

CHRISTCHURCH LLANEDEYRN PLAYGROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 1199602

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2022-07-08

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECT OF THE CIO IS, FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT, THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION WITH A CHRISTIAN ETHOS FOR CHILDREN BELOW STATUTORY SCHOOL AGE THROUGH THE PROVISION OF SAFE AND SATISFYING GROUP PLAY IN CARDIFF AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS.

Activities: The Charity's aim is to provide a safe, educational and caring environment that will encompass all the seven areas of learning for the Foundation Phase: Language, Literacy and Communication; Maths; Creativity; Physical; Personal, Social and Wellbeing and Multi-cultural Understanding; Knowledge and Understanding of the world Curriculum Cymreig

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Area of benefit: LOCAL
- Cardiff

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£71,024	£59,619	-	-
2024-08-31	£84,592	£57,094	-	-
2023-08-31	£39,916	£31,710	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Andrew Luke Jeremy Kleissner	Chair	2022-06-20
Deborah Munton		2022-06-20
Ian Rhodri Kelly B.A., PGCE		2022-06-20
Karen Philip		2022-06-20
Wynford Peter James		2022-06-20

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Accounts

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025
FOR
THE CHRISTCHURCH LLANEDEYRN PLAYGROUP**

Background

The Playgroup operates in Christchurch United Church, located in Llanedeyrn in the northern part of Cardiff. The church itself was founded in 1967 and is affiliated to the Baptist Union of Great Britain. The Holding Trustees of the building are the Baptist Union Corporation.

Objectives, Aims and Activities

The Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit. The CIO's object is "the advancement of education with a Christian ethos for children below statutory school age through the provision of safe and satisfying group play in Cardiff and the surrounding areas". The Playgroup is open to all children aged between 2 and 5 and their admission is not subject to any religious criteria. Llanedeyrn is an area of significant social deprivation and the Trustees believe that the Playgroup is meeting a significant need for childcare and early years education, at an affordable cost.

25 children started the year in September 2024 and by December this had increased to 32, averaging 17 per day. We returned in January 2025 with 30 children and finished in July 25 with 31, averaging 18 a day. A total of 45 children came and went during the year. 13 children were funded by the Welsh Government's free childcare scheme.

During the last year the Playgroup raised £20 for "Children in Need" and £270 for the "Noah's Ark Charity".

The staff completed compulsory and relevant training this year, including Manual Handling, Introduction to Additional Learning Needs, Group C Safeguarding, Children & Young People's Participation, CHaSPS phase 3, Food Hygiene Level 2 and First Aid. This year we have updated and modified our observations to focus more on each child's play and engagement in activities. This has including developing termly sheets to include 'What the child can do', 'Communication', 'Where I play' and 'Way forward' as well as doing a termly Observation to evaluate how the children are progressing,

developing emotional awareness and coping with skills. Age-appropriate toys are provided to challenge the children and encourage them to be independent and confident. The older 'Schoolies focus more on developing skills and working in a group and giving confidence in everyday life – for instance buying harvest gifts at the local shop, going to the library, cooking and road safety.

We have continued to have a good relationship with the Early Years Inclusion team. One child who cannot walk or talk and has individual needs was given a one-to-one and we worked closely with different agencies to give him the best care. This was appreciated by the mother who thanked us for 'taking care of her special boy and going above and beyond for him, he has come on leaps and bounds'.

Staff have a 'coffee Friday' once a month. Staff meetings are held at various locations including a coffee shop, a staff member's home and at the church. A Christmas and end of term meals out have benefitted staff morale and cohesion.

The Playgroup promotes the children's wellbeing through healthy snacks (we are part of the gold standard "Healthy Snack" award). We have also taken part in several physical activity programmes. At the end of the school year we were given a Grower Green Grant which we will be used to develop a new outside area.

At Playgroup we provide a caring and nurturing environment which has been highlighted in the responses we receive from parents. Our open-door policy means that parents can approach the staff at any time; appointments can also be made for more in-depth conversations. Parents receive termly newsletters, they are also asked to volunteer for walks or visits to the local library. Activity updates are posted on Facebook each week, with any comments or suggestions made being acted upon.

