

Audited Body Name..... CEFN Community Council

NOTICE OF CONCLUSION OF AUDIT
Accounts year ended 31 March 2019
Section 29 of the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004
The Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014

Insert date of placing the Notice

1. Date of Notice 05 / 09 / 2019.

The date of conclusion of the audit is the date shown on the Auditor's Certificate and Report on the Annual Return.

2. Notice
The Audit of the Council's Accounts for the above year has been concluded on 30/8/19 by Grant Thornton UK LLP for and on Behalf of the Auditor General for Wales.

The Accounts must be published on conclusion of the Audit or on 30th September whichever is the earlier.

3. Publication of Accounts.
A copy of the Statement of Accounts and the Auditor's Certificate and Report thereon has been published.

Notice of these rights is required by the Act.

4. Local Government Elector's Rights
A Local Government Elector for the Council may obtain, inspect or take a copy of the Statement of Accounts and Auditor's Certificate and Report by arrangement with the Clerk at the address and times set out below. Copies will be provided to any local government elector on payment of £ 0.80 for each copy of the Annual Return.

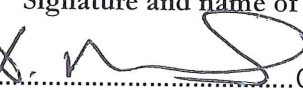
Complete as locally appropriate

5. Days and times of availability
Monday to Friday
8am - 2pm
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Complete as locally appropriate

6. Address where the Documents may be inspected or purchased
Council office
GEORGE GONAROS HALL
WELL STREET CEFN MAWR

Complete as appropriate

7. Signature and name of person giving Notice on behalf of Council
 Clerk and / or Responsible Financial Officer

Amend if necessary

This Notice is to be displayed for 14 days.

Enw'r Corff a Archwilir..... **CYNGOR Cymuned Cefn**

HYSBYSIAD O GWBLHAU'R ARCHWILIAD
Blwyddyn gyfrifon a ddaeth i ben 31 Mawrth 2019
Adran 29 o Ddeddf Archwilio Cyhoeddus (Cymru) 2004
Rheoliadau Cyfrifon ac Archwilio (Cymru) 2014

Nodwch y dyddiad y gosodwyd yr Hysbysiad

1. Dyddiad yr Hysbysiad **05 / 09** / 2019.

Dyddiad cwblhau'r archwiliad yw'r dyddiad a ddangosir ar Dystysgrif ac Adroddiad yr Archwilydd ar y Ffurflen Flynyddol.

2. Hysbysiad

Mae'r Archwiliad o Gyfrifon y Cyngor ar gyfer y flwyddyn uchod wedi'i gwblhau ar **30 / 8 / 19** gan Grant Thornton UK LLP dros ac ar ran Archwilydd Cyffredinol Cymru.

Mae'n rhaid cyhoeddi'r Cyfrifon ar ôl cwblhau'r Archwiliad neu ar 30 Medi p'un bynnag yw'r cynharaf.

3. Cyhoeddi'r Cyfrifon.

Mae copi o'r Datganiad Cyfrifon a Thystysgrif ac Adroddiad yr Archwilydd arno wedi'i gyhoeddi.

O dan y Ddeddf mae'n ofynnol rhoi gwybod am yr hawliau hyn.

4. Hawliau Etholwr Llywodraeth Leol

Gall Etholwr Llywodraeth Leol ar gyfer y Sir gael, archwilio neu gymryd copi o'r Datganiad Cyfrifon a Thystysgrif ac Adroddiad yr Archwilydd drwy drefniant â'r Clerc yn y cyfeiriad ac ar yr adegau a nodir isod. Rhoddir copïau i unrhyw etholwr llywodraeth leol ar ôl i ni dderbyn taliad o £..... **0.80** am bob copi o'r Ffurflen Flynyddol.

Cwblhewch fel y bo'n briodol yn lleol

5. Diwrnodau ac adegau y bydd y dogfennau ar gael

Dydd Llun - Dydd Iau
8am - 2pm

Cwblhewch fel y bo'n briodol yn lleol

6. Y cyfeiriad lle y gellir archwilio neu brynu'r Dogfennau

Swyddfa'r Cyngor
George Edwards Hall
Well Street Cefn Mawr

Cwblhewch fel y bo'n briodol

7. Llofnod ac enw'r unigolion sy'n rhoi Hysbysiad ar ran y Cyngor

[Signature] Clerc a / neu Swyddog Ariannol Cyfrifol

Diwygiwch os oes angen

Rhaid arddangos yr Hysbysiad hwn am 14 diwrnod.

