Cyngor Tref
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Town Council

Rhuddlan Town Council Meeting

Dear Councillor

3rd November 2023

You are hereby summoned to attend a Hybrid* meeting of Rhuddlan Town Council on Thursday, 9th November at **7pm**. Members of the public wishing to attend by Zoom should inform the Town Clerk by 4pm on 9th November 2023 so that necessary arrangements can be made. Members of the public are welcome to attend in person. **Can join by Zoom or attend in person at* ***Hwb Rhuddlan, Clos David Own, Rhuddlan LL18 2UJ.***

Agenda

1. **Apologies**
2. **Declarations of Interest**
3. **Urgent Matters as Agreed by the Chairperson** – notice of items which, in the opinion of the Chairperson, should be considered as a matter of urgency in accordance with Standing Orders
4. **Police matters:**
   a. to receive crime report
5. **Minutes** – to approve minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 12th October 2023
6. **Progress report from minutes**
7. **Reports from:**
   a. The Mayor
   b. The Town Clerk – correspondence and project report
8. **County Councillors' Reports** – to receive reports
9. **New Cemetery** – to receive a report from a meeting held on 26th October 2023
10. **Planning**
11. **Budget & Finance Matters**
   a. Grant requests
      a. Wales Air Ambulance
      b. Donation to Rhyl Raptors for RTC Photography in 2023/2024
   b. Approve the payments listing due
12. **Community Matters**

Part 2. Exclusion of press and public. By virtue of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public are excluded from discussions on the following items on the basis that disclosure thereof would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted

13. **Date of next meeting:** 14th December 2023

Steve Wilson - Town Clerk 07775 673706 clerk@rhuddlantowncouncil.gov.uk

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Rhuddlan Town Council – Minutes of the meeting on the 12th October 2023

Hybrid Meeting

Present:
Cllr Mike Kermode (Mayor)
Cllr Val Simmons (Deputy Mayor)
Cllr Ivor Beech
Cllr Jackie Burnham
Cllr Reg Davies
Cllr Mike Elgin
Cllr Arwel Roberts
Cllr Gareth Rowlands
Town Clerk
Clerical Assistant/Minute Clerk

1. Apologies
Cllrs Ann Davies and Bleddyn Williams.
There was one member of the public present and PCSO 3473 Rich Williams

2. Declaration of Interest
None given

3. Urgent Matters
None

4. Police Matters
PCSO Williams apologised for not having prepared a written report. He informed the council of a cold calling scam and also about several complaints received about the library car park, playground and surrounding grassed sections regarding dog fouling and young people smoking cannabis. A Member mentioned that at a recent meeting with the librarian the provision of a fence to block off the grassed area at the rear of the library was suggested.
The Mayor then stated that a resident near Admiral's Field had reported an issue of someone urinating on the field in full view of their house and the resident had also sent an email to the council about this.
A Member reported that since the 20mph limit, vehicles are speeding down Highlands Road between 5-6pm. PCSO Williams advised to contact DCC to ask them to install a speed data recording device to get evidence.
Another Member reported the dangerous and illegal use of e-scooters in Rhuddlan especially on Rhyl Road in front of the police station. One even had a blue flashing light on it. PCSO

Williams stated they have received no formal complaints and described the difficulties the police have in stopping and identifying the users of e-scooters.
The same Member stated that the police did not call to see him regarding an incident reported at the June meeting regarding a man begging. PCSO Williams was not aware of this so a description of the person begging was given.

The meeting was recorded from now audio only

Continuing with police matters, a Member reported the use of a child's e-motorbike on Admiral's Field and asked that the police monitor the situation. The Clerk and PCSO Williams once again asked Members to encourage residents to report incidents to the police either on 101 or webchat so they can be properly logged and acted upon.
PCSO 3473 Williams then left the meeting.

A member stated that PCSO Philip Roberts had resigned and left the Police. It was resolved that a letter of thanks be sent to PCSO Roberts for his work in Rhuddlan proposed by Gareth Rowlands, seconded by Cllr Arwel Roberts **Resolved.**

5. Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th July 2023
Minor amendment – Clos Dewi Sant should read Clos David Owen.
Cllr Gareth Rowlands proposed that subject to the amendment the minutes be approved as a true record, seconded by Cllr Jackie Burnham. **Resolved.**
Progress Report from Minutes
i) The information materials relating to Smart water have not yet been received from the Police.
ii) No response from Joe Lunn at Prestatyn Iach surgery had been received regarding the council's enquiry about Rhuddlan opening hours. Members agreed to escalate to Alison Kemp BCHUB and to copy in the AM and MP. Proposed by Cllr Mike Kermode, seconded by Cllr Gareth Rowlands. **Resolved.**
iii) NRW have responded that the river bank knotweed is not on their land and is not compromising the flood defences. Members were not satisfied with this response and discussed at some length as to who did own the river bank and whose responsibility it was to remove the knotweed. It was hoped that time might be available for a visit to the site as part of the next meeting of the Nature Reserve MAG to get views from DCC's Countryside Services team. It was stated the issue is not affecting any council assets. A member stated that knotweed does slow water down and can impede the flood defences. **Resolved.**
iv) Brief details of the Town Plan's 13 agreed projects have been drafted and will be circulated tomorrow for Members to review and rank as their priorities by Friday 20th October.
v) The Admiral's Field circulatory path construction is progressing and when it is completed DCC will be invited asked for advice on how best to add our wilding plan.
vi) Letter has been sent to resident reference the replacement/repair of his boundary wall with Admiral's Field stating that this is not Council's responsibility.
vii) Mayor's chain and pendants have been ordered.
viii) Twinning contacts received for Carlow and the Clerk to progress.

ix) Drawings of soakaways and ditch around Clos David Owen been forwarded to DCC and no response received regarding the direction sign to the Catholic Church.
x) The Mayor has invited the Mayors/Chairs of local Councils to a meeting on October 26th to discuss the potential of collaborating on efforts for a new cemetery in the area. Members thanked the Mayor for this initiative.

6. Minutes of the Events Committee Meeting held on 3rd October 2023
Cllrs Mike Kermode, Mike Elgin & Val Simmons who attended the meeting agreed that the Minutes were a true record. **Resolved.**
Progress Report from Minutes

- The Clerk had investigated a suitable PA/microphone/music system for events at a cost of £320 plus VAT. Cllr Mike Kermode said that 3 different systems had been looked at and this was the cheapest and most suitable one and proposed its purchase, seconded by Cllr Arwel Roberts. **Resolved.**
- A Member reported back that Rhyl Rotary Christmas Float would be able to attend the Rhuddlan Christmas Light Switch on Monday December 4th at 4pm and suggested that the Council might give a £50 donation to Rotary. The events committee agreed. Proposed by Cllr Arwel Roberts, seconded by Cllr Val Simmons. **Resolved.**
- Rotary had also offered a Santa to accompany the float, to which Council agreed to write thanking them for the offer, but declining it. **Resolved.**
- Cllr Ivor Beech agreed to be recruited as Santa again this year for the community carols around the tree. **Resolved.**
- A discussion took place on how best to inform Rhuddlan residents of the various events planned. One suggestion was a paper newsletter costing £700 for printing and delivery. Members agreed not to follow this suggestion due to the costs involved. Instead, the Council agreed to promote the events on social media, a poster, a small leaflet which can go to shops and the library and an article in the parish magazine. **Resolved.**

  The Mayor reminded members of the importance of the Remembrance Sunday event and he hoped that there would be a good turnout by them.

7. Minutes of the Biodiversity Meeting held on 12th September 2023
Cllr Val Simmons took Members through the minutes and Cllr Arwel Roberts proposed them to be a true record, seconded by Cllr Gareth Rowlands. **Resolved.**
Any progress on the various biodiversity actions will be reported back to Council. **Resolved**

8. Minutes of the Special Active Travel Plan Meeting held on 5th October 2023
Cllr Val Simmons proposed that the Minutes were a true record of the meeting. Seconded by Cllr Gareth Rowlands. **Resolved**
Progress report from Minutes
a) Library service reduction - The Mayor informed Members of the meeting with DCC and a note of this had been circulated for discussion. He added that the public consultation exercise was to finish on 30th October, placed before Cabinet for discussion on 21st November with a planned implementation on April 1st 2024 if agreed by Cabinet at DCC.

