

Neuadd Bentref Dyffryn Ardudwy a Thalybont

Annual General Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, 27 July 2026

Time: 7:00 pm

Venue: Dyffryn Ardudwy & Talybont Village Hall

Present

Committee:

Trustee Edward Griffiths (Chair), Trustee Nia Rees (Vice Chair), Trustee Ifor Williams, Trustee Jennifer Yuill, Trustee Sian Edwards, Trustee Beth Bailey, Trustee John Ceri Evan, Trustee Gwynfor Evans, Trustee Edward Williams, Officer Ffion Thomas (Treasurer), Officer Heather Williams (Secretary).

In attendance:

23 members of the public

1. Welcome and Opening of the Meeting

The Chair welcomed everyone to the Annual General Meeting and thanked them for attending.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Trustee Deilwen Anderson.

3. Approval of Minutes of Previous AGM

The minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting were approved as a true and accurate record.

4. Annual Report – 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026

Trustee Edward Griffiths, Chair, presented the Annual Report, highlighting the work undertaken during the year, including improvements to the Hall, developments in governance and financial management, refurbishment of the Games Room, and increased community use.

The meeting also received an update on the former snooker room and the ongoing matter concerning the snooker table.

The report was received and noted.

5. Annual Accounts – 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026

Trustee Ifor Williams presented the annual accounts on behalf of the Treasurer.

Income for the year was £22,501.79 and expenditure was £20,110.70, resulting in a surplus of £2,391.09. The year-end balance was £14,908.55.

The accounts were received and noted.

6. Questions on the Annual Report and Accounts

Questions and comments were invited from those present.

There were no questions relating directly to the Annual Report or Annual Accounts.

7. Any Other Business

Trustee Jennifer Yuill shared the news that the Hall had been successful in its application to Gwynedd Council's Community Fund for funding towards the reopening of the cafe.

A number of questions were then raised by members of the public that were not directly related to the Annual Report or Accounts.

Current Trustees and Officers

A question was asked regarding who the current members of the Committee are. Trustee Edward Griffiths identified and named the Trustees and Officers present.

Storage for Hall User Groups

A representative of the Sequence Dancing Group asked whether additional storage could be provided for Hall user groups, including space for tea and coffee-making supplies and cups.

The Chair explained that the Hall had recently purchased additional equipment for users, including 100 cups, a hot water urn, kettle and teapots. It was confirmed that the cups are regularly checked by the Hall cleaner and that five smaller teapots are also available.

A request was made to place the hot water urn on a stand. It was explained that, for health and safety reasons, it must remain on a flat and sturdy surface.

The representative also asked about lockers previously discussed by the Committee. It was explained that these would be small personal lockers and would not be suitable for storing larger quantities of equipment.

One attendee suggested that the reopening of the cafe may reduce the need for groups to store refreshments, while also supporting the cafe.

The Chair thanked attendees for their suggestions and explained that, due to limited space and the Hall's use by many different groups, dedicated storage could not currently be provided for

every user. It was also noted that corridors, doorways and escape routes must be kept clear at all times for safety.

Cafe Reopening

A question was asked regarding when the cafe would reopen. It was explained that the Committee had only recently received confirmation of the grant and would need to establish the availability of tradespeople before work could commence.

A condition of the grant was that the funding must be claimed by March 2027, and the project would therefore need to be completed by that date. The cafe would also need to be put out to tender for an operator.

If all went to plan, it was anticipated that the cafe would be fully operational by this time next year.

Snooker Table

An attendee asked about the current whereabouts of the snooker table. It was explained that the Trustees still did not know where the table was and that the police had advised that they considered the matter to be a civil dispute and were therefore unable to pursue it. The police had advised the Trustees that any further action would need to be taken through a solicitor.

Two attendees stated that the table belonged to the community and shared their knowledge of the fundraising undertaken to purchase it.

Attendees were invited to express their views on what action they considered should be taken regarding the missing table. The majority expressed the view that the table should either be returned to the community or that the Snooker Club should provide funds reflecting the value of the table, to be reinvested in the community.

It was explained that pursuing either outcome would likely require action through the Small Claims Court. A number of attendees expressed the view that, if court action was necessary, the matter should still be pursued.

Attendees were then asked to vote on whether they supported the Trustees pursuing the matter through the courts. A clear majority of those present voted in favour, with three attendees voting against. The Trustees and officers abstained from the vote.

One attendee expressed the view that the matter should not be pursued, as the Hall was currently doing well and further action could cause renewed unrest within the community. A question was also raised regarding the potential costs involved. Another attendee responded that the Snooker Club should not be allowed to take something that belongs to the whole community.

It was explained that the Snooker Club had valued the table and associated equipment at £9,000 in November 2025. The solicitor had indicated that the matter would be pursued as far

as possible on a pro bono basis, with the Hall being responsible for the court fees. This was met with a round of applause from those present.

Following the discussion, the Trustees agreed that a letter would be sent to the Snooker Club requesting the return of the table or, alternatively, an offer of compensation in line with its stated valuation. If neither outcome was achieved, the matter would then be considered for further action through the courts.

An attendee then asked whether the Snooker Club had a constitution. It was reported that this had not been shared with the Trustees.

Final Questions

The Chair asked whether there were any further questions. There were no further questions; however, one attendee wished to thank the Trustees and Officers for their hard work and commitment over the past year. They commented on the significant difference in the Hall, particularly in relation to the events that had been organised and the grants that had been applied for and successfully awarded.

This was followed by a round of applause from the other attendees.

8. Close of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at **7:25 pm**.

Signed by:

Date: