

DOLGELLAU INSTITUTE (KNOWN LOCALLY AS THE FREE LIBRARY)

England & Wales · Charity number 514712

Details

Other names THE FREE LIBRARY DOLGELLAU

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1984-01-20

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

Contact

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Activities

Objects: THE PROVISION AND MAINTENANCE OF AN INSTITUTE FOR THE USE OF THE INHABITANTS OF DOLGELLAU AND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD THEREOF WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS, INCLUDING USE FOR MEETING, LECTURES AND CLASSES, AND FOR OTHER FORMS OF RECREATION AND LEISURE-TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITION OF LIFE FOR THE SAID INHBITANTS.

Activities: The provision and maintenance of an institute for the inhabitants of Dolgellau and the neighbourhood thereof, without distinction of political, religious or other opinions, including use for meetings, lectures and classes and other forms of recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving the condition of life for the said inhabitants.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** DOLGELLAU AND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD
- Gwynedd

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£34,005	£43,501	-	-
2024-03-31	£32,655	£15,597	-	-
2023-03-31	£27,470	£22,109	-	-
2022-03-31	£108,192	£150,079	-	-
2021-03-31	£60,943	£63,365	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
BOB GUNTON		2015-05-05
BRANWEN RHYS DAFYDD		2016-03-08
DYFRIG SIENCYN SIENCYN		
HEILYN WILLIAMS		
JOHN CADWALADR		2012-12-03
Jo Checkley		2014-05-27
Nia Smith		2021-04-01
Sion Edwards		2022-04-05
YWAIN MYFYR		2015-06-02

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DOLGELLAU FREE LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT 2024-2025

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Grant Funding from Gwynedd Council was received as support for community activities and support services. This additional income stream is likely to continue into the next financial year

Income from Hiring fees continues to gradually increase with Dolgellau Town Council also continuing to contribute via a Grant which supports general annual maintenance costs

Increased use of the building by the community is noted due to the improved facilities available and general refurbishment.

A maintenance annual servicing plan is in place to cover inspection of installed equipment during the year, including stairlift maintenance, Broadband supply, and fire protection equipment.

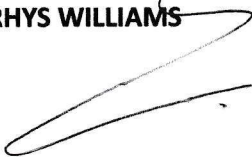
A schedule of regular inspection needs of this equipment is in place.

Mr Rhys Williams

Clerk; 02.09.2025



Signed: RHYS WILLIAMS



Ywain Myfyr

Chair For 2024-2025 Financial Year



Signed: YWAIN MYFYR

Dolgellau Free Library - Summary of receipts and payments for the year ending
31.03.2025

Balance 01/04/2024

£41,629.80

INCOME

Dolgellau Town Council	£20,000.00
Cyngor Gwynedd Council Grants	£9385.00
General Bookings Income	£4620.00
Total Income	<u>£34005.00</u>

EXPENDITURE

Booking Clerk's Salary & Income Tax	£1,560.00
Gas	£3485.27
Water	£1875.52
Furniture / fittings Purchase	£1867.14
Maintenance	£675.14
Cleaning Invoice Gwynedd Council	£26,379.50
Audit Costs / Bank fees	£395.40
Lle yn y Dref Costs	£7263.78
Total Expenditure	<u>£43501.75</u>

Deficit for the Year:

£9496.75

Balance of Community Account as at 31.03.2025

£32,133.05

Certified as a True Copy:

Clerk

Rhys Williams
RHYS WILLIAMS

Chairman

[Signature]
YWAIN MYFYR



Adran A

Adroddiad yr Archwiliwr Annibynnol

Adroddiad i
ymddiriedolwyr/aelodau

LLYFRGELL RHYDD DOLGELLAU

Ar y cyfrifon am y
flwyddyn yn diweddu

31/03/2025

Rhif yr Elusen

514712

I'w gweld ar dudalennau

(cofiwch gynnwys rhifau tudalennau dalennau ychwanegol)

Adroddaf i'r ymddiriedolwyr ar fy archwiliad o gyfrifon yr elusen uchod ("yr Ymddiriedolaeth") am y flwyddyn yn diweddu 31 / 03 / 2025.

Cyfrifoldebau'r a'r sail
adrodd

Fel yr ymddiriedolwyr elusen, rydych yn gyfrifol am baratoi'r cyfrifon yn unol â gofynion Deddf Elusennau 2011 ("y Ddeddf").

Adroddaf mewn perthynas â'm harchwiliad o gyfrifon yr Ymddiriedolaeth a gwblhawyd o dan adran 145 o Ddeddf 2011 ac wrth ymgymryd â'm harchwiliad, dilynais yr holl Gyfarwyddiadau cymwys a roddwyd gan y Comisiwn Elusennau o dan adran 145(5)(b) o'r Ddeddf.