The Mayor stated that the library managers held Rhuddlan library as an exemplar partnership library, with greater use than most other county libraries post-Covid and a great perceived value to residents and many community groups. He asked councillors to encourage residents and library users to engage with the consultation. It was noted that without Town Council's financial contribution of £12,000 the service would not be as successful as it is now.
The issue was fiercely debated with many reasons noted why Rhuddlan library should be saved from any reduction in service. This included use by Welsh Language group Menter Iaith, book club, children attending on Saturday whilst not in school, the importance of using libraries for other DCC services e.g. One Stop Shop, and the small amount of money saved by the reduction in opening hours. In addition to the Town Council's financial contribution councillors were concerned about the potential impact to peoples' wellbeing and hoped it did not impact the proposed Rhuddlan museum project.
The Council believe that Rhuddlan library should be considered differently particularly in view of the councils' financial contribution.
Cllr Gareth Rowlands proposed that a letter be sent stating Council's dissatisfaction at any reduction in service at Rhuddlan and include the above reasons as to why it should be treated differently particularly the financial contribution. Seconded by Cllr Arwel Roberts. **Resolved.**
b) Ysgol Y Castell School Active Travel Zone – The Mayor reminded Council of their resolutions above to approve the meetings Minutes that a request be made to Sustrans and DCC to arrange more meaningful consultation exercises and conduct a survey to gather information on the likely numbers of children that may walk/cycle to school. If the feedback shows that the school zone proposals do not appear to increase active travel, then there is little point in pursuing them further.
Members noted that a similar school zone at Bryn Hedydd school, Rhyl had also received no consultation. Reports about the active travel exercise in Llangollen showed little consultation had taken place with the town council there.
The pilot road closure exercise is on Tuesday 17th October and councillors were encouraged to attend and gather feedback.

10. Correspondence from:

a. The Mayor

The Mayor had circulated his report prior to the meeting.
He added he was arranging his Charity Concert on December 9th at St Mary's church in aid of Ty Gobaith and Hope House children's hospices. Tickets are £10 each.
The report was accepted

b. The Town Clerk's projects update.

The Clerk had circulated his report in advance of the meeting and read through the various items of correspondence and project updates from the town plan.
Several elements of the report were discussed, in particular:-

- The issue of the untidy state of the library entrance area highlighted by the Community Group, agreed to be report to DCC for maintenance. A Member wished to add that maintenance is also required at the Knights sculpture area. **Resolved.**

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- Correspondence from the Community Group who did not want the planters on Bodrhyddan Avenue and unless the Town Council wishes to do otherwise, they can be removed. Cllr Arwel Roberts proposed that they are removed by the Community Group as they own the planters, seconded by Cllr Jackie Burnham. **Resolved**
- Slow Walks request that Town Council help validate and promote their walking routes. Members discussed the request noting that these are existing routes and were happy to post on social media and pass on to community walking groups to see if they would support the initiative. **Resolved.**
  One Member voiced their concern that public footpaths across his land could easily be joined to Glan Clwyd Hospital to allow patients to have somewhere to walk but was experiencing difficulties with DCC progressing the opportunity. Cllr Arwel Roberts as a County Councillor offered to put the Member in contact with the officer responsible for public footpaths which was accepted. **Resolved.**
- The Clerk stated the council need to be aware of further potential cuts to DCC services which may result in Rhuddlan Town Council having to consider supporting locally and the potential impact on next year's budget and precept. It was agreed that Council await further information from DCC about the proposed cuts before having any further detailed discussions. **Resolved.**
- Members discussed the ongoing programme of Community Markets after March 2024. The Community Centre had been approached to take this over but the initial response had been fairly negative, although they are investigating further. Cllr Reg Davies declared an interest. Members commented that the Town Council started this as an initiative in the hope that a local community group would one day take it on. In the meantime, the Council should continue the market bookings until April 2024. The Clerk will continue with his discussions with the Community Centre. Proposed by Cllr Gareth Rowlands, seconded by Cllr Jackie Burnham. **Resolved**
- Whilst noting the Admiral's Field path was under way, a Member asked that the drain near the allotment path should be lifted and examined for clearance of any debris to reduce potential flooding in that corer of the field. **Resolved.**
- A member stated the MUGA lights' timer is broken and an electrician should be engaged to replace the timer. **Resolved**
- The Mayor mentioned the complaint from the resident about people urinating in Admiral's Field near her home. A discussion followed on directing people to the Hwb toilets, use of more pictorial signs, use the old witch's hat pole, and potential upgrading of the current toilet signs. It was agreed that the Clerk would put a directional sign on the pole. **Resolved**
  Cllr Jackie Burnham proposed to use a sticker on the large site maps to direct people to the Hwb toilets, seconded by Cllr Gareth Rowlands**. Resolved.**

The report and project update were accepted

11. County Councillor Reports

Cllr Arwel Roberts had circulated his written report for Members attention.

In particular Members discussed the item on cattle being present on the public footpath which follows the River Clwyd towards Rhyl. It was noted that DCC/NRW both were not interested in assisting. A Member stated that Town Council had no jurisdiction on this matter. Another Member commented that a local landowner did own the river bank right up to the toe of the defence banking and that a site meeting could be arranged with the DCC officer responsible for footpaths to see what can be done. Cllr Arwel Roberts as a County Councillor will try to arrange and invite the Member who suggested it. **Resolved.**

Cllr Roberts then verbally added that he had run out of dog waste bags which DCC are not going to provide in the future. A Member noted that Town Council has several boxes in storage and proposed that they be given to Cllr Roberts for use around Rhuddlan. Seconded by Cllr Jackie Burnham. **Resolved.**

The extension to the school is nearly finished and a second phase of the extension is to continue soon.

The report was accepted

12. Review of Policies

The Clerk informed Members that it was Council's duty to update policies annually and had circulated the Disciplinary Policy, Dignity at Work Policy, and the Equality and Diversity Policy for review,

It was proposed by Cllr Gareth Rowlands that the three policies be approved as is, seconded by Cllr Jackie Burnham. **Resolved.**

Cllr Mike Elgin left the meeting due to internet problems with his zoom connection.

13. Planning

The Clerk took Members through the applications.

Cllr Arwel Roberts declared an interest as he sits on the DCC planning committee.

44/2023/0642 – Erection of single storey extension to 2 Maes Y Bryn, Rhuddlan. No objections

14. Budget & Finance

a) Grant Requests

None received

b. Payments list

All entries were agreed. **Resolved**

Members were asked if they wished to continue the contribution it makes for 1 hour free parking at Parliament Street car park in partnership with DCC as the cost is likely to increase in the next financial year. Members commented that the ticket machine needs to be more user friendly, particularly how to change from Welsh to English. Also was it cost effective in terms of the high street businesses seeing the benefit? A Member who is a business owner confirmed it did have a positive benefit. Cllr Gareth

Rowlands proposed to continue the contribution payments. Seconded by Cllr Jackie Burnham. **Resolved.**

15. Community Matters

a) Cllr Reg Davies had noticed graffiti on the pillars near the river Clwyd cycle path and asked Council to request DCC remove it. **Resolved**

b)Cllr Arwel Roberts highlighted that the Nature Reserve next meeting was tomorrow 13th October and that they will be discussing the provision of extra parking by the sensory garden element, which he hoped would get through.

16. Date of next meeting – 9/11/2023 Full Council Hybrid Meeting 7pm

Signed ....Cllr Mike Kermode (Mayor)

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Mayor's Report

Events/Attendances

- 17th October – I attended the area around Ysgol y Castell, with the Deputy Mayor, to view the trial of the school road closure proposal and to discuss the proposal with parents/guardians and residents (see note attached). Cllr. Jackie Burnham, the recently appointed Chairperson of School Governors, was also present.

- 20th October – The Mayoress and I attended the "Red Carpet" event organised by the Lunch Club team at the Community Centre. I was pleased to be able to award a number of trophies and certificates to people that had made significant contributions to the wellbeing town in a number of ways and many good causes, mainly working as volunteers.

- 26th October – I hosted a meeting comprising representatives from a number of local councils, to discuss the issue of a new cemetery in the area (see separate agenda item).

- 31st October – I met with the Town Clerk and the Rev. Peter Mayo-Smith to discuss the arrangements for the Remembrance Service.

- 2nd November – I have sent my apologies for not being able to attend the meeting of the Community Centre's Trustees, because of a personal engagement outside of Rhuddlan.