All our activities and play experiences are designed to be inclusive for all, fun and encourage the children to explore and learn new things. We incorporate Makaton to include our ALN children and also include Welsh. Toys are rotated daily; at snack time the children use a cup and plate. At Circle Time children are encouraged to share stories and chat and build their confidence. The children are praised, reward stickers are given and craft is displayed on the wall; this makes very proud. Folders with all observations, children's work and comments are given out when they leave.

We celebrate different occasions such as Christmas, Harvest, Diwali, Chinese New Year, World Book Day, Nursery Rhyme week, St David's Day, Child

Safety week; We have had visitors from 'Bookstart', 'Dentist', 'Road Safety', 'Father Christmas' and 'Party Fizz'.

Older children are encouraged to help the younger ones and this has resulted in positive feedback from parents who have noted the improvement in the children's social skills, speech and language.

The Playgroup has faced challenges during the year: local schools have changed their afternoon start times which has affected our lunch club, and new settings have opened in the area. However our long-standing reputation and word-of-mouth gossip have kept our numbers up and some children from further afield have joined us.

Financial position

Accounts have been prepared and approved by the Trustees. These are filed separately and describe the CIO's financial position, including all income & expenditure for the period covered by this report. The Trustees are confident that the charity will continue as a going concern.

Funding

The Playgroup is principally funded by the fees paid by parents, with some provision from the Wales Free Childcare Offer. A number of grants have been successfully obtained, these have been used to fund the renewal of equipment.

Financial reserves policy

The Trustees aim to maintain free reserves in an unrestricted savings fund at a level which equates to approximately three months of unrestricted Playgroup expenses. They recognise that income and, to an extent, expenditure follow a predictable annual pattern, peaking in late Spring but running at lower levels during the Autumn.

The Trustees plan for all eventualities and review the accounts regularly to ensure that the Playgroup can continue to run. If insufficient numbers of children are enrolled during a term, the Playgroup is able to continue functioning until such time as it is not economically viable to do so, and the employees are provided for. To this end designated reserves are being built up to cover any liabilities contingent on redundancy, which currently amount to a value of just over £15000. This figure is reviewed annually.

Risk

Appropriate structures are in place to mitigate risk, with all staff holding DBS documentation. Fire drills are held each term and during the year the church appointed external consultants to carry out a revised Fire Risk Assessment. Their recommendations have been followed.

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 1 9 2024	To	Period end date 31 8 2025
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Fees for children	66,453	-	-	66,453	82,833
Gift From Christchurch	-	-	-	-	-
Income from T Shirts, photos & fundraising	653	-	-	653	1,331
Grants	3,534	-	-	3,534	105
Interest	384	-	-	384	323
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	71,024	-	-	71,024	84,592
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	71,024	-	-	71,024	84,592
A3 Payments					
Salaries and wages	52,666	-	-	52,666	51,613
Heat and light	2,037	-	-	2,037	1,850
General running costs	2,553	-	-	2,553	2,124
Legal fees CIO	551	-	-	551	306
Training course fees	80	-	-	80	-
Costs re T shirts, photos & fundraising	220	-	-	220	705
Bank Charges	-	-	-	-	21
Insurance	681	-	-	681	475
Sundries	831	-	-	831	-
Sub total	59,619	-	-	59,619	57,094
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Furniture, fixtures and fittings	3,121	-	-	3,121	959
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	3,121	-	-	3,121	959
Total payments	62,740	-	-	62,740	58,053
Net of receipts/(payments)	8,284	-	-	8,284	26,539
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	41,013	-	-	41,013	14,474
Cash funds this year end	49,297	-	-	49,297	41,013

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank Accounts and Cash	49,297	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	49,297	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Insurance claim	500	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Furniture, fixtures and fittings	4080	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Bond owing to parents	600	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name

CHRISTCHURCH LLANEDEYRN PLAYGROUP CIO

On accounts for the 12 months ended

31st August 2025

Charity no (if any)

1199602

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the 12 months ended 31/08/25

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").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 (~~other than that disclosed below~~*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

23 4 2025

Name:

Hywel Williams

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

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19 Carisbrooke Way Cardiff CF23 9HS

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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FOR
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Objectives, Aims and Activities

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33 children started the year in September 2023 and by December this had increased to 38, averaging 22 per day. Numbers rose in the new year; by July 2024 43 children were registered with an average daily attendance of 25. During the year a total of 56 children attended, including 12 funded by the Welsh Government's free childcare scheme. It is clear that changing our age range after Easter 2023 to take 2-year olds and introducing a Lunch Club boosted the intake of new children and helped retain the children that might have left us to move onto Nursery. This was our best year for a long time and the healthy trend continued in Autumn 2024, with an average daily attendance of 26 children.