Accounting statements 2018-19 for:

Name of body:

Insert name of body **CEFN Community Council**

	Year ending		Notes and guidance for compilers
	31 March 2018 (£)	31 March 2019 (£)	

Please round all figures to nearest £.
Do not leave any boxes blank and report £0 or nil balances.
All figures must agree to the underlying financial records for the relevant year.

Statement of income and expenditure/receipts and payments

1. Balances brought forward	188152	172926	Total balances and reserves at the beginning of the year as recorded in the financial records. Must agree to line 7 of the previous year.
2. (+) Income from local taxation/levy	140000	152192	Total amount of income received/receivable in the year from local taxation (precept) or levy/contribution from principal bodies.
3. (+) Total other receipts	57974	68767	Total income or receipts recorded in the cashbook minus amounts included in line 2. Includes support, discretionary and revenue grants.
4. (-) Staff costs	68731	77506	Total expenditure or payments made to and on behalf of all employees. Include salaries and wages, PAYE and NI (employees and employers), pension contributions and related expenses eg. termination costs.
5. (-) Loan interest/capital repayments	0	0	Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on external borrowing (if any).
6. (-) Total other payments	144469	147412	Total expenditure or payments as recorded in the cashbook minus staff costs (line 4) and loan interest/capital repayments (line 5).
7. (=) Balances carried forward	172926	168967	Total balances and reserves at the end of the year. Must equal (1+2+3) – (4+5+6).

Statement of balances

8. (+) Debtors and stock balances	4149	4168	Income and expenditure accounts only: Enter the value of debts owed to the body and stock balances held at the year-end.
9. (+) Total cash and investments	178086	173186	All accounts: The sum of all current and deposit bank accounts, cash holdings and investments held at 31 March. This must agree with the reconciled cashbook balance as per the bank reconciliation.
10. (-) Creditors	9309	8387	Income and expenditure accounts only: Enter the value of monies owed by the body (except borrowing) at the year-end.
11. (=) Balances carried forward	172926	168967	Total balances should equal line 7 above: Enter the total of (8+9-10).
12. Total fixed assets and long-term assets	1785022 <i>re-skated</i>	1785022	The asset and investment register value of all fixed assets and any other long-term assets held as at 31 March.
13. Total borrowing	NIL	NIL	The outstanding capital balance as at 31 March of all loans from third parties (including PWLB).

14. Trust funds disclosure note	Yes	No	N/A	Yes	No	N/A	The body acts as sole trustee for and is responsible for managing (a) trust fund(s)/assets (readers should note that the figures above do not include any trust transactions).
	✓			✓			

Annual Governance Statement (Part 1)

We acknowledge as the members of the Council/Board/Committee, our responsibility for ensuring that there is a sound system of internal control, including the preparation of the accounting statements. We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, with respect to the accounting statements for the year ended 31 March 2019, that:

