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AWEN@theLibrary
A Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustees Annual Report

The Trustees present their report of the charity for the year ending 31st August 2018.

1. Objectives and activities of the Charity

These are as follows:

“To further or benefit those persons residing studying, working or undertaking voluntary activity within Whitchurch and Tongwynlais (or its successor) and the surrounding areas, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said persons and the local authority, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education, the arts, culture and heritage and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for those persons.

In furtherance of these objects but not otherwise, the trustees shall have power:

to provide support to Whitchurch library and to maintain, develop or manage or co-operate with any statutory authority in the maintenance, development and management, of a cultural centre for activities promoted by the charity in furtherance of the above objects.”

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission’s general guidance on public benefit when reviewing AWEN@theLibrary’s aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

The objectives of the original business plan included:

- a. working for the continued public funding and management of the library
- b. raising funds for the library
- c. working for the greater community use of the library
- d. transforming the library into a cultural hub (by adding a new extension)

The charity has promoted community events comprising conversations, lectures, musical evenings, poetry and book readings, children’s arts and craft groupst. These

have been open to the community without charge. Voluntary collections have been taken. In addition to their intrinsic value - advancing education, the arts and culture - they have raised funds for the above business plan objectives.

These objectives remain the focus of the current Trustees. It is most important that we recognise the need to think of the library not only as a place for books, but other activities for the community such as arts and information.

2. Achievements and Performance

The charity has also achieved much this year with a wide range of events, described under activities for the public benefit above, and delivered by a committed group of members, some with very significant artistic skills. This is a real strength of AWEN and one which it is intended to further develop over the forthcoming year. The programme of events that we have arranged are as follows

Date	Event	Description
Mondays 2 -3 From Sept	FAN group	A chance to meet with friends and neighbours
3rd Thurs of month	Afternoon Book group 2.15 Evening Book group 6.00	A chance for adults to meet together to discuss a book each month
Every Friday pm	Afternoon craft session	People bring their own craft activity to work on
16th Sept -1st Oct	Awen display in library	Pictures from Awen events and Past present and Future day
20th Sept 7.00	Quiz +Awen meeting	A quiz for members and friends Meeting for new and old members + coffee and cake, sorry no alcohol!
26th Sept 2.15	Reminiscence Group	What do we remember about Whitchurch in the past?
Sept/Oct	Whitchurch Chapel and Churches Walk	A walk round 4 chapels/churches with their history explained
28th Sept 7.00	Catherine Fisher	Imaginary prisons and other stories - a local writer talks about and reads her work
30th Sept	Chinese activities	Children's event organised by
1st Oct 2.30	Senior Sunday	Walk in the park plus tea and cake in the library
11th Oct 7.00	Huw Aaron Cartoonist	'What does a cartoonist do all day?'
27th Oct 7.00	Rhodri: a Political Life in Wales and Westminster	A talk by Julie Morgan and Prys Morgan about Rhodri's book

Dec 9th evening	Awen Christmas Concert	Plough Singers and soloists
16th December am	Christmas decorations	Making table decorations, for kids and adults
20th Jan 2018	Bird watching RSPB	Part of the Garden Bird watch event
6th March	Reminiscence group	What do we remember about Whitchurch in the past?
19th March	Silver Surfers drop in each Sat	Students from the High school help older members of the community with lap tops, phones and computers
29th May half term	Plant sale and bedding plants with Dave Jones	Awen Volunteers and parks Dept planting session plus plant sale
June 2nd 10am	RSPB session for children	Hedges examination in the park activities in the library
June 7th – 21st	Exhibition of photos of St Mary's Church Yard by Whitchurch High Year 10	High School art deyp exhibition pf photos taken in local church park
June 7th 7.15	Launch event	
June 9th 2.15	Church Walk 2.15pm from St Mary's Church Yard - Methodist	Walk to three churches with talk by minister in each
June 12th 6.00	Trip to Canfas exhibition: 'On the 3 rd Day'	Exhibition by three local artists
June 20th – 30th	Stall at Whitchurch Festival	Librarian of the future model making?
June 27th 7.15	Ukulele band	Band in the library in the evening
July	Trip to Canfas exhibition for Anthony Evans's exhibition	Exhibition by a local artist
Aug	Summer reading Challenge on 'Mischief Makers'	

Through these events the local community has become increasingly aware of AWEN and its activities. Membership has remained stable but it is recognised that this needs to be increased. Membership is encouraged at all events.

Links continue with schools and other community organisations, in particular, the Cardiff Story Museum, the local church and chapels and the Women's Institute.

The trustees would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has contributed to any of the activities that we have been involved with this year. The

group of volunteers who have helped at events have been wonderful, committed reliable, endlessly willing.

3. Financial review

In addition to our membership subscriptions (currently consisting of £5 per person per annum) our regular source of income has been the voluntary donations from the public collected at our events. This will continue. For details of finances see Treasurers report 2019

4. Plans for the future

Finally, the next 12 months will be challenging for all of us as the library service in Cardiff is changing. How we will work within the new structures is as yet unclear. Our vision for a vibrant arts venue in Whitchurch remains strong, but will it be possible. We will see!

The use of social media, fundraising and financial management are recognised as areas where we need to strengthen. More formal methods of recruitment may need to be employed to help identify suitable individuals.

5. Structure, Governance and Management

AWEN@theLibrary is a charitable incorporated organisation constituted on the association model. The organisation was formed out of a public meeting which took place in July 2015.

The CIO has a membership to which the board of no more than 12 trustees is accountable. The first trustees are those who subscribed to the CIO constitution when charitable registration was sought plus two later co-options. All these trustees retire at the first annual general meeting and thereafter trustees retire in rotation as provided by the constitution. The trustees meet every 6 -8 weeks. The work of the charity has been divided into smaller working groups who meet as needed. These are:

- a. Events & Publicity
- b. Fundraising
- c. Policy/governance

Each subcommittee brings a regular report to the Board of trustees for their consideration.

AWEN@theLibrary aims to recruit trustees who have specific expertise.

6. Reference and administrative details

Registered Charity Name – AWEN@theLibrary – Arts, Whitchurch, Eglwys Wen
Charity Registration Number – 1165980

Principal Contact address: 5 Birch Hill, Tongwynlais, Cardiff, CF15 7LL

The trustees who served the charity during the period were:

Dr Geoff Davis (Chair)
Mrs Sarah Duncan Jones
Mr Anthony Evans (Treasurer)
Mrs Judith Evans (Secretary)
Mr Christopher Griffin
Mr Robert Jones
Mr Josh Lewis
Mrs Christine Lewis
Mr Iain Claridge
Ms Meryl James
Ms Sue Stone

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Activities for the Public Benefit

7. Exemptions from disclosure

There are no exemptions from disclosure.



Geoff Davis
Chair of Trustees

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