Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (BCUHB)
Confirmed Minutes of the Charitable Funds Committee held in Public on 2 June 2026 held in Carlton Court, St Asaph and via Microsoft Teams

Committee Members Present	
Name	**Title**
Dyfed Jones	Independent Member (Chair)
Paul Lambert	Independent Member
Teresa Owen	Executive Director of Allied Health Professionals & Health Sciences
Attendees	
Paula Clayton	Assistant Financial Accountant
Joanna Garrigan	Finance Director - Commissioning & Strategy
Mererid Gordon	Communications Officer (via Teams)
Ceri Harris	Head of Equality & Human Rights (Part Meeting)
Paul Mathias	Brewin Dolphin (Part Meeting)
Neil Williams	Senior Financial Accountant
Committee Support	
Philippa Peake-Jones	Head of Corporate Governance
Harriet Abbott	Committee Secretariat

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

CF26.42 Welcome and Apologies

Apologies were noted from Russell Caldicott, Dr Clara Day, Chris Lothian-Field, Paolo Tardivel, Pam Wenger and Angela Wood.

CF26.43 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were received.

CF26.44 Unconfirmed Minutes of the Meeting held on 9 March 2026

No amendments were advised. It was resolved that the Committee:

- **APPROVED** the minutes of the meeting held on 9 March 2026.

CF26.45 Action Log

It was resolved that the Committee:

- **AGREED** to close all the actions proposed for closure

CF26.46 Impact Story

The item was presented by the Head of Equality & Human Rights, focusing on the impact of Charitable Funds and it's use to support equality, diversity and inclusion initiatives across the organisation. Key points included:

- Charitable funds have been used to fund a number of activities and events, including cultural events, staff network development, neurodiversity training, and suicide and self-harm prevention workshops over recent years.
- It is important to consider the impact of these activities, often resulting in improved staff wellbeing, an increased sense of belonging and enhanced cultural awareness across the workforce. This can also have a wider "ripple effect", resulting in further positive implications for patient care and community engagement.

In discussing the item, the Committee:

- Noted the significant level of activity delivered through the total funding provided (totalling approximately £70-£80k across 2025/26). It was clarified that funding is received on a request basis, and the total received varies by year depending on current work and requests received, grants available from third parties and cost implications. For example, sessions that required an external training provider required increased funding in comparison to in house provided training.
- Recognised the value and impact of the work, emphasising the importance of partnership working, creativity in funding requests and the role of staff networks in supporting inclusion and increasing staff wellbeing.

It was resolved, that the Committee:

- **NOTED** the report.

[Ceri Harris left the meeting].

FINANCE

CF26.47 Investment Management Report

The item was presented by Paul Mathias, Brewin Dolphin. Key points included:

- Investment markets remain relatively stable compared to the previously reported position.
- At year end (March 2026), the portfolio was valued at approximately £12m, with a current value (as of the report date) of £12.78m.
- Cash balance totals approxiamtely £2.2m
- Whilst short term performance has been impacted by market conditions, the investment strategy remains unchanged, with a focus on long term growth, moderate risk, and diversification across asset classes.

In discussing the item, the Committee:

- Noted the importance of maintaining a long-term perspective, and the importance of future planning around utilisation of funds, with involvement from Brewin Dolphin as required.

It was resolved that the Committee:

- **NOTED** the report.

[Paul Mathias left the meeting].

CF26.48 Finance Report

The item was presented by the Senior Financial Accountant. Key points highlighted included:

- The update includes the full year draft report up until 31 March 2026. These figures remain subject to audit and may change prior to finalisation.
- Total income for the year equated to £2.1m, decreasing from the year previous by £188k. Variation is largely due to variable nature of legacy income, which totalled just under £600k for the year.
- Investment income has increased by approximately 12% year on year.
- Expenditure increased to £1.99m, which reflects the focus on utilising NHS Charities Together funding and delivering projects.
- Overall operating costs reduced due to staffing vacancies within the charity team.
- Net assets total £14.4m (£12m investment value, £2.4m cash position).

In discussing the item, the Committee:

- Emphasised the importance of ensuring funds are utilised effectively, and clarified that commitments are actively monitored, with unspent or delay projects reviewed, and funds returned for reallocation if necessary.
- Noted the positive impact of planned staffing capacity within the charity team, with additional resource expected to aid future planning and delivery.

It was resolved that the Committee:

- **NOTED** the report.

CF26.49 Charitable Support Team Activity Report

The item was presented by the Senior Financial Accountant. Key points highlighted included:

- There is ongoing guidance from the Charity Commission in relation to SORP developments, applying from this financial year (2026/27).
- The audiology vehicle project has been selected by NHS Charities Together as an example of good practice at an upcoming national conference.
- Work is ongoing to strengthen fund governance, including engagement with fund advisors, accountability agreements and actions to ensure appropriate oversight, with a focus on aligning funding priorities to Health Board clinical and estates strategies.

In discussing the item, the Committee:

- Noted the proposal to change the name of the of the staff development fund, to staff recognition fund, and queries were raised regarding the phrasing. Further assurance was requested at a future meeting regarding the background of the fund, ahead of committee giving approval for the renaming.
- Considered charity communications and branding, with members supporting the need for an increasing need for visibility of charitable funding across Health Board

sites. The importance of an equitable approach to fundraising across services was emphasised. • Noted positive feedback regarding the North Wales Cancer Fund on recent collaborative working. • Congratulated NW on recent appointment to the Head of Contracting role. The current senior accountant role will be recruited to in the coming months. The Committee thanked NW for his continued work and support with the charity over the previous years. The following action was agreed: • **Action CF26.49.1**: Further assurance to be given at the next Committee meeting regarding the background of the fund ahead of committee endorsement It was resolved that the Committee: • **NOTED** the report.
CF26.50 Grant Decision Meeting Minutes for Ratification The Committee reviewed the minutes. The following amendments were advised: • Page 1: i. name to be corrected to “Paul Lambert”. ii. name to be corrected to “Ms Teresa Owen” iii. clarified that MHLD sits regionally, rather than within IHCs. “Central IHC” to be removed for accuracy. It was resolved that subject to the above amendments, the Committee: • **APPROVED** the minutes of the meeting held on 9 March 2026.
GOVERNANCE
CF26.51 Corporate Governance Report The item was presented by the Head of Corporate Governance. It was advised that self-assessment report forms will be shared with Committee members over the coming months, feeding into the annual governance process. It was resolved that the Committee: • **NOTED** the report.
CLOSING BUSINESS
CF26.52 Agree Items for Referral to Board / Other Committees No points to note.
CF26.53 Review of Meeting Effectiveness The Committee: • Thanked Paul Mathias for his attendance at the meeting.

- Acknowledged the impact story item, and were advised that another impact story is scheduled for the next Committee meeting.
- Agreed for the impact story presentation to be shared with members outside of the meeting.

The following action was agreed:

- **Action CF26.53.1**: the impact story presentation to be shared with members outside of the meeting.

CF26.54 Date of next meeting - 3 September 2026

Paul Lambert advised of apologies for the next meeting.

CF26.55 Resolution to Exclude the Press and Public

'Those representatives of the press and other members of the public be excluded from the remainder of this meeting having regard to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, publicity on which would be prejudicial to the public interest in accordance with Section 1(2) Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960'