Our preparations for Harvest in September included junk sticking baskets using fruit and vegetable pictures, having real vegetables in the shop role-play area, making vegetable soup, a sink-and-float activity with vegetables,

and using broccoli as paint brushes. We moved on to Autumn with tractor racing, farm songs and the planting of spring bulbs. In a dance session with 'En Pointe Theatre Arts' we learnt different dance moves. Activities around Bonfire night and Diwali included firework paintings, Indian costumes, dancing, sweets, breads and chutney, and we heard the story of Diwali.

£30 was raised for 'Children in Need' by making spotty cakes and Pudsey masks; we then celebrated World Nursery Rhyme week with the story of Goldilocks and had porridge for our snack. Many activities took place around Christmas including two nativity concerts and a visit to the local primary school to watch their Christmas Play dress rehearsal. We made Christingles which we took into the church where we sang Christmas songs. Of course the year ended with a Party and a visit from Father Christmas!

January was about Winter and sharing and being kind. This included icy play, snowmen pictures and a Frozen Friday theme day. We had a Winter Wonderland and shaving-foam sensory penguin and polar bear play, winter clothes and pretend ice-skating. We celebrated the Chinese New Year of the Dragon with messy noodle and rice play, the tasting of noodles, prawn crackers and fruit; together with dressing-up and Dragon Dancing. We celebrated St. David's Day by dressing-up, making Welsh cakes, maypole dancing, painting daffodils, tasting Bara Brith and practising our Welsh words and songs.

Easter activities included Easter egg junk sticking, card making, Rice Krispie nests, an Easter bonnet parade and an Easter egg hunt. Our theme for World Book Day was the 'Highway Rat': the children dressed up as their favourite character, brought in a book to read and received a £1 book token to take home. 'Bookstart' visited to do singing and action activities. The term ended with potato planting, ready for the following session.

In our Summer term we had a visit from the local PCSOs who brought fingerprinting kits (all the children took home a fingerprint keyring) and a Police car which the children got to sit in. We had a visit from a Holistic therapist who taught the children how to breathe, be calm and some relaxing hand exercises. We extended September's vegetable theme by introducing 'Supertato' and painting pictures using fruit and vegetables. We learnt about Big and Small, sorting and matching and recognising numbers, colours and shapes. On World Earth Day we learnt about recycling. A number of themes were carried through the term including the Bear Hunt story, Mini-Beasts, emotions and the Colour Monster'.

In Child Safety week we were visited by Germaine the Road Safety Officer and practised crossing the road. The 'Schoolies' went out to the crossing to practice; we made a traffic light snack, learnt how to hold hands when near a

road and sang safety songs. Our next visitor was Sam from the Noah's Ark Children's Hospital; this was followed by fund-raising events which made £506. By this time our potatoes were ready to harvest so we all had mashed potatoes for our snack.

The Dentist came and taught the children how to keep their teeth clean and which foods are good or bad for one's teeth. Sports Week included obstacle courses, football, rugby, slides, sack racing, balancing, hopping, skipping and jumping. Sunshine Sam taught the children about Staying Safe in the Sun and we had a beach area, beach café, sand, water, made fans to keep cool and planted marigolds to take home. In our last week we presented our fund-raising to Noah's Ark and had two parties and graduation ceremonies. The children were given report folders to take home and we said goodbye to children who had been with us for two years. It was a busy year and the responses from parents were very positive.

All the staff at Playgroup work extremely hard. We currently have 3 permanent staff, 2 casuals, 1 part-time and 1 volunteer.