- 5th November – The Mayoress and I will be attending the Mayor of Caerwys' Civic Service.

- 8th November – I will participate in the Zoom conference organised by One Voice Wales and SLCC.

MEK/RTC – 1st November 2023

Sustrans – Active Travel – Hylas Lane trial closure 17th October 2023.

Notes from the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

We were both at the school area at the drop-off and exit times for pupils and we gathered views from a number of adults. Cllr. Jackie (the recently appointed Chairperson of the School Governors) was also there at the morning's drop-off time.

It was a dry and clear autumn day.

Hylas Lane was professionally closed at both ends by JT&M Signs and the junction between Hylas Lane the unadopted walk-through was also closed. The JT&M staff marshalled the closures and did allow vehicles to enter/exit if they had sufficient reason.

There was one DCC officer (wearing DCC hi-vis jacket) and a representative from Sustrans (not wearing any form of identification and could easily be confused with a resident or a walker/cyclist).

The main feedback gathered was:

A resident living in a house opposite to the school complained about several aspects of Sustrans/DCC's recent consultation process – said that the junction between Hylas Lane the unadopted walk-through should not be blocked because it was their vehicular entry/exit point – said that formal adoption of the lane with tarmac and street lights would be opposed.

Another resident in Hylas Lane said that a one-way route would restrict vehicular access to the rear of the houses on the school side of Hylas Lane.

Approx 50 adults were spoken to – some 40% of them live outside of Rhuddlan (the head-teacher said school enrolments were now open to all and there was no longer any requirement for Rhuddlan residency or a sibling connection.

Those people that live outside of Rhuddlan were opposed to the road closure proposal because their prime aim is to use their car for a quick drop-off and collection for their children. The main observation was that they had needed to find a parking place on an adjacent road rather than the quicker option of using Hylas Lane.

Those people that live in Rhuddlan were in 2 main groups – those that live relatively close to the school (such as up to the Admiral's Playing Field or up to the Library) and those that lived further away in the town. Those that lived further away tended to use cars for drop-off and collection. Many, but not all, of those that lived closer tended to walk. However, most people said that if the weather was wet than they would most likely use their car.

The people that had walked that day gave some positive and some negative feedback. The main positive one was about the lack of traffic using Hylas Lane. The main negative one was the increase in parked cars near to the exit/entrances of Hylas Lane and the problems this gave for pedestrians, especially those with very young children and those using push chairs.

Several people commented that the school was there when many of the local residents may have purchased their properties and it was therefore a potential problem that they should have taken account of.

Some people gave their ideas about how to resolve the Hylas Lane issue:

- A one-way road – from the Castle down to Abbey Road – this might be full-time or just at school entrance/exit times.
- Use of the Castle's car park for school entrance/exit times.
- An in and out loop for the school – which requires an additional entrance and losing school parking places.
- A pedestrian crossing on Princes Road somewhere between the junctions of Castle Steet and Abbey Road.

In addition, the following comments were made:

"The first priority must be the safety of children"

"A one-way system seems good"

"A larger pavement is needed; you cannot go on the pavement with a double buggy or a wheelchair"

"Tarmac the lane/walkway"

"Provide some form of drop-off area"

"Pick up the school and put it somewhere else"

"Open the school earlier, therefore it would be a staggered, not everyone arriving at the same time"

"I pay my road-tax, it is a public road I can park where I like"

"Make it a residents' only parking on Hylas Lane, permit holders only"

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Clerk's Project Report and Correspondence for October 2023 Meeting

Correspondence

The following has been received:

1. Letter from the Society of Local Council Clerks regarding membership renewal due on 1st December. The cost is £279. **Approval Required**
2. Verbal complaint from the resident who lives next door to the Hwb Storage Container complaining his garden floods more than it previously did before the Hwb improvements were carried out.
3. Email from resident living in Admirals Walk asking the council if it possible for the weeds at the edge of the park into Admirals Walk to be treated with weedkiller, also the area around the flower box at the end of Hendre Close?
4. Email from resident living in Admirals Walk concerned about speeding cyclists already using the incomplete path and concerns of the risk of collision with walkers. The resident thinks the path is only 1m wide when it is actually 1.5m. The resident also mentioned Electric Scooters using the path.
5. Discussion with DCC regarding additional Christmas Lights on the A547 towards Rhyl. Unfortunately, the lamp posts are not stronger enough for lights to be fitted. Additional lights rented will be doubled up throughout the town.
6. Email form Richard Polden on behalf of the Community Group asking whether the benches on Vicarage Lane could be located in front of the 'Outdoor Gym' so that it would provide seating for people wanting to sit and watch football matches etc, and a tree or three on the field side at the end of Hendre.
7. Email from DCC Liz Greaves stating the estimate for opening Rhuddlan Library for 3 hours each Saturday morning from April 1 2024 is £8,586pa

Project Update

Community Market – the next market is scheduled on 18th November and is fully booked. Parking will be free for this and the Christmas Market. No take up yet by the Community Centre of the offer of taking on the market. I have offered to take bookings and deal with vendors with the CC doing all other activities.

Hwb improvements:

1. Venting radiator swapped
2. External light by entrance door to be installed

Improvements to Vicarage Lane Car Park – No change

Admirals Field path construction well under way and should be complete by the end November. Claim made on commuted funds for first invoice payment.

Youth club going well. They have requested a small cooker.

MUGA lights, lights delivered to DCC but no brackets, awaiting brackets and then installation.

Town Plan, still waiting on 4 councillors for their priority ratings.

CCTV Update

Denbigh's camera's have joined the partnership.

The maintenance contract will be awarded in November and the winning contractor will supply the replacement cameras.

The monitoring contract is going out to tender and will be awarded to commence May 2024.

It is anticipated that costs will increase so this will need to be reflected in next year's precept but the costs are unknown.

Crime figures very low for Rhuddlan and very little use of cameras required as a result.

All requests for images must go through the police and each image takes the PCSO 20 minutes to process.

Contributions; Police £16.6k, Prestatyn £10k, Rhyl £15k, Rhuddlan £3.4k, Parking Services £20k, Transport £1.7k, Public Protection £5k and Environment £0.9k.

Shared prosperity fund will contribute £278k to replace older cameras and work will be completed by end October 2024. All cameras more than 4 years old will be replaced.

Safer Streets 5 grant will pay the £100k for a new server.

The Rhyl bid for daytime live monitoring decision moved out to January 2024. If happens all camera's will be live monitoring.

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Adroddiad – Report – Tachwedd – November 2023

County Councillor – Arwel Roberts

1. Workplace Recycling is changing.

   Denbighshire are developing a new depot in Colomendy, Dinbych. This is in preparation for the changes regarding workplace recycling. I have a meeting with one of the SLT officers on the 9th of November. More details in our meeting.

2. Still waiting for Tim Towers to come back to us regarding a meeting with DCC and Dwr Cymru regarding flooding in Kerfoot Avenue.

3. Very grateful to the Clerk for representing our Town Council in the CCTV meeting on the 26th of October. I wonder if our other representatives were present.

4. The financial future is dire and grim to all County Councils including Sir Ddinbych. In a virtual meeting on the 26th of October we discussed the cuts to the library service. It was gratifying to have support from Cllr David Williams who represents Dyserth ward . He reacted like me against any cuts to the library services, residents from the Dyserth regularly use the library in Rhuddlan. Remember we already pay £12k as a Town Council annually to support the running costs of the library as do LLanelwy City council. They still propose to have a 50% cut to all libraries even the 2 councils mentioned sponsor the facilities.

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Rhuddlan Town Council – Minutes of Cemetery meeting on the 26th October 2023

Present:
Cllr Mike Kermode (Mayor of Rhuddlan)
Steve Wilson (Rhuddlan Clerk)
Cllr Adrian West (Deputy Mayor Prestatyn)
Cllr Jacquie McAlpine (Mayor of Rhyl)
Gareth Nickels (Rhyl Clerk)
Dave Parry (Chair of Dyserth)
Cllr John Roberts (St Asaph)
Jill Ellison (St Asaph Clerk)

1. Apologies
None.

2. Declaration of Interest
None given

3. Cllr Mike Kermode welcomed everyone and run through his document 'New Cemetery for North Denbighshire' He summarised Rhuddlan's current position and actions taken to date:

a. Only 3 years of burial space left at Rhuddlan cemetery, no space in Rhyl so when full, residents are likely to use Prestatyn cemetery which is difficult to get to unless you have the use of a car.

b. Rhuddlan cemetery has serious flooding issues.

c. Previously identified a site but was not for sale. Long Langford has offered to assist but needs details of suitable soil etc.

d. Rhuddlan Council has previously provisioned a £5k budget to fund exploring options and that a new cemetery was on the previous town plan and will be on the next one when published.

e. Denbighshire County Council are not willing to consider a new cemetery due to the capacity at other Denbighshire cemeteries.

