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Coetir Mynydd
COMPANY NUMBER 04918475

To October 31st 2010

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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 (most still remaining 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	12,309 55
Petty Cash	0 00
Current Liabilities	0 00
14 day savings account	21,158 11
Total	33,467 66

Almost all the funds in the current account are committed for improvement work, £5,500 transferred from the Savings account is ready to purchase land for a mini Hydro scheme, and much of the rest is grant monies. We have no liabilities. Please see the separate sheet for the breakdown of income and expenditure.

For the year ended October 31st, 2010, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477(2) of the Companies Act 2006, because the company's turnover was less than £1 million, and the balance sheet total is less than £1.4 million. The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006. The directors acknowledge their responsibility for: (i) Ensuring the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386, and (ii) Preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year, and of its profit and loss for the financial year in accordance with section 393, 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

Jenny Wong
Secretary and Director

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1. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE (THROUGH CURRENT ACCOUNT)

INCOME

2009-10 subscriptions	105 00	
CCW	3,758 00	Grant
FCW	5,000 00	Grant
Event Income	118 60	
Interest	15 44	Cooperative Bank
TOTAL	8,997.04	

EXPENDITURE

Wild Resources	856 66	Biodiversity Project	CCW (includes long-term assets)
Sioned Huws	161 82	translation	CCW
Simon Maskrey	100 00	Biodiversity Project	CCW
Rod Gntten	349 60	Biodiversity Project	CCW
Rachel Taylor	396 35	Biodiversity Project	CCW
John Sweeny	150 00	Forest Education Session	CCW
DULAS	3,842 25	Hydro Power Feasibility Study	
Mynydd Web Design	540 00	Revamped web site	
Company House	15 00	Annual Return	
Y Neuadd Goffa	15 00	Meeting	
Jenny Wong	307 48	Biodiversity Project	CCW (includes long-term assets)
Bryan Dickinson	414 78	Biodiversity Project	CCW
Geoff Gibbs	150 00	Biodiversity Project	CCW
Jan Loxton	75 00	Biodiversity Project	CCW
RAP Ltd	114 00	Annual Public Liability Insurance	
TOTAL	7,487.94		

RECONCILIATION

TURNOVER	8,997.04	See above	
EXPENDITURE	7,487.94	See above	
BALANCE	1,509.10		
BANK - OPENING BALANCE	10,800.45	current account 1 11 2009	
BANK - CLOSING BALANCE		current account 30 10 2010	12,309 55
TOTAL	12,309.55		12,309.55

2. 14-DAY SAVINGS ACCOUNT

OPENING BALANCE	21,141.31	1 11 2009
Interest Tax Paid	16 80	Cooperative Bank
CLOSING BALANCE	21,158.11	30 10 2010

C. Mynydd
Treasurer

J. B. Jones
Secretary



ANNUAL REPORT

October 31st, 2010

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This is the seventh annual report of Coetir Mynydd and covers the period 1 November 2009 to 31 October 2010. During this period the business of the company was directed by the Board which comprised: Martin Daws, Bryan Dickinson, Eirir Frodsham (Chair), Mark Goddard, Gwen Gniffiths, Sharon Sweeny, Jenny Wong (Secretary) and Mike Vitkovitch assisted by two officers, Mike Yates (Treasurer) and Bryn Williams.

The year has felt very slow as much of it was spent applying with varying success for projects agreed last year and waiting on responses from grant funders and the authorities. Nevertheless the reputation of Coetir Mynydd continues to grow and we are well set up to take some big steps forwards in the coming year.

Forestry Commission Pathfinder

In February 2010 we were offered two grants of £5,000 each from the Forestry Commission to cover the costs of two studies as part of the Pathfinder project. One grant was to fund a consultation for the review of the Parc yr Ocar management plan and the other was to fund specialist inputs and training for the Parc y Bwlch consultation (more about both follows).

Parc yr Ocar management plan

During January and February 2010 we requested tenders from 3 companies experienced with facilitation of community consultation. The contract was won by Interface NRM and they then developed two surveys: one to investigate community awareness and satisfaction with the work of Coetir Mynydd, and the other to review satisfaction with the work undertaken from 2005 in Parc yr Ocar and to enquire what actions would be appropriate for the next five years.

The prepared questionnaires were delivered around the village on the 5th September 2010 and culminated in Interface staff being present at the Biodiversity Day to interview people face-to-face. The findings of these consultations are available to download on the website and as hard copy from Ynys Uchaf.

Thirteen people completed the questionnaire which is disappointing given the large numbers

who participated in the original participatory planning exercise. However, everyone said that they were basically happy with the present state of the woods and with improvements made by Coetir Mynydd. We are therefore satisfied that this gives us a mandate to continue managing the woods as we have been doing until now. A draft application to the Forestry Commission for a Better Woods for Wales grant to fund the management plan for 2010-15 is under preparation by Jools Miller our woodland agent.

