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1. INTRODUCTION

This annual report is intended to bring the community up-to-date on progress so far on our project to restore Cefn Fforest Miners' Institute and bring it back into use for the community as a hub to facilitate social, educational, recreational and cultural activities and enhance the lifestyles and personal development of members of our community.

2. 2023 IN BRIEF

2023 will be remembered as the year we finally started making progress, with the charity securing its first significant funding, and visible improvements being made to the building both internally and externally.

We have been continuing with our plan to restore the building in a phased approach, renovating the main hall ready for opening. However, we have also taken the opportunity, when funding was available, to carry out some repairs to the rest of the building, including replacing doors and windows.

The whole project continues to be driven by volunteers. Some have been working closely with relevant funding providers, some have been getting their hands dirty and grafting on the renovation of the building. Some volunteers have been doing both.

Some volunteers are working on the building three or four days a week, every week. We have also had specialist tradespeople pop in occasionally to do things like

plastering, wiring and removing waste – providing their labour for free because of their love of the building.

Whilst we have had some significant funding starting to come in, it is still not enough to refurbish the whole building and sustain it as a thriving project. We are still going to need the community to buy into the project and help with fundraising, and we are pleased to say, throughout 2023 the community has done just that.

Aside from actually doing work on the building, we have had many people help in other ways. We have run our usual Christmas Raffle, organised two fundraising socials with live bands, two of our volunteers ran the Cardiff Half Marathon, and one did a parachute jump raising funds through sponsorship. We are eternally grateful to all those who have rolled up their sleeves and got dirty, given up their spare time, slaved over a hot application form, run thirteen miles or jumped out of an airplane. We also thank those that have bought and sold tickets, turned up at our events and danced or got on stage to play music.

As a result of this, we are reasonably confident that we will have the building partially open to the public this year.

Our Facebook Group '*Friends of Cefn Fforest Miners' Institute*' has more than one thousand six hundred members and has become a great resource for people to chat about the 'Stute', share memories, ideas and generally keep up to date with progress.

We have recently launched a website. It is still in its infancy but we think it will grow to be a great place to go for updates and news about our project. We aim to use the site to share memories of the Stute, so if you have any stories, please get in touch via cefnfforestminers@yahoo.com . The website can be found at http://cefnfforestminersinstitute.wales/

Please read on for the formal section of this report

Trustees' Annual Report for the period October 2022 to January 2024

Charity name: **CEFN FFOREST MINERS' WELFARE HALL**

Charity registration number: **1191718**

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

We aim to make the building a resource for the community. The object of the charity, as stated in our constitution registered with the charity commission is as follows:

> *"To further or benefit the residents of Cefn Fforest and the surrounding area, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents".*

Furthermore – we aim to

1. Sensitively renovate and maintain The Cefn Fforest Miners' Welfare Institute; a building of historical and architectural importance.
2. Improve the wellbeing of the people of Cefn Fforest and the surrounding area.
3. Adapt the wide variety of spaces within the institute building to facilitate social, educational, recreational and cultural activities and enhance the lifestyles and personal development of members of our community.
4. Be a focal point for the community that will enhance social cohesion and community spirit.

Throughout this process, the trustees will have regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

It is our aim, wherever possible, to utilise contractors, suppliers and labour from within the local community to achieve our aims, whilst taking into consideration that we need to ensure the resources of the charity are used in the best interests of the community.

We are grateful for any contributions made by volunteers and will, when possible, work with relevant trainers to provide training opportunities for trainees and apprentices etc. Throughout 2023, volunteers have put in an estimated 5,000 hours physical work on the building, applying for funding, attending meetings and general day to day administration of the charity.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Below is a list of some of the major improvements we have achieved in the last fifteen months. (*The list is not exhaustive*)

- Knocking out some of the bricked-up windows in the main hall and installing brand new wooden windows.
- Installation of electric roller shutters for the new windows to ensure security.
- Knocking through the bricked-up original entrance to the building and installing new double wooden doors.
- Installing state of the art heaters in the main hall.
- Taking up much of the old patio which had been laid to the front of the building on top of the original 'crazy paving'. We aim to restore the crazy paving in the next few months
- New steel security door to rear of building.
- New wrought iron gate to side of building to restrict unauthorised access to the rear of the building.
- Demolition and removal of unstable wall between the car park and the main building – with the fabrication of a new steel fence (currently awaiting installation)
- Rewiring and electrical safety work.
- Plastering and skimming in various parts of the building carried out by a combination of local volunteers and trainees for Coleg-y-Cymoedd.
- Removal of the old toilets and preparation for the installation of new toilets.
- Painting of the stage area in the main hall.
- Continuation of the removal of junk and unserviceable woodwork etc.
- Repairs to the roof.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

As of 15th January 2024 the charity has £10,443.28 in the bank.

Some of this money is ringfenced for specific projects and some is for revenue and general use.