Cllr Mike Kermode asked the other councils for their views and whether they would be willing to work together to facilitate a new cemetery for the area. The views are summarised below.

4. Cllr Jacquie McAlpine and Gareth Nickels, Rhyl:

a. There a transport difficulty getting from Rhyl to the Prestatyn cemetery and if you can get a bus there is a 2hr gap between bus services.

b. Rhyl Council have been looking at the issue since 2004 and struggled to find any suitable land due to the water table. Eventually identified 2 sites on Bryn Cwnin Road and costed up proposals. DCC voted against taking it forward but promised to include in the next LDP. This did not happen.

c. Rhyl Council want DCC to include in the next LDP and to canvass DCC to find land and provide a new cemetery.

d. A question was asked regarding sufficient cremation capacity and the discussion concluded there did not appear to be an issue.

e. Rhyl are keen to participate in this group but would have to get council to approve the provision of any budget to fund further investigations.

f. That DCC were good at obtaining grants and this could prove beneficial for any future projects.

g. Questioned whether Towyn and Kinmel Bay Council should be invited to join the group and they have no cemetery and have always used the facility at Rhyl.

h. Rhyl TC would not run a cemetery as it was too complicated and time consuming. DCC should run any future cemetery.

5. Dave Parry Dyserth:

a. Dyserth had purchased an parcel of land near to Voel Coaches 50m x 100m with the intention of creating a cemetery. Approached DCC and they stated that the soil conditions made it unsuitable for burials but would be OK for the interment of ashes.

b. The Bodrhyddan Estate wanted to buy the land back for housing development but Dyserth council decided to retain the land.

6. Cllr Adrian West, Prestatyn

a. Issue has not been discussed in the last 3 years and is currently not a concern.

b. Appreciates that it could become an issue as Rhuddlan and Rhyl residents use Prestatyn cemetery thus reducing the life of the cemetery.

c. Thinks that Prestatyn Town Council will support the group putting pressure on DCC to resolve the issue.

7. Cllr John Roberts and Jill Ellison, St Asaph:

a. Thinks that St Asaph City Council will support the group putting pressure on DCC to resolve the issue.

b. Re-confirmed the complexity for a town council to manage a cemetery.

c. Stated that St Asaph have no budget provisioned linked to cemeteries.

8. General comments made and discussed included:

a. Whether the public wanted a new cemetery in the area.

b. The need to determine the specific requirements for a new cemetery and obtain expert advice.

c. Family plots at existing cemeteries.

d. Cost of living issues when considering any costs.

e. The requirement to budget funds to investigate options to resolve the issue. Rhuddlan had previously allocated £5k which equates to £3 per resident/yr.
f. Ratio of burials to cremations needs to be understood and that undertakers in the area could be asked. Generally, UK figures state a 25% burial and 75% cremation.
g. County Councillors should not be involved in the group until a proposal to take to DCC is developed.
h. Asking an expert organisation to present via Zoom to this group.

9. The next steps were agreed as follows;
a. Any appropriate information regarding cemeteries should be emailed to the Rhuddlan Clerk who will share with the other councils.
b. The minutes will be shared with all councils and each council to discuss with their councils and feedback at the next meeting to be arranged in December.

10. Cllr Mike Kermode thanked everyone for attending and looks forward to working together to resolve this issue.

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Community Council Appeal 2023

05/10/2023

Dear friends,

At Wales Air Ambulance, our mission is to deliver lifesaving advanced medical care to people across Wales whenever and wherever they need it. **We are on standby 24/7, 365 days a year and in 2022 we attended 3368 missions, with 94 in your region of Conwy.**

Like all charities, we are feeling the impact of the global increase in the cost of goods and services. As a result, the amount required to deliver our lifesaving service has risen significantly, and we need your help. We need to raise £11.2 million to keep our helicopters in the air and rapid response vehicles on the road.

With your support, we are able to help those who are critically ill or injured. This includes people like David, who whilst getting ready for bed suffered a cardiac arrest and was left fighting for his life. Wales Air Ambulance was dispatched and provided emergency department-standard treatments in his home. Our onboard medics gave David a general anaesthetic and placed him on a ventilator to breathe for him. This course of treatment not only saved David's life but also protected his brain from long-term injury.

Speaking about David's treatment, Jo Yeoman, Wales Air Ambulance Patient Liaison Nurse, said: "The procedure is delicate, complex and time-critical. It is only possible outside of a hospital environment through the Wales Air Ambulance and the fact that we have experienced consultants on board. David had the best possible care before reaching the specialists at hospital." Following his recovery, David said: "I am forever grateful to the Wales Air Ambulance Charity and I really appreciate everything they've done for me. **If it wasn't for them, I wouldn't be here."**

Please help us to continue serving the people of Wales and saving lives in your community by considering us for a community or town council grant. No matter how big or small, your donation will help to save lives.

Yours sincerely,
Hannah Mitchell

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Apêl Cyngor Cymunedol 2023

05/10/2023

Annwyl ffrindiau,

Yma yn Ambiwlans Awyr Cymru, ein nod yw darparu gofal meddygol uwch sy'n achub bywydau i bobl ledled Cymru, pryd bynnag neu ble bynnag y bydd ei angen arnynt. **Rydym ar ddyletswydd 24/7, 365 diwrnod y flwyddyn ac yn 2022 gwnaethom ymateb i 3368 o alwadau, ac roedd 94 ohonynt yn eich rhanbarth chi, Conwy.**

Fel pob elusen, rydym yn teimlo effaith y cynnydd byd-eang yng nghostau nwyddau a gwasanaethau. O ganlyniad, mae'r swm gofynnol i ddarparu ein gwasanaeth sy'n achub bywydau wedi codi'n sylweddol, ac rydym angen eich help. Mae angen i ni godi £11.2 miliwn i gadw ein hofrenyddion yn yr awyr a'n cerbydau ymateb cyflym ar y ffordd.

Gyda'ch cefnogaeth chi, rydym yn gallu helpu'r rhai sy'n ddifrifol wael neu wedi'u hanafu'n ddifrifol. Mae hyn yn cynnwys pobl fel David, a ddioddefodd ataliad y galon pan oedd yn paratoi i fynd i'r gwely, a chafodd ei adael yn brwydro am ei fywyd. Galwyd am Ambiwlans Awyr Cymru a rhoddir triniaethau brys o safon adran yn ei gartref. Rhoddodd y swyddogion meddygol anesthetig cyffredinol i David a'i roi ar beiriant anadlu. Yn ogystal ag achub bywyd David, gwnaeth y driniaeth hon amddiffyn ei ymennydd rhag niwed hirdymor.

Wrth siarad am driniaeth David, dywedodd Jo Yeoman, Nyrs Cyswllt Cleifion Ambiwlans Awyr Cymru: "Mae'r driniaeth yn un anodd a chymhleth, ac mae pob eiliad yn cyfrif. Dim ond drwy Ambiwlans Awyr Cymru y gellir rhoi'r driniaeth y tu allan i ysbyty, am fod meddygon ymgynghorol profiadol yn rhan o'r criw. Cafodd David y gofal gorau posibl cyn cyrraedd yr arbenigwyr yn yr ysbyty." Yn dilyn ei adferiad, dywedodd David: "Byddaf yn ddiolchgar am byth i Elusen Ambiwlans Awyr Cymru ac rwyf wir yn gwerthfawrogi popeth maen nhw wedi'i wneud i mi. **Hebddyn nhw, byddwn i ddim yma.**"

Helpwch ni i barhau i wasanaethu pobl Cymru ac achub bywydau yn eich cymunedau drwy ein hystyried i gael grant cyngor cymuned neu dref. Waeth pa mor fawr neu fach, bydd eich rhodd yn helpu i achub bywydau.