	Agreed?		'YES' means that the Council/Board/Committee:	PG Ref
	Yes	No*		
1. We have put in place arrangements for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> effective financial management during the year; and the preparation and approval of the accounting statements. 	✓		Properly sets its budget and manages its money and prepares and approves its accounting statements as prescribed by law.	6, 12
2. We have maintained an adequate system of internal control, including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption, and reviewed its effectiveness.	✓		Made proper arrangements and accepted responsibility for safeguarding the public money and resources in its charge.	6, 7
3. We have taken all reasonable steps to assure ourselves that there are no matters of actual or potential non-compliance with laws, regulations and codes of practice that could have a significant financial effect on the ability of the Council/Board/Committee to conduct its business or on its finances.	✓		Has only done things that it has the legal power to do and has conformed to codes of practice and standards in the way it has done so.	6
4. We have provided proper opportunity for the exercise of electors' rights in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014.	✓		Has given all persons interested the opportunity to inspect the body's accounts as set out in the notice of audit.	6, 23
5. We have carried out an assessment of the risks facing the Council/Board/Committee and taken appropriate steps to manage those risks, including the introduction of internal controls and/or external insurance cover where required.	✓		Considered the financial and other risks it faces in the operation of the body and has dealt with them properly.	6, 9
6. We have maintained an adequate and effective system of internal audit of the accounting records and control systems throughout the year and have received a report from the internal auditor.	✓		Arranged for a competent person, independent of the financial controls and procedures, to give an objective view on whether these meet the needs of the body.	6, 8
7. We have considered whether any litigation, liabilities or commitments, events or transactions, occurring either during or after the year-end, have a financial impact on the Council/Board/Committee and, where appropriate, have included them on the accounting statements.	✓		Disclosed everything it should have about its business during the year including events taking place after the year-end if relevant.	6
8. We have taken appropriate action on all matters raised in previous reports from internal and external audit.	✓		Considered and taken appropriate action to address issues/weaknesses brought to its attention by both the internal and external auditors.	6, 8, 23
9. Trust funds – in our capacity as trustee, we have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> discharged our responsibility in relation to the accountability for the fund(s) including financial reporting and, if required, independent examination or audit. 	✓		Has met all of its responsibilities where it is a sole managing trustee of a local trust or trusts.	3, 6

* Please provide explanations to the external auditor on a separate sheet for each 'no' response given; and describe what action is being taken to address the weaknesses identified.

Annual Governance Statement (Part 2)

	Agreed?			'YES' means that the Council/Board/Committee:
	Yes	No*	N/A	
1. We have adopted standing orders and financial regulations as appropriate.	✓			Has properly established its internal rules setting out how it will conduct its business.
2. We have ensured that the Council's standing orders and financial regulations have been followed for all relevant transactions.	✓			Has followed its internal rules and reviewed its compliance with those rules
3. All committees and sub-committees of the council have been properly established and provided with appropriate terms of reference setting out the delegated responsibilities to make decisions or recommendations.	✓			Has ensured that where applicable, the Council has properly delegated its responsibilities to committees

* Please delete as appropriate.

Council/Board/Committee approval and certification

The Council/Board/Committee is responsible for the preparation of the accounting statements in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014 and for the preparation of the Annual Governance Statement.

<p>Certification by the RFO</p> <p>I certify that the accounting statements contained in this Annual Return presents fairly the financial position of the Council/Board/Committee, and its income and expenditure, or properly presents receipts and payments, as the case may be, for the year ended 31 March 2019.</p>	<p>Approval by the Council/Board/Committee</p> <p>I confirm that these accounting statements and Annual Governance Statement were approved by the Council/Board/Committee under minute reference:</p>
RFO signature: <i>signature required</i>	Insert minute reference and date of meeting <i>Min 11 21/5/2019</i>
Name: name required <i>TRINA NICHOLS-SMITH</i>	Chair signature: <i>PM Vaughan</i>
Date: dd/mm/yyyy <i>21/5/2019</i>	Name: name required <i>P.M VAUGHAN</i>
	Date: dd/mm/yyyy <i>21/5/2019</i>

Council/Board/Committee re-approval and re-certification (only required if the Annual Return has been amended at audit)

<p>Certification by the RFO</p> <p>I certify that the accounting statements contained in this Annual Return presents fairly the financial position of the Council/Board/Committee, and its income and expenditure, or properly presents receipts and payments, as the case may be, for the year ended 31 March 2019.</p>	<p>Approval by the Council/Board/Committee</p> <p>I confirm that these accounting statements and Annual Governance Statement were approved by the Council/Board/Committee under minute reference:</p>
RFO signature: <i>signature required</i>	Insert minute reference and date of meeting
Name: name required	Chair signature: <i>signature required</i>
Date: dd/mm/yyyy	Name: name required
	Date: dd/mm/yyyy

Auditor General for Wales' Audit Certificate and report

The external auditor conducts the audit on behalf of, and in accordance with, guidance issued by the Auditor General for Wales. On the basis of their review of the Annual Return and supporting information, they report whether any matters that come to their attention give cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.