Financial position

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Risk

Appropriate structures are in place to mitigate risk, with all staff holding DBS documentation. Fire drills are held each term and during the year the church appointed external consultants to carry out a revised Fire Risk Assessment. Their recommendations have been followed. During the year we had an Environmental Health Inspection and received a 5* rating.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

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Section A Receipts and payments

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A1 Receipts					
Fees for children	82,833	-	-	82,833	37,877
Gift From Christchurch	-	-	-	-	1,000
Income from T Shirts, photos & fundraising	1,331	-	-	1,331	277
Grants	105	-	-	105	730
Interest	323	-	-	323	32
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	84,592	-	-	84,592	39,916
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	84,592	-	-	84,592	39,916
A3 Payments					
Salaries and wages	51,613	-	-	51,613	26,524
Heat and light	1,850	-	-	1,850	3,242
General running costs	2,124	-	-	2,124	1,125
Legal fees CIO	306	-	-	306	463
Training course fees	-	-	-	-	105
Costs re T shirts, photos & fundraising	705	-	-	705	181
Bank Charges	21	-	-	21	70
Insurance	475	-	-	475	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	57,094	-	-	57,094	31,710
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Furniture, fixtures and fittings	959	-	-	959	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	959	-	-	959	-
Total payments	58,053	-	-	58,053	31,710
Net of receipts/(payments)	26,539	-	-	26,539	8,206
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	14,474	-	-	14,474	6,268
Cash funds this year end	41,013	-	-	41,013	14,474

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank Accounts and Cash	14,474	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	14,474	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Furniture, fixtures and fittings	959	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Bond owing to parents	630	-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	



**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
CHRISTCHURCH LLANEDEYRN PLAYGROUP CIO

**On accounts for the 12
months ended**

31st August 2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

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Signed:

Ashley Seath

Date:

10/5/25

Name:

ASHLEY JOSEPH SEATH

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

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16 children started the year in September 2022 and by December this had increased to 20, averaging 11 per day. Numbers rose in the new year with 19 attending on the first day of term; by July 2023 36 children were registered with an average daily attendance of 23. During the year a total of 44 children attended, including 8 funded by the Welsh Government's free childcare scheme. Numbers have again risen from September 2023.

Our age range changed after Easter 2023 to take 2-year olds. Lunch club was introduced at the same time and these initiatives boosted the intake of new children and helped retain the children that might have left us to move onto Nursery. We had to re-register with the Care Inspectorate of Wales to change to a CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation) which was a long

process of paperwork with a visit from an Inspector and providing lots of documentation, even though Playgroup has been running for over 50 years. Increasing energy and wage costs made us increase our fees to £15 per morning session and £5 for the 1-hour lunch club.

Many special events were celebrated: Harvest, with sweetcorn paintings, bulb planting and donations to the local Foodbank; Diwali, with Indian bread and sweets, dancing and costume; Bonfire night next, with artwork and fruit sparklers; and Children In Need, with Pudsey Bear toast, frozen banana spotty pops and £30 raised for the charity. Christmas followed with stockings, reindeer, Christingles, dried orange tree decorations and a Christmas story in the church. A visit was made All Saints School for their Christmas concert and pupils from the school came to see ours. Celebrations concluded with the Nativity concert and a party.

Winter term featured keeping warm, dressing up, snowball fights, junk sticking with wintry colours and textures and Frozen Friday with Ice play and dancing. The Chinese New Year was marked with lucky envelopes, a rabbit with a fortune cooking, dragon dancing and appropriate food. St. David's Day was commemorated with Bara Brith and Welsh Cakes, paper daffodils and maypole dancing. World Book Day and Mother's Day were marked and Easter was celebrated with a bonnet parade, hot cross buns and egg hunt.

The spring/summer term theme was 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar', with the children trying different foods from the book and making a butterfly display. May included a Flower week when we planted sunflowers and pulled the Garlic bulbs that had been planted in the Autumn, using them to make Garlic butter; while a Royal week celebrating the Coronation saw us making bunting, wearing red/white/blue, having a tea party and learning about King Charles. Child safety week included learning about things that are 'hot' around the house and remembering to hold hands when near a road; later in the term learned to 'Slip. Slap. Slop.' when out in the sun. The year ended with 'Party Fizz' and the parent being given their children's report folders and the craft they had made for our display boards.