Yn gywir,
Hannah Mitchell

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2022

	Notes	Restricted Funds £'000	Unrestricted Funds £'000	Total 2022 £'000	Total 2021 £'000
INCOME					
Donations and legacies	3	234	6,542	6,776	6,217
Other Trading activities	4	-	8,494	8,494	6,831
Income from charitable activities		-	-	-	-
Investment income	7	-	119	119	94
Other income		-	13	13	16
Total Income		**234**	**15,168**	**15,402**	**13,157**
EXPENDITURE					
Expenditure on raising funds	9	(4)	(5,050)	(5,054)	(4,425)
Expenditure on charitable activities	10	(151)	(8,288)	(8,439)	(7,417)
Total resources expended		**(155)**	**(13,338)**	**(13,493)**	**11,842**
Net gains/(losses) on investment		-	(230)	(230)	545
Net incoming resources		**79**	**1,600**	**1,679**	**1,860**
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-
Less Taxation		-	-	-	(5)
Net income after tax		**79**	**1,600**	**1,679**	**1,855**
Fund balances brought forward	22	16	13,750	13,766	11,911
Fund balances carried forward		**95**	**15,350**	**15,445**	**13,766**

All activities are continuing operations. There are no other gains or losses for the financial year.

BALANCE SHEET

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2022

	Notes	GROUP 2022 £000	CHARITY 2022 £000	GROUP 2021 £000	CHARITY 2021 £000
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	16	1,427	1,372	1,466	1,413
Investments	17	4,007	4,007	3,718	3,718
		5,434	5,379	5,184	5,131
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stock	18	87	36	86	36
Debtors	19	5,273	5,331	5,409	5,448
Cash at bank and in hand		6,690	6,576	4,521	4,475
		12,050	11,943	10,016	9,959
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	20	(2,036)	(1,895)	(1,431)	(1,342)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		10,014	10,048	8,585	8,617
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES	21	(3)	-	(3)	-
TOTAL NET ASSETS		15,445	15,427	13,766	13,748
FUNDS					
Unrestricted Funds	22	15,350	15,332	13,750	13,732
Restricted Fund	22	95	95	16	16
		15,445	15,427	13,766	13,748

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 18th April 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

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DAVE GILBERT OBE – TRUSTEE, CHAIR

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DR KYLE JACQUES – TRUSTEE, VICE-CHAIR

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS AND CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2022

	Notes	Group 2022 £000	Group 2021 £000	Charity 2022 £000	Charity 2021 £000
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	1	2,691	1,117	2,615	1,122
Cash flows from investing activities					
Deposit Interest received		48	48	48	48
Investment income		71	46	71	46
Sale of fixed assets		-	14	-	14
Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets		(122)	(99)	(113)	(94)
Payments to acquire fixed asset investments		(474)	(900)	(474)	(900)
Cash used in investing activities		**(477)**	**(891)**	**(468)**	**(886)**
Increase in cash investments		**(45)**	**(27)**	**(45)**	**(27)**
Increase in cash and cash equivalents in the year		**2,169**	**199**	**2,101**	**214**
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		**4,521**	**4,323**	**4,475**	**4,261**
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		**6,690**	**4,521**	**6,576**	**4,475**

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NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2022

1 **RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

	Group 2022 £000	Group 2021 £000	Charity 2022 £000	Charity 2021 £000
Net Income	1,679	1,855	1,679	1,810
Deposit Interest received	(48)	(48)	(48)	(48)
Investment income	(71)	(46)	(71)	(46)
(Gains)/losses on investment	230	(545)	230	(545)
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	161	213	154	208
(Profit)/loss on disposal of fixed asset	-	(14)	-	(14)
Deferred tax payable	-	3	-	-
	1,951	1,418	1,944	1,365
Working capital movement				
Decrease/(Increase) in Stock	(1)	21	-	14
Decrease/(Increase) in Debtors	136	(822)	117	(705)
(Decrease)/Increase in Creditors	605	499	553	452
	740	(303)	670	(239)
Net Cash Inflow/(Outflow) from Operating Activities	2,691	1,116	2,615	1,126

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2022

1. STATUTORY INFORMATION
Welsh Air Ambulance Charitable Trust is a company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales. The Company's registered number and registered office address can be found on the company information page.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES
a) Basis of Preparation
The financial statements of the Charitable Company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

b) Basis of Consolidation
The consolidated accounts of the Group incorporate the accounts of the Charity and its subsidiary undertaking, both of which were prepared to 31 July 2022. The trading results of the subsidiary undertaking are consolidated on a line-by-line basis within the consolidated statement of financial activities (SOFA). A separate SOFA for the Charity is not presented as permitted by the SORP and the Companies Act 2006.

c) Fund Accounting
Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the Trustees for particular purposes falling in future time periods.

Restricted funds are funds subject to specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Charity for particular purposes. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

d) Incoming Resources
Incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the Charity is entitled to the income and the income can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

1) Lottery Income
Lottery income is recognised after the weekly draw has taken place. A deferred income liability is recognised to account for the balance of those members paying in advance of future draws.
2) Donated Goods
The value of goods donated for sale in the shops operated by the Charitable Company is recognised at the point of sale unless it is practical for the goods to be measured at fair value on receipt. For those items, the value is recognised as stock on the balance sheet and then released to the income statement when the item is sold

ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

3) Legacy Income
Legacies are accounted for as incoming resources once the three factors of entitlement, probable and measurement have been met so long as notification has been received from a representative of an estate prior to the year end.

Charities which receive a significant number of legacies in a reporting period and have detailed historical information on the settlement of legacies may apply an estimation technique in measuring the value of legacies that are recognised to allow for potential variation in settlement values and the risk of a will being contested.

Income Recognition of Legacies
Residuary legacies have been recognised using a case-by-case basis, when the amount receivable can be measured accurately following written confirmation from the estate executor/administrator.

4) Fuel Sales
Fuel sales are recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Company and the fuel sales can be reliably measured. Fuel sales are measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable, excluding discounts, rebates, value-added tax and other sales taxes.

5) Other Heliport Income
Revenue from services, such as hanger rental and landing fees, is recognised when the service has been provided and the right to consideration has been earned.

6) Grant Income
Grants (including government grants) which are received to fund specific purposes are recognised as restricted incoming resources in the year in which the Charitable Company is entitled to the funds. Revenue grants are credited as incoming resources when they are receivable, provided conditions for receipt have been complied with.

e) Resources Expended
Resources expended are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred, including irrecoverable VAT. Cost of raising funds comprises direct costs associated with attracting grant income, being the proportion of time spent for direct headcount costs.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities, both costs directly attributable and indirect support costs. Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting constitutional and statutory requirements, principally accounting / audit and AGM expenses.

All costs allocated between expenditure categories are on a basis designed to reflect their resource usage. For some costs, this means direct allocation to activities, other costs are apportioned, e.g. by staff time spent on an activity, or another equitable usage measure

f) Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation
Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Land & Buildings	2% on cost straight line
Motor Vehicles	25% on cost straight line
Fixtures & Fittings	25% on cost straight line
Office Equipment	15% on cost straight line
Plant & Machinery	25% on cost straight line

Assets below £250 are not capitalised, but included within expenses.

g) Holiday Pay
Employee benefits such as short-term compensated absence arising from employee entitlement to paid annual leave are recognised in line with FRS 102.

h) Pensions
The pension costs charged in the accounts represent the contributions payable to money purchase pension schemes by the Charity during the year.

i) Financial Instruments
The Charitable Company only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

j) Investments
Assets held for investment purposes are valued at fair value (their market value) at the balance sheet date, except for investments in trading subsidiaries, which are held at cost, as the Trustees believe that the market value of the trading subsidiary is not materially different to its cost.

Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds of these investments and their market value at the start of the year, or their subsequent costs, and are charged or credited to the statement of the financial activities in the period of disposal.

Unrealised gains and losses represent the movement in market values during the year and are credited or charged to the statement of financial activities based on the market value at the year-end.

k) Stock
Stocks are valued at lower of cost and net realisable value after making allowances for obsolete and slow-moving items. Donated goods with a valuation over £50 per item have been included in the stock balance.

l) Debtors
Short-term debtors are measured at transaction price, less any impairment.

m) Cash at Bank and In Hand
Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of twelve months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

n) Creditors
Short-term creditors are measured at transaction price.

o) Taxation
Taxation for the year comprises current and deferred tax. Tax is recognised in the Income Statement, except to the extent that it relates to items recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity.

Current or deferred taxation assets and liabilities are not discounted.