We certify that we have completed the audit of the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2019 of:

CEFD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

External auditor's report

~~[[Except for the matters reported below]]~~* On the basis of our review, in our opinion, the information contained in the Annual Return is in accordance with proper practices and no matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.

~~[[These matters along with]]~~* Other matters not affecting our opinion which we draw to the attention of the body and our recommendations for improvement are included in our report to the body dated _____.

Other matters and recommendations

~~On the basis of our review, we draw the body's attention to the following matters and recommendations which do not affect our audit opinion but should be addressed by the body.~~

(Continue on a separate sheet if required.)

External auditor's name:

Grant Thornton UK LLP

External auditor's signature:

Grant Thornton UK LLP

Date:

30/8/19.

For and on behalf of the Auditor General for Wales

* Delete as appropriate.

Annual internal audit report to:

Name of body: **Insert name of body** **CEFN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

The Council/Board/Committee's internal audit, acting independently and on the basis of an assessment of risk, has included carrying out a selective assessment of compliance with relevant procedures and controls expected to be in operation during the financial year ending 31 March 2019.

The internal audit has been carried out in accordance with the Council/Board/Committee's needs and planned coverage. On the basis of the findings in the areas examined, the internal audit conclusions are summarised in this table. Set out below are the objectives of internal control and the internal audit conclusions on whether, in all significant respects, the following control objectives were being achieved throughout the financial year to a standard adequate to meet the needs of the Council/Board/Committee.

	Agreed?				Outline of work undertaken as part of the internal audit (NB not required if detailed internal audit report presented to body)
	Yes	No*	N/A	Not covered**	
1. Appropriate books of account have been properly kept throughout the year.	✓				
2. Financial regulations have been met, payments were supported by invoices, expenditure was approved and VAT was appropriately accounted for.	✓				
3. The body assessed the significant risks to achieving its objectives and reviewed the adequacy of arrangements to manage these.	✓				
4. The annual precept/levy/resource demand requirement resulted from an adequate budgetary process, progress against the budget was regularly monitored, and reserves were appropriate.	✓				
5. Expected income was fully received, based on correct prices, properly recorded and promptly banked, and VAT was appropriately accounted for.	✓				
6. Petty cash payments were properly supported by receipts, expenditure was approved and VAT appropriately accounted for.			✓		NO PETTY CASH
7. Salaries to employees and allowances to members were paid in accordance with minuted approvals, and PAYE and NI requirements were properly applied.	✓				
8. Asset and investment registers were complete, accurate, and properly maintained.	✓				

	Agreed?				Outline of work undertaken as part of the internal audit (NB not required if detailed internal audit report presented to body)
	Yes	No*	N/A	Not covered**	
9. Periodic and year-end bank account reconciliations were properly carried out.	✓				
10. Accounting statements prepared during the year were prepared on the correct accounting basis (receipts and payments/income and expenditure), agreed with the cashbook, were supported by an adequate audit trail from underlying records, and where appropriate, debtors and creditors were properly recorded.	✓				
11. Trust funds (including charitable trusts). The Council/Board/Committee has met its responsibilities as a trustee.	✓				

For any risk areas identified by the Council/Board/Committee (list any other risk areas below or on separate sheets if needed) adequate controls existed:

	Agreed?				Outline of work undertaken as part of the internal audit (NB not required if detailed internal audit report presented to body)
	Yes	No*	N/A	Not covered**	
12.					
13.					
14.					

* If the response is 'no', please state the implications and action being taken to address any weakness in control identified (add separate sheets if needed).

** If the response is 'not covered', please state when the most recent internal audit work was done in this area and when it is next planned, or if coverage is not required, internal audit must explain why not.

[My detailed findings and recommendations which I draw to the attention of the Council/Board/Committee are included in my detailed report to the Council/Board/Committee dated 15/05/2019.] * Delete if no report prepared.

Internal audit confirmation

I/we confirm that as the Council's internal auditor, I/we have not been involved in a management or administrative role within the body (including preparation of the accounts) or as a member of the body during the financial years 2017-18 and 2018-19. I also confirm that there are no conflicts of interest surrounding my appointment.

