

YR HEN YSGOL, DINAS

(called “the Charity”)

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT - for the period ended 31st March 2023

Reference and Administration details - Trustees and Advisers

Name - The name of the Charity is - Yr Hen Ysgol, Dinas

Charity registration number - 1122445

Charity registration date - 23rd January 2008

Company number - 05735031

Incorporation date - 8th March 2006

Registered office address - Broyan House, Priory Street, Cardigan, SA43 1BZ

The names of the Trustees are as follows -:

- i) Gerson Wyn Davies
- ii) Imogen Margaret Angela Evans
- iii) Denys Fredrick Evans
- iv) Patricia Anne Francis
- v) William James Rex Harries
- vi) Margaret Lorraine Jones
- vii) Walter John Mansel Mathias
- viii) Brendan Roger Terence Patchell (appointed 27th January 2023)

The Treasurer and book-keeper prepare the annual accounts; the accounts are independently examined by DMB Davies Accountants, Cardigan, who also submit them to the Charity Commission and Companies House.

Structure, Governance and Management

Yr Hen Ysgol, was gifted to the people of Dinas by the Barony of Kemes in November 2005 and the title to the land was transferred to ‘Yr Hen Ysgol Dinas Trust’ on the 10th March 2008. The only duty of ‘Yr Hen Ysgol Dinas Trust’ is to hold the ‘deeds’ to the land and Property.

Under the Trust, the Charity - ‘Yr Hen Ysgol, Dinas’ - holds the Property as sole trustee for and on behalf of the people of Dinas. The Charity was registered with the Charity Commission on the 23rd January 2008 and its governing document is ‘*The Memorandum and Articles of Association*’. The Charity was incorporated as a ‘company limited by guarantee’ on the 8th March 2006.

Recruitment, appointment and training of Trustees

Trustees have been recruited largely by approaching local residents who are known to have suitable background and experience and are willing to volunteer. In addition, any Member who is nominated or who expresses an interest in becoming a Trustee, or any nominee from a user group, should send a brief ‘pen portrait’ of interests and experience to the Chair of the Trustees. Their application will be considered by all the Trustees, usually at the following quarterly meeting of Yr Hen Ysgol Committee.

The Trustees

During this financial year the Charity initially had 7 Trustees, all residents of Dinas; one new Trustee was appointed in January 2023. The Trustees, together with other volunteers, are members of Yr Hen Ysgol Committee (see below) which manages Yr Hen Ysgol. The Trustees consider and approve the annual accounts and prepare an annual report. They also consider and approve matters relating to strategic planning of the land and buildings, official charity policies, and all legal matters of the charities.

Yr Hen Ysgol Committee

All Committee volunteers are responsible for the 'day-to-day' running of the Charity. At every opportunity, the Committee encourages Members and user groups to make suggestions for the use of Yr Hen Ysgol and likewise encourages them to organise and take part in their own 'activities' at Yr Hen Ysgol.

The on-line bookings system has bedded in and proved a success. As planned, an accompanying Availability Calendar was added to the system so that Committee volunteers and users can readily identify which time slots are vacant for each of the rooms.

A contract was established with Helping Halls to provide a (paid) part-time administrator to help with the bookings system and act as the 'first point of call' for those making contact via the web contact form.

Five key maintenance and improvement projects were identified, researched, and completed during the year: (i) purchase and installation of wool insulation above the kitchen and hallway; (ii) purchase and installation of new double-glazed windows and double door in the kitchen; (iii) purchase and installation of infrared heaters; (iv) purchase and installation an additional monitor; and (v) purchase and installation of a new double-bunded oil tank for the central heating.

Objects of the Charity

The Charity's objects as expressed in its 'Memorandum of Association' are: *To provide, maintain and enhance 'Yr Hen Ysgol' for the benefit of the people of Dinas and its environs, by associating together the said individuals in a common effort to provide facilities in the interests of education, the arts, social welfare, sport, recreation and leisure, with the aim of improving the conditions and quality of life of the said individuals.*

In summary, Yr Hen Ysgol Committee volunteers look after the 'building' and provide 'facilities' so that 'the people of Dinas' - 'the Members' - can organise and take part in their own 'activities'. It is a joint responsibility.

Public Benefit Statement

The Trustees acknowledge their duty to meet the public benefit requirement, in compliance with the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. All the good works of the Charity, as defined in its constitution, are 'for the benefit of the people of Dinas' - they are all beneficiaries of the Charity. The partnership between Yr Hen Ysgol Committee and participating Members is the framework that delivers 'improved conditions and quality of life for the people of Dinas'.

Financial Review

Bookings revenue was considerably increased by comparison with the previous financial year. The sum raised from bookings was £10,851, of which about £8,000 came via the online bookings system. Donations by the 'Friends of Yr Hen Ysgol' (the capital fund for Yr Hen Ysgol) raised a total of £3,012, with additional Gift Aid of £709. The popular volunteer-run monthly community

coffee mornings raised £910 and the Christmas Market £721. The net income from ordinary activities was therefore £15,494.

The total of all income including restricted funds was £17,288. The total premises, grant, and administrative expenditure was £28,028, most of which was accounted for by the planned maintenance and improvement projects mentioned above.

The Trustees contingency for this year was set at £30,000. On the 31st of March 2023, the funds in the Charity's bank accounts were: £6,421 in the Current Account; £30,365 in the Deposit Account; £27,097 in the Friends' Account; £38,212 in the Grant Account; and £825 in the PayPal Account. The total cash balance was therefore £102,920.

Grants

No grants were obtained in this financial year. The total grant expenditure was £3,099.

Charitable Activities

Regular activities included table tennis, pilates, yoga, tai chi, quilting, Community Council, Yr Hen Ysgol Committee, the 3Cs Community coffee mornings, and Quaker and Buddhist groups. The numbers participating in these activities ranged from 5 to 50, with most between 10 and 20. Courses/training exercises were run by Pembrokeshire County Council, Pembrokeshire College, and the Coastguard Agency among others.

The Eileen Webb Fund: this supported two 'Painting for the Terrified' sessions and a musical extravaganza.

Dinas Community Hub was established during this financial year and Hub volunteers organised several community activities based at Yr Hen Ysgol; they also continued to maintain and improve the garden.

The future

Since most of the current Trustees and other Committee members announced that they planned to retire in June 2023, a Public Meeting was held in February to recruit new volunteers and ensure that the future of Yr Hen Ysgol was secure. Six new Trustees were recruited in response, and a further four helpers to the Committee. The new Committee will take over at the end of June 2023.

The legacy the new Committee will inherit is a transformed and rejuvenated facility supported by funds of over £100,000 dedicated 'to the benefit of the people of Dinas'.

Imogen Evans
Chair of the Trustees
30th May 2023