Datganiad yr archwiliwr
annibynnol

Rwyf wedi cwblhau fy archwiliad. Cadarnhaf nad yw unrhyw faterion perthnasol wedi dod i'm sylw mewn perthynas â'r archwiliad sy'n rhoi achos i mi gredu, mewn unrhyw agwedd perthnasol:

- ni chafodd cofnodion cyfrifyddu eu cadw yn unol ag adran 130 o'r Ddeddf Elusennau; neu
- nid yw'r cyfrifon yn cyfateb â'r cofnodion cyfrifyddu

Nid oes unrhyw bryderon gennyf ac nid wyf wedi dod ar draws unrhyw faterion eraill mewn perthynas â'r archwiliad y dylid dwyn sylw atynt yn yr adroddiad hwn er mwyn sicrhau dealltwriaeth briodol o'r cyfrifon.

Llofnodwyd: *Bleddyn Rhys*

Dyddiad: 12/01/2026

Enw: Bleddyn Rhys

Cymhwyster
(cymwysterau) neu gorff
proffesiynol perthnasol
(os oes):

Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy

Cyfeiriad: Cyngor Gwynedd

Stryd y Castell

Gwynedd LL55 1SE

Cwblhewch dim ond os oes angen i'r archwiliwr dynnu sylw at faterion o bryder perthnasol (gweler CC32, Archwiliad annibynnol o gyfrifon elusennau: cyfarwyddiadau a chanllawiau i archwilwyr).

Rhowch fanylion byr yma am unrhyw eitemau yr hoffai'r archwiliwr eu datgelu.

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DOLGELLAU FREE LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024

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Additional Grant Funding from Gwynedd Council was received as support for community activities. This additional income stream has continued into the following financial year

Income from Hiring fees continues to gradually increase with Dolgellau Town Council also continuing to contribute via a Grant which supports general annual maintenance costs

Increased use of the building by the community is noted due to the improved facilities available and general refurbishment.

Initiation of annual servicing / inspection of installed equipment during the year, including stairlift maintenance, Broadband supply, and fire protection equipment.

A schedule of regular inspection needs of this equipment is in place.

Mr Rhys Williams

Ywain Myfyr

Chair For 2023-2024 Financial Year

Clerk 14.05.2023

Signed: RHYS WILLIAMS

Signed: YWAIN MYFYR

Dolgellau Free Library - Summary of receipts and payments for the year ending
31.03.2024

Balance 01/04/2023 **£24,572.62**

INCOME

Dolgellau Town Council	£20,000.00
Bookings /Hiring Fees	£4,940.00
'Lle yn y Dref' - Grants Gwynedd Council	£7,715.00
Total Income	<u>£32,655.00</u>

EXPENDITURE

Booking Clerk's Salary	£1,950.00
Annual Insurance	£4,313.79
Gas / Electricity	£3,074.79
Water	£230.52
BT	£844.32
Maintenance	£1,361.49
Audit Costs & Bank Fees	£274.30
Post and Office Costs	£204.62
Consumables	£73.14
Lle yn y Dref Costs	£3,270.85

Total Expenditure **£15,597.82**

Balance 31/03/24 **£41,629.80**

Balance of Community Account as at 31.03.2024 **£44,932.17**
Less Cheques not presented: **(£3,302.37)**

Balance 31/03/24 **£41,629.80**

Certified as a True Copy:

RHYS Williams

Clerk

YWAIN MYFYR

Chairman



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

LLYFRGELL RHYDD DOLGELLAU

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31/03/2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

514712

Set out on pages

1-2

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 03 / 2024**.

**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 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.

Signed: *Bleddyn Rhys*

Date: 27/01/2025

Name: Bleddyn Rhys

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

Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy

Address:

Cyngor Gwynedd

Caernarfon

Gwynedd

Section B

Disclosure

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Signed: *Bleddyn Rhys*

Date: 30/10/2023

Name: Bleddyn Rhys

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

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Address:

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Caernarfon

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DOLGELLAU FREE LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT 2021-2022

The year in question has seen the main areas of work relating to the Free Library Building which was commenced in the previous year being completed. During 2021-2022 2 main issues affected the building namely:

Consequences of the Covid -19 pandemic

Planning and preparatory work relating to Renovations and Internal improvement works

1. Consequences of the Covid -19 pandemic

For the vast majority of the year in question, the building has been closed to the general public. This obviously resulted in a loss of booking income but was made up by being eligible for and receiving further government funded grants to alleviate this crisis.

2. Undertaking Renovations and Internal improvement works including increased access for people with mobility issues

Funding for renovation and internal improvement works was obtained from a combination of capital balances from the Trust's financial account and funding from the Townscape Heritage Lottery Fund, (THi)

The year saw ongoing work to these agreed works under the supervision and management of a RIBA qualified Architect.