Site visits with Jools Miller suggested that the footpath is becoming very worn and requires remedial attention. We are applying to the Community Wildlife programme administered by the Big Lottery Fund. Our proposal is for £8,000 towards the cost of employing a specialist to train and supervise young volunteers in footpath construction and maintenance techniques. We will hear if our application has been successful in February 2011.

Parc y Bwlch - Consultation

Under the FC Pathfinder we have an agreement that no further work will be undertaken in Parc y Bwlch until a revised Design Plan has been prepared. This in turn is on hold pending public consultations in Rhiwlas and Tregarth to complement the one done by the Youth Club in Mynydd in 2009. The Youth Club did such a good job of the consultation we very much wanted to provide the same opportunity to the Youth Clubs in Rhiwlas and Tregarth. Unfortunately it proved difficult to secure funding for this and we made two project applications in Dec 2009 to GwirVol and Feb 2010 to the Millenium Volunteer Fund.

In March 2010 the Forestry Commission offered to help under the Pathfinder project and they gave us a grant towards the cost of specialist inputs from Wayne Talbot of WTA Education Services. With this as match funding we finally secured funding for the youth session leaders in Sep 2010 from GwirVol. To reduce the burden on Coetir Mynydd we have sub-contracted the Wales Youth Forum for Sustainable Development (WYFSD) to provide the youth workers.

The project is due to be completed by June 2011 with a presentation of the fundings to the community and Forestry Commission.

Micro-hydro

The Environment Wales grant of £3,400 was used to commission a Pre-feasibility study for two options for a micro-hydro on the Galedffrwd on Coetir Mynydd land. The report by Dulas was presented to the Board in April 2010. Both options were judged to be viable but of the two options the risks and costs were best for a small, 35 MWh scheme wholly within Coetir Mynydd land.

The next step was a Pre-application for an Abstraction License to determine if there would be any objections from the Environment Agency (EA) to a hydro of this size and location on the Galedffrwd. This was sent off in October 2010 and we have not yet had a response from the EA.

In anticipation of a favourable response from the EA we also set about seeking funds for a full Feasibility study for our preferred hydro scheme. An application for £5,000 has been made to the Waterloo Foundation and we are waiting on their response. If this fails it should be possible to apply to the NatureSave Trust and perhaps the Gwynedd Sustainability Fund.

Biodiversity project

CCW funding for the biodiversity project ended in February 2010. The final report of the project which details all the events held during the year is available on the website.

The project was a great success and ended with a Biodiversity Open Day in the Neaudd Goffa on the 4th September. This featured the results of the Mynydd Llandygai biodiversity surveys, an update on the bird project, stalls for the Anglesey red Squirrel project and the CCW marine survey alongside the usual tea and cakes. The Day formed our small contribution to the United Nations International Year of Biodiversity.

Bird ringing project

This was a busy year for the Beacon for Wales funded project 'Fast-food birds – how far do our Bluetits go for lunch?' with Dr Rachel Taylor of Bangor University. During the year birds were ringed in four areas of the village and their breeding success and use of bird feeders was closely monitored by Lucy Baird, a student doing a MSc in Conservation and Countryside Management. Lucy completed her thesis in Sept and it is available on the Coetir Mynydd website.

The project is due to end in March 2011 though we intend to follow the ringed birds for as long as possible to find out more about how the birds move around the village.

We hope to post maps of the bird movements on the new website in the near future. In the meantime if you have any records of colour ringed

birds please send them to Chns Allen who will forward them to Rachel at the University.

Extension to Parc yr Ynys

We have been given the opportunity to purchase the small parcel of land alongside the path below the dam. This allows us to extend the area of woodland protected by the community and the purchase should be completed in the near future.

Presentations

Presentations of the work of Coetir Mynydd have been requested and made at several meetings over the past few years.

Jan 2009 - Llais y Goedwig launch at the Senedd

Feb 2009 - Llais y Goedwig launch in Llanwrst

Nov 2009 - Woodland Strategy Advisory Panel meeting in Capel Cung

The next presentation will be at the "Civil Society, Communities and woodlands: Emerging opportunities" hosted by the Mersey Forest in Warrington on the 15 Feb 2011.

Visitors

12 June 2010 - Foresters from Nepal and Burma

We have had a great letter of appreciation from Interface NRM on behalf of the Nepali students who had a really great day and got to visit the Dyfryn Ogwen Show.

16 July 2010 - National (Forestry) Committee

This request was a bit of a surprise but we hope it means community woodlands are becoming more of a concern to policy-makers.

7 Aug 2010 - Hosted the Llais y Goedwig Woodland Management Roadshow

Llais y Goedwig have written to express their gratitude for stepping in at the last minute to co-host the Roadshow with Moelcy with a £150 donation to our bank account. The day went very smoothly and there was a good number who came to learn more about woodland management by a community group and visit Parc yr Ocar.

Many thanks to everyone who came to meet our visitors and give them a warm welcome.

Website

A new-look website has been prepared by Mike Yates and we hope to add new content and the reports mentioned in this report to it in the near future. So remember to bookmark us: <http://www.coetirmynydd.co.uk>