

**Candidate's Statement:** Andrew Bold

Ever since my sister first took me to see the traditional Easter Saturday game against the Barbarians I have enjoyed experiencing the highs and lows of supporting Cardiff at the Arms Park. What a privilege it was to stand on the terraces as a schoolboy and see legends such as Gareth Edwards and Gerald Davies in action, and how exciting it is today to see the stars of the future step onto the pitch for the first time. The temporary relocation to Cardiff City Stadium only served to emphasise the value of our city centre home, and the unique atmosphere generated by a packed crowd.

For me, the creation of the CF10 Trust has been very important in developing a sense of being a part of a community of supporters. It has made huge strides over the past 4 years, and in that short time has more than proved its worth in areas such as preserving our club's heritage, and arguing for the representation of supporters on the Cardiff Blues Board. As a season ticket holder and a regular attendee of the Trust's open meetings, I would like to make more of a contribution in assisting that work, and help the Trust progress further, building on the strong foundations that have been laid.

As a Trust Board member, I would seek to reflect the views of the membership in all our activities. However, in standing for election, I should give members an idea of my personal priorities. These would be:

to continue to grow our membership and the value of our shareholding;

to help bring the great work that has been done on preserving and cataloguing our heritage to a wider audience, both locally and to the wider rugby world;

and to work with the club to improve the match day experience for supporters.

Underpinning all this would be a desire to do all we can to ensure that the club continues to play in the heart of the city at Cardiff Arms Park.

I currently work as a transport policy adviser in the public sector. I have previously carried out various roles as a political adviser and researcher in Cardiff and London. I have degrees in history and industrial relations, and a PhD in regional economic development. I hope that this experience will help me to make a useful contribution to the work of the Trust, if I am given the opportunity to do so as a Board member.