

# Cynghrair Seiriol Alliance

## Chair's Report for AGM 2nd November 2022

### Introduction

The organisation was formally set up as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and registered with the Charity Commission on 2nd November 2020.

This is our first AGM and the first formal Chair's Report

Our Charitable Object as agreed with the Charity Commission is:

**To develop the capacity and skills of socially, economically or otherwise disadvantaged members of the community of Seiriol and the surrounding area, in such a way that their needs can be more effectively identified and met and that they are empowered to participate more fully in society.**

Being structured as a CIO and having such a wide ranging Charitable Object means that there is considerable flexibility in what we can do including

- borrowing money, taking on leases, acquiring property
- employing staff
- investing funds including employing a professional fund-manager
- raise funds by way of subscriptions and donations
- run services through specific steering committees
- apply for grants

A CIO cannot, however, undertake any permanent trading activities to raise funds for its charitable objectives.

Since our formation in 2020 as a CIO we have tried to build on the good work of the Pobl Seiriol / Seiriol Alliance structure previously in place. We are indebted to the support of Medrwn Môn, the IOACC and all the members of the Alliance particularly the Town and Community Councils. I am also indebted to the support of our trustees:

Alwyn Rowlands (Vice Chair), Janet Owens (Treasurer), Alun Foulkes, Di Bell, Canon Robert Townsend and Dr. Ifan Morgan

### Activity in the last two years:

#### **(1) Grants awarded**

- Llanfaes Community Centre (Replacement Defibrillator Pads) : £100
- Llanddona Community Council (Defibrillator Cabinet): £490
- Llangoed & Penmon Community Council (Penmon Defibrillator):£500
- Llandegfan Parish Hall (Defibrillator): £500
- Llangoed & Penmon Community Council (Benches): £500
- Llangoed Girl Guides (Hut carpet): £200
- Church of St. Mary and Nicholas, Beaumaris (Garden benches) £500
- Puffin: £160
- Girl Guides Hut Rent Support £ 50
  
- Various recipients of proceeds from 2021 Cycle Ride £1,400

## **(2) Employment of Intergenerational Development Officer**

Thanks to Intergrated Care Funding (ICF) supported by Medrwn Môn, IOACC and the Health Board, and in partnership with Canolfan Beaumaris's employment structure, we have secured an Intergenerational Development Officer for the Seiriol Area. Rhian has been working in the role since July 2021 and funding has been secured hopefully until 2024.

Despite the restraints of the pandemic, Rhian has facilitated a number of activities including

- Community tile project (Llanddona)
- Benches and garden project (Llanfaes)
- Community Vegetable Growing Project (Beaumaris)
- Establishment of a monthly Repair Cafe (Beaumaris, Llangoed and Llandegfan)
- Support for Caffi Cofio weekly alternating venue Llanddona / Llanfairwpll
- Pen Pal project with Menter Iaith
- Hwyl Y Haf activities for families this summer (around 200 attendees)
- Defibrillator Training in various venues across Seiriol (69 attendees to date)

Secondment to Medrwn Môn providing Local Asset Coordinator (LAC) cover since early 2022 has taken Rhian away some of her IDO work but has given her valuable experience about the challenges facing some individuals in the Seiriol area and this will benefit her work when she returns full-time to her IDO role in 2023.

## **(3) Seiriol Community Defibrillator Network improved and publicised**

## **(4) Seiriol Good Turn Scheme (SGTS)**

The SGTS was established in March 2020 at the beginning of the pandemic and has undertaken over 3,000 "Good Turns" in the past 2 years. The majority of the "Good Turns" involve supporting older people who are often socially isolated or struggling with physical and/or mental conditions such as dementia by

- providing community transport
- supporting Caffi Cofio sessions
- facilitating coffee mornings
- running shopping trips and other outings

I am grateful to Di Bell, the work of all the call handlers and the contributions of over 80 volunteers in the past 2 years for making all this possible.

I would also like to thank the Community Transport Association (CTA) who helped us secure over £45K of Welsh Government funding to purchase a fully electric people-carrier (EV) with wheelchair access. It has been in use since September 2021 and continues to help a number of wheelchair users get to appointments and social activities.

## **(5) Directory of Local Organisations established and circulated**

## **(6) Visit to Partneriaeth Ogwen this summer**

## **(7) Cwlwm Seiriol Project support**

## **(8) Forum for Seiriol community discussions**

- Canolfan Hamdden Beaumaris Development Lottery Bid consultations
- Cymuned website updates
- Refugee updates from Croeso Menai

## **(9) Competitions**

- Do you know your defibrillator?
- Seiriol's Got Talent

## **(10) Santa in Beaumaris 2020 and 2021!**

## **Future Development**

There is a long list of things that have progressed slowly over the past two years or not at all and a number of things we can do better. These range from updating our website, finding a secretary, making progress with the digital inclusion project, and organising the community cycle ride, to exploring renewable community energy projects.

There is also the challenge of ensuring the long term sustainability of the good work currently being done by the Cwlwm Seiriol project and future funding for posts like Rhian's.

In 2017 the Seiriol Alliance's six identified priorities were:

- Transport
- Health and Wellbeing
- Communication and Information sharing
- Community Activities
- Housing and Employment
- Environment

These remain as relevant as ever and I am confident that Cynghrair Seiriol Alliance can play its part in addressing these, meeting the challenges ahead, and supporting our communities in the Seiriol area. The Alliance looks forward to exploring with everyone the best way forward.