

2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING CHAIR'S ANNUAL REPORT

Good evening everybody.

Noswaith dda I bawb.

Mae yn bleser mawr gen I I ddymuno fy adroddiad blynyddol i'r cyfarfod yma henno.

It gives me great pleasure once again to present my Annual Report to this Annual General Meeting. It is always a pleasure, but more so this year due to what has been taking up our time to hopefully move forward.

After 12 years of working with our colleagues, including **18 months of Lockdown**, we find ourselves entrenched in planning to make the Canolfan that much bigger, and better.

To establish that position, the populace of the Seiriol Ward were contacted at various meetings asking the questions as to what they wished to see in their Centre in future years.

Those responses were analysed by the Directors and it was agreed that there was a great need to extend the building in various ways.

An extension group was formed and Plans were drawn up with the assistance of **Katie Havward** our appointed Project Manager and **Russell Hughes, Architects**. What was put together was presented to Anglesey Council Planning on our behalf by **Beaumaris Town Council**, for which we are very grateful, and was given 100% support to go ahead.

Of course alongside that was the task of seeking Funding from various sources, and that task is still ongoing. I can reveal that we seek circa £4m in funding for the whole project, **and why not we say.**

We, collectively have proved that our Community will support their Centre so it's only right that that in turn our Community is supported. We have a good reputation for what we do within and for the Communities of the Seiriol Ward, so our view is clear in the fact that you deserve to be supported as well.

Our Staff have continued to facilitate all the events and services that are requested and offered. Those services have been added to with a great degree of success over the years, so our thanks must go to Warren. Sarah. Sam and Jemma who have worked diligently to ensure that the users are kept satisfied. That is clearly shown in the increase of users. They in turn have been ably supported by our Part Time and Casual Staff, so our thanks to them also for their support.

Our thanks also go to all our Volunteers for the support that they give, support that is looked at with envy by other like Organisations in Anglesey. Can I also thank the Directors for the work that they do, working within their groups progressing matters that will benefit the future.

Having said what I have just said it is important to recognise certain individuals for the work that they do on behalf of the Canolfan.

I start with Mark Creegan who works diligently in Painting various portraits which he displays in the far corridor and then sells quite a few, with the income being shared between **Gwynedd and Mon MS Societv** and the **Canolfan** itself. Along with Di Airie they also run the Bonus Ball scheme which brings in approximately £3000 per annum. Thank you to them both.

PS if your not a member its only a matter of filling a form.

Thank you to Shan Macvicar for administrating income from the Car Parks and the Library, and thank you also to Caron Williams for administering the Staff Salaries

I mention the work that has been put in to support the plans to extend the building. That task has involved many, many hours of writing bids and drawing up plans etc so thanks go to:

**Karen Begley our Company Secretary=====Roger Thomas, Director
Andrew Reid, Director=== and your Vice Chair Stephen MacVicar
Mammoth amount of work put in by all**

As I said initially, there is a much brighter element of reporting this year and although we mentioned some achievements at the last AGM, it is appropriate to update everyone of all the good things that can and do happen with either being employed or just involved with the Canolfan.

“Refer to the list”

A Celebration of achievements

Start with the fact that we survived through the Lockdown and we re-opened on 17th March 2021

As stated previously thanks to the efforts of Warren and his Team

We celebrate the team's achievements.

SAM was a UK Coaching , Community Coach of the Year Finalist in 2020

Bethan Evans completed her degree in hospitality and attracted a new post with Catch 22 in Valley.

Rhys Owen completed his Level 2 in Fitness Instruction, and found employment with Ynys Mon County Council.

We celebrate many Volunteer achievements:

Karen, our Company Secretary was awarded Chartered Fellow of CIMSPA (That is a sporting award)

Angela, Anna

Mark

Val Verbi achievements in fundraising through their own efforts for the Canolfan.

Steve Macvicar became a Member of the British Empire (BEM) for all his work within the Community.

And success in Sport:

We celebrate success again this year.

- With our Pickleballers who continue to win medals, with Gold going to Nicola Day from Beaumaris and her Partner in the English Open., and more medals in the English Nationals.

And we celebrate with:

Gilly Prior, a gymnastic training at Canolfan Beaumaris, under the watchful eye of Sarah Hockenhall Lewis. Gilly became Adult British Champion in her section winning a GOLD MEDAL

And finally our collective achievement as a business is to have built the Business up to a stage where we are so busy we have to increase the size of the building so that we can accomadate the requirements of our Community and create further employment opportunities.

Finally in concluding my report, may I thank everyone who has turned up this evening and thank you for your ongoing support, and do hope that you will go from here better informed.

May I wish everyone the compliments of the forthcoming season and trust that 2024 will be an even better year in every way.

Thank you all

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