Of course these special celebrations took place alongside the regular learning and play which included stories, singing, introduction to reading and counting, thinking about our emotions, painting, junk modelling, games, simple cooking, and advice on recycling, healthy eating and dental health among other activities. The New Welsh Curriculum has a strong emphasis on health and well-being which incorporate different areas of learning to help create 'Ambitious, capable learners ready to learn throughout their lives'. At the end of the year questionnaires were given to parents and outside agencies and the responses were warm and positive.

The Playgroup contributed to the community with a sponsored walk for the 'Noah's Ark Children's Hospital' which raised an amazing £900; a further £200 was raised for the new church Defibrillator.

All the staff at Playgroup work extremely hard and we currently have 3 permanent staff and 2 others who work when needed. All the changes this year has been instrumental in the growth of Playgroup and September 2023 has seen the most children at Playgroup for some time with attendance averaging 26 children each day.

Financial position

Accounts have been prepared and approved by the Trustees. These are filed separately and describe the CIO's financial position, including all income & expenditure for the period covered by this report. The Trustees are confident that the charity will continue as a going concern.

Funding

The Playgroup is funded by the fees paid by parents with other provision from the Wales Free Childcare Offer. A number of grants have been successfully obtained, these have been used to fund the renewal of equipment.

Financial reserves policy

The Trustees aim to maintain free reserves in an unrestricted savings fund at a level which equates to approximately three months of unrestricted Playgroup expenses. They recognise that income and expenditure tend to follow a predictable annual pattern, peaking in late Spring but running at lower levels during the Autumn.

The Trustees plan for all eventualities and review the accounts regularly to ensure that the Playgroup can continue to run. If insufficient numbers of children are enrolled during a term, the Playgroup is able to continue functioning until such time as it is not economically viable to do so, and the employees are provided for. To this end designated reserves are being built up to cover any liabilities contingent on redundancy, which currently amount to a value of just over £15000. This figure is reviewed annually.

Risk

Appropriate structures are in place to mitigate risk, with all staff holding DBS documentation. Fire drills are held each term and during the year the church

appointed external consultants to carry out a revised Fire Risk Assessment. Their recommendations have been followed.

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, the Constitution, and constitutes a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered in England and Wales with the Charity Commission.

Induction and training of new trustees

New Trustees are appointed at properly constituted meetings, following due consideration by the existing Trustees.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number: **1199602**

Principal address:

**Christchurch United Church,
Wellwood,
Llanedeyrn,
Cardiff CF23 9JQ.**

Signed on behalf of the Trustees.



Andrew L.J. Kleissner (Rev.)

12/6/2024



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
CHRISTCHURCH LLANEDEYRN PLAYGROUP CIO

No (if any)
1199602

CC16a

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from **1 11 2022** To **31 8 2023**

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Fees for children	37,877	-	-	37,877	-
Gift From Christchurch	1,000	-	-	1,000	-
Income from Shirts and Photos	277	-	-	277	-
Grants	730	-	-	730	-
Interest	32	-	-	32	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	39,916	-	-	39,916	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	39,916	-	-	39,916	-
A3 Payments					
Salaries and wages	26,524	-	-	26,524	-
Heat and light	3,242	-	-	3,242	-
General running costs	1,125	-	-	1,125	-
Legal fees CIO	463	-	-	463	-
Training course fees	105	-	-	105	-
Costs re T shirts and photos	181	-	-	181	-
Bank Charges	70	-	-	70	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	31,710	-	-	31,710	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	31,710	-	-	31,710	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	8,206	-	-	8,206	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	6,268	-	-	6,268	-
Cash funds this year end	14,474	-	-	14,474	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank Accounts and Cash	14,474	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	14,474	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Bond owing to parents	810	-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

CHRISTCHURCH LLANEDEYRN PLAYGROUP CIO

On accounts for the 10 months ended

31st August 2023

Charity no (if any)

1199602

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the 10 months ended 31/08/23

Responsibilities and basis of report

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").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 (~~other than that disclosed below *~~) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

A Seath

Date:

31/10/23

Name:

ASHLEY JOSEPH SEATH

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

Address:

9 TRAFALGAR ROAD, PENYLAN,
CARDIFF
CF23 5BQ

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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