

# **Cross Hands Hall, Cinema and Community Centre Chairman's Report**

## **For the Year Ending 2023/2024**

### **1. Introduction**

As Chairman of **Cross Hands Hall, Cinema and Community Centre**, I am pleased to present our annual report for the year ending **2023/2024**. This year has been one of **challenges**, and we remain committed to our mission of providing a vibrant space for the community, supporting local arts and culture, and fostering social connections.

### **2. Change of name of the Charity**

Since our governing document was sealed 19<sup>th</sup> August 1976, the charity has been known as Llannon and Llanarthey Community Centre. The charity has grown and changed a great deal since this decision was taken by the committee at the time, with the local community identifying the building as Cross Hands Hall & Cinema. With funding applications and other official documents, this disparity between the original name and the community name has caused a degree of confusion.

On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2024, the committee approved a change of name to 'Cross Hands Hall, Cinema and Community Centre.

### **3. Our Mission and Objectives**

Our mission is to promote community engagement, provide cultural and recreational activities, and maintain a welcoming space for all. This year, we focused on:

- **Enhancing community participation through events and activities**
- **Expanding our cinema offerings to cater to diverse audiences**
- **Ensuring the long-term sustainability of our facilities**

### **4. Key Achievements and Activities**

Over the past year, **Cross Hands Hall, Cinema and Community Centre** has made significant progress despite the challenges faced. Some highlights include:

- **The creation of a dedicated task group** – focused on identifying and implementing changes to increase our funding and long-term financial sustainability.
- **Reintroducing live events** – We successfully staged a **variety night**, which was well received and proved to be a great success, helping to bring the community together.
- **Raising funds via a new GoFundMe campaign** – to support ongoing improvements and ensure the continued operation of our facilities.

### **5. Financial Overview**

Despite rising operational costs, we have maintained financial stability. However, there was a point during the year where it looked like we could face bankruptcy. Through the dedication of our team and the generosity of our supporters, we were able to turn things around and secure the necessary funds to keep our doors open.

Key funding sources included:

- **Successful grant applications and donor contributions**
- **Revenue from cinema ticket sales and venue hire**
- **Community fundraising initiatives**

## **6. Governance and Compliance**

This year, we welcomed new members to our Board of Trustees and our committee, bringing fresh perspectives and expertise to our leadership. The Board remains committed to strong governance, transparency, and compliance with all regulatory requirements.

## **7. Challenges and Opportunities**

We have faced challenges such as **increasing maintenance costs and the impact of external economic factors**. However, we also see opportunities for growth, particularly in **expanding our event offerings, developing new partnerships, and increasing accessibility to our facilities**.

## **8. Looking Ahead**

In the coming year, we aim to:

- **Expand our community outreach programs** to engage more residents and support social inclusion.
- **Enhance cinema offerings and accessibility** by improving screening facilities and introducing more diverse film selections.
- **Improve sustainability efforts** by exploring energy-efficient solutions and securing long-term funding.

## **9. Appreciation and Acknowledgments**

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to our trustees, staff, volunteers, donors, and community members. Your dedication and support have been instrumental in helping **Cross Hands Hall, Cinema and Community Centre** navigate this challenging year and continue serving the community.

## **10. Conclusion**

As we move forward, **Cross Hands Hall, Cinema and Community Centre** remains committed to providing a vibrant space for the community, supporting local arts and culture, and fostering social connections. With continued support, we are confident in overcoming challenges and achieving an even greater impact in the coming year.

**Clive Green**

Chairman, Cross Hands Hall, Cinema and Community Centre

**2023/2024**



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A

### Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Llannon & Llanarthney Community Centre

On accounts for the year  
ended

30 September 2024

Charity no  
(if any)

524018

Set out on pages

One

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30/09/2024.

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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

Signed:

*R. W. Walters*

Date:

10/10/2024

Name:

Roger Walters

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

Address:

2 Heol Ddu

Drefach

Llanelli SA14 7BL

Llannon and Llanarthne Community Centre  
Reg. Charity No. 524018

Statement of Financial Activities for year ending 30 September 2024

**Incoming Resources:**

Recovered Costs	11,902
Donations	11,118

**Activities in furtherance of the Charity's objectives:**

Hire of Hall	15,922
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**Activities for generation of funds**

Advertising income	1,365
Cinema events	25,186
Shop sales	6,682
	<u>72,176</u>

**Resources Expended:**

**Cost of generating funds:**

Advertising	460
Cinema events	16,010

**Charitable expenditure:**

Property costs	41,497
Office costs	177
Staff Costs	14,663
	<u>72,807</u>

Fund Balance 30/09/23	13,923
Net Movement in funds (-)	631
Fund Balance 30/09/24	<u>13,292</u>

Having examined the above accounts, I am satisfied that they reflect a true and fair view of the financial affairs of the Charity for the year ending 30 September 2024.

Signed.....*R.W. Walters*.....

Auditor: Roger Walters

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Date .....*10/10/2024*.....

Drefach, Llanelli SA14 7BL

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