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Coetir Mynydd  
COMPANY NUMBER 04918475

To October 31<sup>st</sup> 2008

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## BALANCE SHEET

### Assets

#### Fixed Assets

We are a community group, which owns 21 acres of woodland, including a lake and a dam. This is not a sellable asset, as witness the fact that the previous owner, Penrhyn Estate, donated us £25,000 to cover maintenance expenses (now in our savings account) when we bought it from them for £1 in 2004.

#### Current Net Assets

All figures below are in pounds sterling:

Current Account	3491.94
Petty Cash	0.00
Current Liabilities	0.00
14 day savings account	26,566.20
Total:	30,058.14

Almost all the funds in our current account have come from the Forestry Commission and are committed for improvement work. We have no liabilities. Please see the separate sheet for the breakdown of income and expenditure.

For the year ended October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008, the company was entitled to exemption under section 249A(1) of the Companies Act 1985, because the company's turnover was less than £1 million, and the balance sheet total is less than £1.4 million. No members have required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 249B(2). The directors acknowledge their responsibility for: i) Ensuring the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 221; and (ii) Preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of its profit and loss for the financial year in accordance with section 226, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

Approved by the Board of Directors

C. E. M. Yates  
Treasurer

J. Wong  
Secretary

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COMPANIES HOUSE

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# ANNUAL REPORT

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This is the fifth annual report of Coetir Mynydd and covers the period 1 November 2007 to 31 October 2008. During this period the business of the company was directed by the Board which comprised: Bryan Dickinson, Einir Frodsham, Mark Goddard, Gwen Griffiths, Dave Siviter, Sharon Sweeny, Bryn Williams, Jenny Wong, Mike Yates, Simon Maskrey and Mike Vitkovitch. The Board met on the 2/9/08. Minutes of these meetings are held at Ynys Uchaf and are available for inspection by members. During the year the registered address of the company was changed to Ynys Uchaf, Mynydd Llandygai.

Over the year, the Company undertook activities as described below.

## Parc yr Ocar

Restoration of the dry stone walls was completed in January 2008. Since then a small section has collapsed and will need repairs in the coming Spring.

Stock-proof fencing along Parc yr Ynys was completed in February ready for light grazing of this section when suitable livestock can be found.

The extremely wet year coupled with heavier use of the footpath has rendered sections of the main footpath almost unpassable. Side footpaths are also appearing and on steeper slopes are down to bare earth and eroding badly. Footpath use and maintenance is something that should be addressed in 2009 along with the preparation of the next 5 year management plan which needs to be in place by January 2010.

A 'tidy-up day' was organised on 9<sup>th</sup> March; 6 bin-bags of litter and over 100kg of old fencing mesh were removed. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped!

## Coed y Parc Dam / Micro-hydro

Routine monitoring of the dam continued and another year was added to the flow records which are required to determine the energy generation potential of the dam. Funding for micro-hydro remained unavailable through the year. What is required to take this forward is a detailed feasibility study which can form the basis for a

business plan to develop the most economically viable scheme.

## Woodland music project

The last of the Cydcoed funding was used to support a woodland music project for the young people. This was organised by Coed Call and held during February and March 2008 in the Neuadd Goffa. The workshops included the sourcing of fallen wood, fashioning them using green-woodworking techniques into percussion instruments and the composition and recording of a piece of music. The workshops were well attended and great fun!

## Bushcraft education project

Following on from the success of the Music workshops there was interest in providing more fun and educational events for young people. In June 2008 funding was obtained from the Forest Education Initiative (Forestry Commission), Camre Cymru (Deiniolen) and Llandygai Community Council to sponsor a forest-based bushcraft weekend for the young people. There were two attempts to run the course; the one in August was cancelled by Camre Cymru because of staff illness and that in November by consensus because of the weather. The event now needs to be re-organised for 2009.

## Parc y Bwlch consultation

In June 2008 a Russell Commission (WAG funding administered through WCVA) grant for Youth volunteering was obtained to undertake to undertake a youth-led consultation on community use and aspirations for Parc y Bwlch. Under the direction of WTA Education Services (Cambridge) the *action competence* approach was applied which gives the lead to the young people with the support of youth-workers. A core group of nine young people have collected 165 questionnaires from the 172 houses in the village and are now preparing a report of their findings.

Coetir Mynydd have just become aware that the Forestry Commission are considering Parc y Bwlch as one of six Pathfinder projects in Wales. This will be a three year project in which "FCW would like to examine the process involved in taking a community group to a higher level of woodland

management decision making , measure some of the outputs and resources required and put in place guidelines for FCW staff who work closely with communities".

