9,790.00</u>	<u>14,758.00</u>
 3) Premises expenses		
Cleaning	2,070.00	1,610.00
Rates and water	248.00	204.00
Heat and light	5,644.00	5,310.00
	<u>7,962.00</u>	<u>7,124.00</u>
 4) Maintenance expenses		
Patio Tables	833.00	
Pest Control	300.00	
Bottle Cooler	390.00	
Bottle Cooler	459.00	
Cooker	187.00	
Electrics	360.00	
ADT Alarm (various)	829.00	
General lower value items	488.00	
 Total for 2023 (see 2023 Accounts for breakdown)		15,648.00
	<u>3,846.00</u>	<u>15,648.00</u>

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
RHIGOS RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the Accounts of the Charity for the year ended 30 April 2024, which are set out on pages 3 to 7.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 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.

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.

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Signed.....*H.D. Jones*.....
Date.....*18/02/25*.....