Current tax is recognised at the amount of tax payable using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

p) Deferred Tax
Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date.

Timing differences arise from the inclusion of income and expenses in tax assessments in periods different from those in which they are recognised in financial statements. Deferred tax is measured using tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the year-end and that are expected to apply to the reversal of the timing difference.

Unrelieved tax losses and other deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that it is probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits.

q) Operating Leases
Rentals applicable to operating leases are charged to the SOFA over the period in which the cost is incurred. Details of operating lease commitments are as shown in note 25.

r) Provision for Liabilities
Provisions are recognised when the Company has a present obligation (legal and constructive) from a past event that will probably result in a transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

s) Related Party Transactions
The Trustees have taken advantage of the exemption under FRS102 and have not disclosed related party transactions with its wholly owned subsidiary undertaking.

t) Functional and Presentation Currency
The Company's functional and presentation currency is pounds sterling.

u) Going Concern
The Trustees have considered both the Charity's financial position at the year-end and the impact of future activities. The Trustees have made this assessment in respect to a period of one year from the date of approval of these financial statements.

Wales Air Ambulance continues to manage key risks through its well-established risk management processes which have been embedded and have proved robust; for more information, please see pages 30-31.

Cash and reserves are monitored closely, with detailed short and long-term forecasts prepared annually and regularly reviewed and updated to ensure the long-term financial viability of the Charity. A risk-based reserves policy has been adopted; more details of this can be seen on pages 30-31.

The Charity has a strong balance sheet with unrestricted funds of £8.8 million. Any shortfall in income over the next 12 months can be covered by the Charity's cash reserves and investment funds, which total £6.7 million and £4.0 million respectively.

The Trustees, therefore, have a reasonable expectation that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue its operations, including to meet its liabilities, for the foreseeable future. As such, the Charity continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

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ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

v) Financial Instruments

Basic Financial Assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Other Financial Assets

Other financial assets, including investments in equity instruments which are not subsidiaries, associates or joint ventures, are initially measured at fair value, which is normally the transaction price. Such assets are subsequently carried at fair value and the changes in fair value are recognised in profit or loss, except that investments in equity instruments that are not publicly traded and whose fair values cannot be measured reliably are measured at cost less impairment.

Impairment of Financial Assets

Financial assets, other than those held at fair value through profit and loss, are assessed for indicators of impairment at each reporting end date.

Financial assets are impaired where there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the financial asset, the estimated future cash flows have been affected. If an asset is impaired, the impairment loss is the difference between the carrying amount and the present value of the estimated cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. The impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss.

If there is a decrease in the impairment loss arising from an event occurring after the impairment was recognised, the impairment is reversed. The reversal is such that the current carrying amount does not exceed what the carrying amount would have been, had the impairment not previously been recognised. The impairment reversal is recognised in profit or loss.

Basic Financial Liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors, are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Classification of Financial Liabilities

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the company after deducting all of its liabilities

w) Critical Accounting Estimates and Assumptions

The Charitable Company makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates will by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next year are addressed below;

Legacies - Income recognition

Residuary legacies have been recognised using a case-by-case basis, when the amount receivable can be measured accurately following written confirmation from the estate executor/administrator.

Provisions

Provision is made for the dilapidation on leasehold premises. These provisions require management's best estimate of the costs that will be incurred based on legislative and contractual requirements.

3. DONATIONS & GIFTS

	Unrestricted funds £'000	Restricted funds £'000	Total funds 2022 £'000	Total funds 2021 £'000
Donations	2,178	112	2,290	1,978
Legacies	4,363	118	4,481	3,700
CJRS grant income	-	4	4	298
Coronavirus premises grants	1	-	1	241
	6,542	234	6,776	6,214

4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Group 2022 £000	Group 2021 £000	Charity 2022 £000	Charity 2021 £000
Lifesaving Lottery	6,622	5,747	6,622	5,747
Donated goods	1,195	612	1,195	612
Cardiff Heliport	567	403	-	-
Caffi HEMS	110	64	-	-
Merchandise	-	5	-	-
	8,494	6,831	7,817	6,359

*Cardiff Heliport income does not include rent paid by the Charity to the Trading Subsidiary as this has been eliminated on consolidation of the accounts.

5. NET (OUTGOING)/INCOMING RESOURCES ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER CHARGING

	Group 2022 £000	Group 2021 £000	Charity 2022 £000	Charity 2021 £000
Depreciation	161	213	154	208
Other operating leases	20	56	20	56
Auditors' remuneration - audit	13	15	13	12
-other services	-	-	-	-
AND AFTER CREDITING				
Surplus on sale of fixed asset	-	14	-	14

6. DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PENSION SCHEME

The Charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme; the assets being held separately from those of the Charity in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the Charity to the fund and amounted to £90,000 (2021: £91,000).

7. INVESTMENTS

Group	Unrestricted 2022 £'000	Restricted 2022 £'000	Unrestricted 2021 £'000	Restricted 2021 £'000
Listed investment income	71	-	46	-
Bank deposit interest	48	-	48	-
	119	-	94	-

8. TAXATION

Group

No corporation tax liability arose in the trading company (2021: £1,748).

Charity

As a registered charity, there is no liability to tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or s256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, in so far as these are applied to the charitable objects of the Charity.

9. EXPENDITURE ON RAISING FUNDS

	Direct costs £'000	Support costs allocated £000	Total 2022 £'000	Total 2021 £'000
Donations & legacies	484	619	1,103	973
Lifesaving Lottery	1,285	174	1,459	1,203
Retail expenditure	1,347	459	1,806	1,742
Cardiff Heliport	530	-	530	352
Caffi HEMS	129	-	129	120
Merchandise	-	-	-	16
Investment management costs	26	-	26	19
	3,802	1,252	5,054	4,425

10. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted £'000	Restricted £'000	Total 2022 £'000	Total 2021 £'000
Helicopter operational costs	7,630	231	7,861	6,922
Rapid Response Vehicles	52	-	52	0
Helimed 67 staff and consumables costs	154	-	154	211
Airbase costs	114	-	114	92
Crew Training & Wellbeing (MEDTRiM)	1	-	1	9
Patient Liaison Service	18	-	18	0
Aviation contract reprocurement	36	-	36	0
Depreciation	37	6	43	73
Support costs	161	-	161	110
	8,202	237	8,439	7,417

11. SUPPORT COSTS

Cost Categories	Donations & legacies £000	Lifesaving Lottery £000	Retail £000	Charitable activites £000	Total 2022 £000	Total 2021 £'000
Remuneration	475	89	327	34	925	293
IT (software, consultancy and equipment)	65	14	65	-	144	93
Premises	43	8	38	53	142	115
Governance	20	20	20	74	134	88
Miscellaneous	16	42	9		67	47
	619	173	459	161	1,411	636

All costs are attributed by activity on the basis of head count or time spent on each activity.

12. GOVERNANCE COSTS

Analysed as	2022 £'000	2021 £'000
Remuneration	113	65
External audit fees	13	15
Trustees insurance	3	3
Trustees' travel and meeting expenses	5	5
	134	88

13. CHARITABLE COMPANY RESULTS

The Charitable Company has taken advantage of Section 408 of the Companies Act 2006 and has not included its own income and expenditure account in these financial statements.

The results are summarised below:

	2022 £'000	2021 £'000
Total incoming resources	14,781	12,685
Total resources expended	(12,872)	(11,420)
Net incoming resources	1,909	1,265
Net unrealised investment gain/(loss)	(230)	545
Net movement in funds	1,679	1,810
Funds:		
At 1 August 2021	13,748	11,938
At 31 July 2022	15,427	13,748

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14. STAFF NUMBERS AND COSTS

Group	2022 £'000	2021 £'000
Gross salaries	1,991	1,637
Social security	169	119
Pension costs	96	83
	2,256	1,839

The average number of employees, (excluding directors who are Trustees) analysed by function was as follows:

	2022 Number	2021 Number
Fundraising	17	17
Finance, Administration and HR	21	13
Retail	38	38
Heliport	3	3
Caffi HEMS	3	4
	82	75

The Trustees received no emoluments from the Charitable Company. Two Trustees were reimbursed expenses totalling £604 (2021 - two Trustees were reimbursed expenses totalling £321) for travel during the year.