## Biodiversity

Shortly after the last AGM a Wildlife Group was set up by a core of interested people with the objective of providing opportunities for people to learn more about the wildlife in the village. Activities included a Fungi walk in Parc yr Ocar, a visit by an expert in mosses, creation of a village bird checklist, a wildflower day and a joint meeting with the Antur Mynydd Garden Group on Wildlife Gardening.

Children at Ysgol Bodfeurig also helped make and install 3 bird-boxes and created a mini wild-flower meadow in the school grounds.

In November 2007 an application was made to CCW for funds to support a biodiversity project for the village and this was unsuccessful. However, in the last few weeks Coetir Mynydd has been approached by CCW to say that they are now able to make available up to £5,000 for a village project. The concept note provided in 2007 had the following objectives:

- To raise awareness and understanding of key habitats and species within the local area
- To develop a village-level surveying and monitoring initiative
- Promote community action for biodiversity

It was thought that this would include the translation of WildKey electronic guides for birds and trees, the mapping of key species, generation of village biodiversity checklists, guided walks, talks and activities at the school and youth club. If we want to take up this opportunity we need to turn the concept note into a project proposal over the next couple of weeks.

For electronic keys see:

<http://www.wildknowledge.co.uk/products/our-products/wildkey/>

## Llais y Goedwig

During 2008 a series of community woodland network meetings were organised by Coed Lleol and these generated sufficient momentum to create a Wales-wide association to represent community woodland interests. Llais y Goedwig was formed in November 2008 and will be launched by Elin Jones at the Senedd on the 10<sup>th</sup> February 2009 and in north Wales on the 20<sup>th</sup> February in Glasdir, Llanwrst (all welcome – check [www.coedlleol.org.uk](http://www.coedlleol.org.uk) for details which will be available shortly).

Jenny was involved in the working group which formed Llais y Goedwig and is Secretary for the Board until the first AGM scheduled for Autumn 2009.

## Activities for 2009

The next year is shaping up to be a busy one and we need the support of everyone to be successful. Volunteers are needed to help organise events and undertake practical tasks and please come along to events – they are for everyone. Here is a quick resume of the agenda for 2009:

- Preparation of next five-year BWW grant support to Parc yr Ocar management plan.
- Carry out minor wall maintenance & litter-clearing in Parc yr Ocar
- Prepare and manage projects
- Continue youth-led forestry consultations on Parc y Bwlch
- Assist the Forestry Commission on incorporation of community inputs to Parc y Bwlch management plan
- Run a village biodiversity project
- Run bushcraft course for young people
- Commission feasibility study for micro-hydro on Coed y Parc dam
- Join Llais y Goedwig

## Dates for early 2009

Saturday & Sunday 24-25<sup>th</sup> January. RSPB 'Big Garden Birdwatch':

see <http://www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch/>

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2009, 7.30 pm. Neuadd Goffa - Report of the consultation on Parc y Bwlch.

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2009, 10-4 pm (lunch provided) Llais y Goedwig launch & community woodland network meeting, Glasdir, Llanwrst

  
J. Wong.  
Secretary



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## 1. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE (THROUGH CURRENT ACCOUNT)

### INCOME

2007-8 subscriptions	325.00	
2008-9 subscriptions	90.00	
WCVA	4,895.00	Grant
Transfer	500.00	From Savings Account (see below)
Community Council	50.00	
Donations	345.00	
Interest	77.42	Cooperative Bank
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,282.42</b>	

### EXPENDITURE

CydCoed	142.16	Refund
GwaithCerrig Ffrancon Stonework	7,999.50	Stone Wall Boundaries for Parc yr Ynys
Company House	15.00	Annual Return
WTA	915.44	WCVA work
Martin Daws	3,747.14	WCVA work
Sundries	64.75	Use of Church and Postage
Mynydd Timber Services	940.00	Clearing timber from John Farnworth's boundary
C T Jones	2,850.84	Fencing
Rural Arbor Products	106.00	Annual Insurance
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16,780.83</b>	

### RECONCILIATION

TURNOVER	6,282.42	See above	
EXPENDITURE	16,780.83	See above	
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>-10,498.41</b>		
BANK - OPENING BALANCE	13,990.35	current account 1.11.2007	
BANK - CLOSING BALANCE		current account 31.10.2008	3,491.94
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,491.94</b>		<b>3,491.94</b>

## 2. 14-DAY SAVINGS ACCOUNT

OPENING BALANCE	26,193.83	1.11.2007
	-500.00	Transfer to Current Account
Interest Tax Paid	616.79	Cooperative Bank
CLOSING BALANCE	26,310.62	31.10.2008