The main areas of works undertaken can be summarised as follows:

Major internal refurbishment and redesign of several rooms on the ground floor

Installation of a lift to improve access for people with special needs

Refurbishment of the Kitchen area

Refurbishment of storage areas and spaces adjoining the Main Building

External refurbishment to areas of roofing

The vast majority of the above works were completed by the end of March 2022 with only a retention period for any snagging list works to be completed during early 2022-2023.

Mr Rhys Williams

Mr John Raghoobar
Chair For 2021-2022 Financial Year

Clerk 01.12.2022

Signed: 

Signed: 

Dolgellau Free Library - Summary of receipts and payments for the year ending
31.03.2022

Reconciled Balance 01/04/2021 **£61,098.07**

INCOME

Dolgellau Town Council	£35,000.00
Cyngor Gwynedd Council – Covid 19 Grants	£10,000.00
Miscellaneous Income inc PAYE Credit	£200.00
Townscape Heritage Initiative Grant Payments	£62,992.63
Total Income	<u>£108,192.63</u>

EXPENDITURE

Booking Clerk's Salary & Income Tax	£1,560.00
Annual Insurance (2 x Years)	£3,954.27
Gas	£1,181.59
Electricity	£108.92
Water	£898.00
Furniture Purchase	£10,838.64
Fire Prevention Maintenance	£60.00
Cleaning Invoice Gwynedd Council	£2,574.00
Audit Costs 2020-2021	£78.00

Townscape Heritage Initiative Expenditure:	
Primary Contractor Mr Paul Cook	£120,466.01
Architect & Building Regulation Fees	£5,541.00
A.A Trow – Bespoke Main Door	£2800.00
	<u>£128,807.01</u>

Bank Charges	£18.60
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Total Expenditure **£150,079.03**

Deficit for the Year: **£41,886.40**

Balance of Community Account as at 31.03.2022 **£20,272.43**

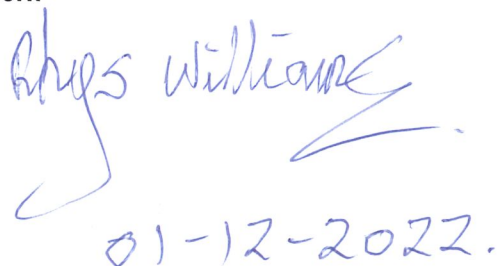
Less Cheques not presented:

Cheque No 100259 – British Gas Trading Ltd	£28.31
Cheque No 100260 – Dwr Cymru	£642.45
Cheque No 100261 – Mrs Helen Hully	£390.00

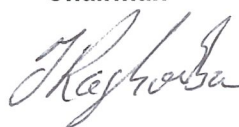
£19,211.67

Certified as a True Copy:

Clerk


01-12-2022.

Chairman





Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
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**On accounts for the year
ended**

31/03/2022

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Signed: *Bleddyn Rhys*

Date: 30/11/2022

Name: Bleddyn Rhys

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
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Address:

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DOLGELLAU FREE LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT 2020-2021

The main areas of work relating to the Free Library Building has involved 2 elements, namely:

.Consequences of the Covid -19 pandemic

Planning and preparatory work relating to Renovations and Internal improvement works

1.Consequences of the Covid -19 pandemic

For the vast majority of the year in question, the building has been closed to the general public. This obviously resulted in a loss of booking income but was made up by being eligible for and receiving government funded grants to alleviate this crisis.

2. Planning and preparatory work relating to Renovations and Internal improvement works

During the 1st half of the year, planning and preparatory work for improvement work continued under the supervision and management of a RIBA qualified Architect. This preparatory work included obtaining relevant Building Regulations authorisation, and other associated inspections and approval, and following a public Tender process for a suitably qualified lead contractor to undertake the works.

Funding for these renovations and improvements was obtained from a combination of capital balances from the Trust's financial account and funding from the Townscape Heritage Lottery Fund, (THi)

The second half of the year has been taken up with the commencement of these works.

The main areas of works undertaken can be summary as follows:

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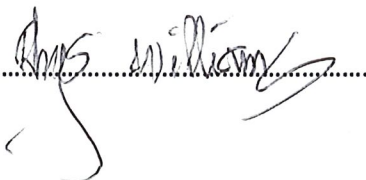
External refurbishment to areas of roofing

The above works were not complete by the end of March 2021 and continued into 2021-2022, but which have, by now, with the exception of a few minor remaining elements have been completed.

Mr Rhys Williams

Clerk

02.11.2021

Signed:.....

Mr Delwyn Evans

Chair For 2020-2021 Financial Year

Signed:.....

02-11-2021



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Signed: *Bleddyn Rhys*

Date: 29/11/2021

Name: Bleddyn Rhys

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