The number of employees whose emoluments (including benefits and employers' pension) were paid over £60,000 in the year were as follows:

	Number
£60,000 - £70,000	2
£70,000 - £80,000	-
£80,000 - £90,000	1

15. KEY MANAGEMENT

The total remuneration of the key management (the Senior Management Team) including any employer pension contributions was £543,000 (2021: £345,000).

16. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

GROUP	FREEHOLD LAND & BUILDINGS £000	FIXTURES & FITTINGS £000	PLANT & MACHINERY £000	OFFICE EQUIPMENT £000	MOTOR VEHICLES £000	TOTAL £000
COST						
At beginning of year	1,179	548	356	187	88	2,358
Additions	-	46	11	52	13	122
Disposals	-	-	-	(8)	-	(8)
At end of year	1,179	594	367	231	101	2,472
DEPRECIATION						
At beginning of year	22	407	292	94	78	893
Charge for year	19	60	40	31	11	161
Eliminated on disposal	-	-	-	(8)	-	(8)
At end of year	41	467	332	117	89	1,046
NET BOOK VALUE						
At 31 July 2022	1,138	127	35	114	13	1,427
At 31 July 2021	1,157	141	64	93	10	1,465
CHARITY						
COST						
At beginning of year	1,141	530	344	187	88	2,290
Additions	-	41	7	52	13	113
Disposals	-	-	-	(8)	-	(8)
At end of year	1,141	571	351	231	101	2,395
DEPRECIATION						
At beginning of year	19	404	282	94	78	877
Charge for year	18	55	39	31	11	154
Eliminated on disposal				(8)	-	(8)
At end of year	37	459	321	117	89	1,023
NET BOOK VALUE						
At 31 July 2022	1,104	112	30	114	13	1,372
At 31 July 2021	1,122	126	62	93	10	1,413

17. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

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	SHARES IN GROUP UNDERTAKINGS £	MARKET VALUE OF OTHER FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS £	TOTAL £
Cost or valuation			
At beginning of year	1	3,717,822	3,717,823
Shares purchased at cost	-	1,280,998	1,280,998
Shares disposed at book value	-	(857,206)	(857,206)
Cash movement during the year	-	50,208	50,208
Charges for year	-	(25,925)	(25,925)
Income received	-	71,152	71,152
Decrease in value of investment	-	(230,340)	(230,340)
At end of year	1	4,006,709	4,006,710
Market value at 31 July 2022	1	4,006,709	4,006,710
Market value at 31 July 2021	1	3,717,822	3,717,823

The market value at 31 July 2022 comprises a sum of £4,006,709 (2021: £3,717,822) managed by Brewin Dolphin.

GROUP	MARKET VALUE OF OTHER FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS £	TOTAL £
Cost or valuation		
At beginning of year	3,717,822	3,717,822
Shares purchased at cost	1,280,998	1,280,998
Shares disposed at book value	(857,206)	(857,206)
Cash movement during the year	50,208	50,208
Charges for year	(25,925)	(25,925)
Income received	71,152	71,152
Decrease in value of investment	(230,340)	(230,340)
At end of year	4,006,709	4,006,709
Market value at 31 July 2022	4,006,709	4,006,709
Market value at 31 July 2021	3,717,822	3,717,822

The market value at 31 July 2022 comprises a sum of £4,006,709 (2021: £3,717,822) managed by Brewin Dolphin.

17. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS CONTINUED

The aggregated amount of capital and reserves and a summary of the subsidiary results for the financial year were as follows:

	2022	2021
Capital and Reserves	19	19

	2022 £000	2021 £000
Turnover	727	533
Expenses	687	483
Surplus for the year	40	50
Add tax refund/ Less tax on surplus	-	(5)
Less Gift Aid	(40)	
Surplus for the year after tax	(0)	45

18. STOCKS

	GROUP 2022 £000	CHARITY 2022 £000	GROUP 2021 £000	CHARITY 2021 £000
Donated goods	36	36	36	36
Merchandise	-	-	30	-
Caffi HEMS	-	-	2	-
Fuel Stock	51	-	18	-
	87	36	86	36

19. DEBTORS

	GROUP 2022 £000	CHARITY 2022 £000	GROUP 2021 £000	CHARITY 2021 £000
Amounts falling due within 1 year				
Welsh Air Ambulance Trading Ltd	-	103	-	123
Trade debtor	84	16	88	54
Legacy Debtors	4,217	4,217	5,062	5,062
Accrued Income & Other Debtors	95	86	65	49
Prepayments	805	762	143	121
VAT debtors	70	57	51	39
Taxation & Social Security	2	-	-	-
	5,273	5,240	5,409	5,448
Amounts falling due after 1 year	-	90	-	-
Welsh Air Ambulance Trading Ltd	-	90	-	-
	5,273	5,331	5,409	5,448

Two separate loan agreements are in place between Welsh Air Ambulance Charitable Trust and Welsh Air Ambulance Trading Ltd. Loan interest of £4,010 has been charged this year.

Included in the charity debtors is a balance of £193,000 (2021 £118,000) from Welsh Air Ambulance Trading. This amount includes a gift aid payment of £39,688 (2021 £nil).

20. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	GROUP 2022 £000	CHARITY 2022 £000	GROUP 2021 £000	CHARITY 2021 £000
Trade Creditors	464	329	489	406
Pension / PAYE accrual	50	50	31	31
Deferred Income	607	607	565	565
Accruals	915	909	344	340
Taxation & Social Security	-	-	2	-
	2,036	1,895	1,431	1,342

Deferred income relates to lottery membership paid in advance of the prize draws.

21. DEFERRED TAX LIABILITY

	£000
Balance at 1 August 2021	3
Timing differences	-
Balance at 31 July 2022	3

22. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

GROUP	AT 1 AUGUST 2021	INCOME	EXPENSES	TRANSFER	UNREALISED GAIN ON INVESTMENTS	AT 31 JULY 2022
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Unrestricted funds						
General funds	11,548	15,168	(12,439)	(5,239)	(230)	8,807
Designated funds:						
- Fixed Asset Fund	1,459	-	(155)	122	-	1,426
- Night Flying	743	-	(743)	-	-	-
- MEDTRiM	-	-	-	67	-	67
- Aircraft procurement	-	-	-	350	-	350
- Future Aviation contract	-	-	-	4,700	-	4,700
Restricted funds						
Fixed Asset Fund	6	-	(6)	-	-	-
Restricted Use Funds	10	234	(150)	-	-	95
	13,766	15,402	(13,493)	-	(230)	15,445

CHARITY	AT 1 AUGUST 2021	INCOME	EXPENSES	TRANSFER	UNREALISED GAIN ON INVESTMENTS	AT 31 JULY 2022
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Unrestricted funds						
General funds	11,583	14,546	(11,825)	(5,231)	(230)	8,843
Designated funds:						
- Fixed Asset Fund	1,407	-	(148)	113	-	1,372
- Night Flying	743	-	(743)	-	-	-
- MEDTRiM	-	-	-	67	-	67
- Aircraft procurement	-	-	-	350	-	350
- Future Aviation contract	-	-	-	4,700	-	4,700
Restricted funds						
Fixed Asset Fund	6	-	(6)	-	-	-
Restricted Use Funds	10	234	(150)	-	-	95
	13,748	14,781	(12,872)	-	(230)	15,427

22. STATEMENT OF FUNDS CONTINUED

GROUP	AT 1 AUGUST 2020	INCOME	EXPENSES	TRANSFER	UNREALISED GAIN ON INVESTMENTS	AT 31 JULY 2021
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Unrestricted funds						
General funds	8,618	12,528	(10,044)	(99)	545	11,548
Designated funds:						
- Fixed Asset Fund	1,546	-	(186)	99	-	1,459
- Night Flying	1,704	-	(961)	-	-	743
Restricted funds						
Fixed Asset Fund	33	-	(27)	-	-	6
Restricted Use Funds	10	629	(629)	-	-	10
	11,911	13,157	(11,847)	-	545	13,766

CHARITY	AT 1 AUGUST 2020	INCOME	EXPENSES	TRANSFER	UNREALISED GAIN ON INVESTMENTS	AT 31 JULY 2021
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Unrestricted funds						
General funds	8,697	12,056	(9,621)	(94)	545	11,583
Designated funds:						
- Fixed Asset Fund	1,494	-	(181)	94	-	1,407
- Night Flying	1,704	-	(961)	-	-	743
Restricted funds						
Fixed Asset Fund	33	-	(27)	-	-	6
Restricted Use Funds	10	629	(629)	-	-	10
	11,938	12,685	(11,419)	-	545	13,748

THE FUNDS REPRESENT

Fixed Asset

The capital spend designated fund represents the surpluses which have been spent on capital assets. These surpluses are not available since the cash has been committed on such assets.