We have received a grant from The National Lottery People and Places fund. This has not been received as a lump sum, it is drawn on as and when invoices are provided for specific pieces of work.

The charity's principal sources of funds in 2023 (including any fundraising)

- The National Lottery People and Places fund £92,000.00 (for various projects, to be paid as and when we present invoices for various stages of work)
- Principality community fund £10,000 to reinstate main entrance and start to develop kitchen for community cafe
- Simon Gibson trust £5,000 towards refurbishment of main hall
- Coalfields Regeneration Trust £7,000 for windows and doors

- GAVO grant- £1,000 towards plastering main hall
- Cash 4 U (GAVO) £975 for work to window recesses by a young person being supervised. This has now commenced.
- Welsh Church Fund £4,000 for new heating,
- Unison Cardiff and Vale health branch £1,500 to fix dormer re leading to stop ingress of water.
- Christmas Raffle - £600
- Fund Raising social events £1,142
- Rambo and Beth Sponsored Half Marathon £900
- Marina Chacon-Dawson Sponsored Parachute Jump £430
- Membership and various donations

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The charity is registered with the Charity Commission as a 'Charitable Incorporated Organisation'. We are governed by a constitution which was registered with the Charity Commission in October 2022. The Constitution can be accessed via the 'about' section of our website.

Members of the public may become Members of the Charity by paying an annual £10 fee. This entitles them to attend the AGM and vote on any motions or in any elections.

Trustees are elected by the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the registered Members.

Trustees meet on a regular basis to manage the affairs of the charity and ensure it is working towards its objectives. At the first meeting after each AGM the Trustees elect a Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity name	**Cefn Fforest Miners' Welfare Hall**	
Other name the charity uses	**N/A**	
Registered charity number	**1191718**	
Charity's principal address		
Trustee name	**Office (if any)**	**Dates acted this year**
Ronald Stoate	Chair Person	October 2022 – February 2024
Terence Evans	Secretary	October 2022 – February 2024
Ian Thomas	Treasurer	October 2022 – February 2024
Dean Jones	Trustee	October 2022 – February 2024
Amanda Thomas	Trustee	October 2022 – February 2024
Thomas Williams	Trustee	October 2022 – February 2024
Tad Davies	Trustee	October 2022 – February 2024
Patricia Wiltshire	Trustee	October 2022 – February 2024
David Hawksworth	Trustee	October 2022 – February 2024
Howard Richards	Trustee	October 2022 – July 2023

DECLARATIONS

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Terence Evans	Ronald Stoate
Position	Secretary	Chair
Date	25th January 2024	

AnnualAccounts for the period 01/04/2022 to 31/03/2023

Recommended categories by activity	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds	
Income	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and legacies	3331	2789		6120	18379
Chartible activities				0	
Other trading activities	753			753	846
Investments				0	
Separate material item of income				0	
Other				0	
Total	4084	2789	0	6873	19225
Expenditure					
Raising funds				0	
Chartible activities	6774	1785		8559	11458
Separate material item of expense				0	
Other	816			816	864
Total	7590	1785	0	9375	12322
Net Income/(expenditure)	-3506	1004	0	-2502	6903
Net gains on investments	0	0	0	0	0

Net Movement

Analysis

Donations & Legacies					
Donations	3155			3155	13035
General Grants		2785		2785	4834

Membership	180			180	510
Total	3335	2785	0	6120	18379
Other trading activities					
Christmas raffle	621			621	845
Scrap	132			132	
Total	753	0	0	753	845
Total Income	4088	2785	0	6873	19224
Expenditure					
Expenditure on Charitable Activities					
Insurance Chages	5784			5784	3512
Professional Fees				0	7866
Repairs & Maintenance	990	1785		2775	80
	6774	1785	0	8559	11458
Other					
Bank Charges	66			66	21
Gas	191			191	501
Electricity	422			422	192
Water	110			110	
Accountacy				0	150
Ground Rent	21			21	
Commission	6			6	
Total Expenditure	816	0	0	816	864
	7590	1785	0	9375	12322
Balance Sheet					
Current Assets					
Cash In Bank and in hand	4525			4525	7077
Debtors				0	100

				0	
	4525	0	0	4525	7177

Creditors And Accruals	124			124	274
	124	0	0	124	274
Net Current Assets	4401	0	0	4401	6903

Funds of the Charity

Restricted Income Fund	2789		2789	2218
Unrestricted Funds	1612		1612	4685
	1612	2789	0	4401	6903

Fund Names			B/F	Income	Expenditiu	Transfers	Gains/Loss	Fund Balar
Legal Fees Grant	R	Legal fees	-2			2		0
Replacement Windows Grant	R	Windows	1218		-1218			0
GAVO	R	Plastering	1000					1000
Persimmon	R	Rewiring	0	1000	-996			4
GAVO	R	Carpentry		975				975
POBL	R	Disabled Toilets		810				810
Other	U	Unrestricted	4687	4088	-7163			1612
			6903	6873	-9377	2	0	4401

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