Name of person who carried out the internal audit: name	SHARON JONES (JDK BUSINESS SERVICES LTD)
Internal Auditor address:	CARREL WYD, CEFN BYCAN RD, DANTYMUWYN CHITSEW
Signature of person who carried out the internal audit: signature required	A Jones (JDK Business Services Ltd)
Date: dd/mm/yyyy	15/05/2019

Guidance notes on completing the Annual Return

1. You must apply proper practices when preparing this Annual Return. Proper practices are set out in the Practitioners' Guide.
2. Make sure that the Annual Return is fully completed ie, no empty red boxes. Please avoid making any amendments to the completed return. If this is unavoidable, cross out the incorrect entries, make sure the amendments are drawn to the attention of the body, properly initialled and an explanation for them is provided to the external auditor. **Please do not use correction fluid.** Annual returns that are incomplete or contain unapproved and/or unexplained amendments or correction fluid will be returned unaudited and may incur additional costs. Ask your auditor for an electronic copy of the form if required.
3. Use a second pair of eyes, perhaps the Chair or a member, to review your Annual Return for completeness before sending the original form to the auditor.
4. Make sure that your accounting statements add up, that the balance carried forward from the previous year (line 7 of 2018) equals the balance brought forward in the current year (line 1 of 2019). Explain any differences between the 2018 figures on this Annual Return and the amounts recorded in last year's Annual Return.
5. Explain fully any significant variances in the accounting statements. Do not just send in a copy of your detailed accounting records instead of this explanation. The external auditor wants to know that you understand the reasons for all variances. Include a detailed analysis to support your explanation and be specific about the values of individual elements making up the variances.
6. Make sure that the copy of the bank reconciliation you send to your auditor with the Annual Return covers **all** your bank accounts and cash balances. If there are no reconciling items, please state this and provide evidence of the bank balances. If your Council holds any short-term investments, please note their value on the bank reconciliation. The auditor should also be able to agree your bank reconciliation to line 9 in the accounting statements. More help on bank reconciliations is available in the Practitioners' Guide.
7. **Every council must send to the external auditor, information to support the assertions made in the Annual Governance Statement even if you have not done so before.** Your auditor will tell you what information you need to provide. Please read the audit notice carefully to ensure you include all the information the auditor has asked for. You should send **copies** of the original records (certified by the Clerk and Chair as accurate copies) to the external auditor and not the original documents themselves.
8. Please do not send the auditor any information that you are not specifically asked for. Doing so is not helpful.
9. If the auditor has to review unsolicited information, repeat a request for information, receives an incomplete bank reconciliation or explanation of variances or receives original documents that must be returned, the auditor will incur additional costs for which they are entitled to charge additional fees.
10. **Please deal with all correspondence with the external auditor promptly.** This will help you to meet your statutory obligations and will minimise the cost of the audit.
11. **Please note that if completing the electronic form, you must print the form for it to be certified by the RFO and signed by the Chair before it is sent to the auditor.**

Completion checklist – 'No' answers mean that you may not have met requirements		Done?	
Initial submission to the external auditor		Yes	No
Accounts	Do the papers to be sent to the external auditor include an explanation of significant variations from last year to this year?	✓	
	Does the bank reconciliation as at 31 March 2019 agree to Line 9?	✓	
Approval	Has the RFO certified the accounting statements and Annual Governance Statement (Regulation 15 (1)) no later than 30 June 2019?	✓	
	Has the body approved the accounting statements before 30 June 2019 and has Section 3 been signed and dated by the person presiding at the meeting at which approval was given?	✓	
All sections	Have all pink boxes in the accounting statements and Annual Governance Statement been completed and explanations provided where needed?	✓	
	Has all the information requested by the external auditor been sent with this Annual Return? Please refer to your notice of audit and any additional schedules provided by your external auditor.	✓	

If accounts are amended after receipt of the Auditor General's report on matters arising		Yes	No
Accounts	Have the amended accounting statements been approved and Section 3 re-signed and re-dated as evidence of the Board's approval of the amendments before re-submission to the auditor?		