Night Flying

The Charity realised its long term objective to provide a 24/7 service for the people of Wales in December 2020. This fund was set up to support the additional costs of night flying.

MEDTRiM

Funds designated to raise awareness about mental wellbeing and resilience across the service and involve the introduction of a formal approach for supporting Clinical staff following exposure to a traumatic event.

Aircraft procurement

The Charity's historical Aviation contracts saw its suppliers holding the leases for all aircraft, however to protect the Charity's lifesaving service, Trustees have agreed that after the end of the existing contract (31 Dec 2023) three of the aircraft will be directly leased to the Charity. Trustees have therefore designated funds for the security deposit of these aircraft.

Future Aviation contract

Due to the significant rise in the Charity's Aviation costs that will be felt from 2024 as we enter a new Aviation contract, funds have been designated to cover the forecast deficits in the early years of the contract. Whilst the Charity has plans to increase its income to ensure it is able to meet the increased service delivery costs in the long term, this is likely to take four to five years to achieve. Trustees will use this fund to ensure the Charity can maintain its service provision until such time.

Restricted Funds:

Fixed Asset Fund

The balance of restricted funds carried forward relates to the net book value of fixed assets purchased.

Restricted Use Fund

These restricted funds are unspent funds, restricted in purpose, to be used in the future.

Donor	Purpose of fund	Opening balance 2022	Income 2022	Expenditure 2022	Transfers 2022	Closing balance 2022
£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Individual Donation	Rapid Response Vehicle Caernarfon - running costs	-	-	-	-	-
Various Donors	Childrens Wales Air Ambulance - general	-	8	(8)	-	-
Various Donors	Welshpool base - general	-	-	-	-	-
Various Donors	Caernarfon base - general	-	6	(6)	-	-
Grace Trust	Grant for Patient Relative Room	-	3	(3)	-	-
Various Donors	For use in North Wales - general	-	86	(86)	-	-
Individual Legacy Gift	For use in Powys - general	-	1	(1)	-	-
Total		-	103	(103)	-	-

General Funds

These are the reserves remaining when restricted and designated funds are excluded from the total amount. General Funds are held so that the charity can continue its operations in the event of an unforeseen shortfall in voluntary income or increase in costs.

23. A CURRENT YEAR 12 MONTHS AND PRIOR 12 MONTHS COMBINED POSITION AS FOLLOWS:

GROUP	AT 1 AUGUST 2020	INCOME	EXPENSES	TRANSFER	UNREALISED GAIN ON INVESTMENTS	AT 31 JULY 2022
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Unrestricted funds						
General funds	8,618	27,696	(22,483)	(5,338)	314	8,807
Designated funds:						
- Fixed Asset Fund	1,546	-	(341)	221	-	1,426
- Night Flying	1,704	-	(1,704)	-	-	-
- MEDTRiM	-	-	-	67	-	67
- Aircraft procurement	-	-	-	350	-	350
- Future Aviation contract	-	-	-	4,700	-	4,700
Restricted funds						
Fixed Asset Fund	33	-	(33)	-	-	-
Restricted Use Funds	10	864	(779)	-	-	95
	11,911	28,559	(25,340)	(0)	314	15,445

CHARITY	AT 1 AUGUST 2020	INCOME	EXPENSES	TRANSFER	UNREALISED GAIN ON INVESTMENTS	AT 31 JULY 2022
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Unrestricted funds						
General funds	8,697	26,602	(21,446)	(5,324)	314	8,843
Designated funds:						
- Fixed Asset Fund	1,494	-	(329)	207	-	1,372
- Night Flying	1,704	-	(1,704)	-	-	-
- MEDTRiM	-	-	-	67		67
- Aircraft procurement	-	-		350		350
- Future Aviation contract	-	-		4,700		4,700
Restricted funds						
Fixed Asset Fund	33	-	(33)	-	-	-
Restricted Use Funds	10	1,061	(976)	-	-	95
	11,938	27,466	(24,291)	-	314	15,427

24. SHARE CAPITAL

The charitable company is limited by guarantee and as such has no share capital. In the event of the charitable company being wound up, the liability of each member is limited to £10.

25. GIFT AID

During the year the Charity was gift-aided a donation of £40k (2021: £nil) from its wholly owned subsidiary, Welsh Air Ambulance Trading Limited. (Company number 04036635)

25. FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

Financial commitments under non cancellable operating leases will result in the following annual payments in respect of land and buildings:

	LAND & BUILDINGS			
	CHARITY 2022 £000	GROUP 2022 £000	CHARITY 2021 £000	GROUP 2021 £000
Expiring within 1 year	279	40	279	33
Expiring within 2-5 years	199	183	199	173
Expiring after 5 years	-	2,377	-	2,427

Financial commitments under non cancellable operating leases will result in the following annual payments in respect of motor vehicles:

	MOTOR VEHICLES			
	CHARITY 2022 £000	GROUP 2022 £000	CHARITY 2021 £000	GROUP 2021 £000
Expiring within 1 year	-	-	29	29
Expiring with 2-5 years	-	-	-	-
Expiring after 5 years	-	-	-	-

26. TRUSTEE INDEMNITY INSURANCE

Included in administration costs is the cost of Trustees' liability insurance amounting to £2,601 (2021 £2,763).

Rhuddlan Town Council

Current Bank A/c

List of Payments made between 01/11/2023 and 30/11/2023

Date Paid	Payee Name	Reference	Amount Paid	Authorized Ref	Transaction Detail
09/11/2023	Goodsigns & Print	PABT0253	11.84	111352	A3 Posters for Community Marke
09/11/2023	Goodsigns & Print	PABT0254	109.20	111390	Pinger post fitting kit
09/11/2023	Goodsigns & Print	PABT0255	99.37	111391	Toilet signs and stickers
09/11/2023	David Kynaston	PABT0256	160.00	02303	Signwriting 2 boards
09/11/2023	HSBC UK	DD	8.00		Bank Charges 21/9 to 20/10
09/11/2023	Thomas Fattorini Ltd	PABT0257	313.54	I281628	Bars for Mayoress Chain
09/11/2023	RHUDDLAN TOWN COMMUNITY	PABT0258	150.00	119	Community Market October 23
09/11/2023	Renewable Green Energy Limited	PABT0259	180.00	831	Hwb heating modifications
09/11/2023	Premier Farnell UK Limited	PABT0260	379.00	4305270	PA Unit (Pay SW expense card)
09/11/2023	Denbighshire County Council	PABT0261	3,700.00	802032027	Youth Club Costs
09/11/2023	BT	PABT0262	64.80	M011 I8	Hwb Wifi (2 months)
09/11/2023	Glascoed Timber	PABT0263	2,220.00	A62	Fell Tree, hedge cuts AF & VF
09/11/2023	Steve Wilson	PABT0264	180.00	ME/MK/VS	Travel Expenses October
09/11/2023	Web Studio North Wales	DD	240.00		Website and Social Media Mgmt
09/11/2023	Rhyl Raptors Wheelchair Sports	PABT0265	100.00		Annual Photograpgy events
09/11/2023	Canda Copying Limited	PABT0266	40.44	463954	Photocopier copy charge Qtly
09/11/2023	Canda Copying Limited	PABT0267	37.20	463595	Photocopier rental charge Qtly
09/11/2023	British Gas	DD	57.81	5982494	Electricity Hwb
09/11/2023	British Gas	DD	94.06	5981948	Electricity MUGA
09/11/2023	Paul Smith	SO	227.87		Salary
09/11/2023	Steve Wilson	SO	1,780.11		Salary
09/11/2023	Atom Leaflets	PABT0268	312.50	0299	Remembrance Sunday programmes
09/11/2023	G J Teeson Ltd	CHQ102948	72,842.64	Inv 3180	Admirals Field Path first paym
09/11/2023	Vodafone	DD	13.73	Clerk's Mobile	Vodafone
09/11/2023	NEST Pension	DD	283.32		Pension
09/11/2023	HMRC	PABT0269	981.63		PAYE and NI
		Total Payments	84,587.06		