

CF10 ARMS PARK RUGBY TRUST **ELECTION NOMINATION FORM**

Candidate's Statement: (should be at least 400 words long and no longer than 1000 words)

I was immediately attracted to the aims and goals of CF10 Rugby Trust and joined up as soon as I saw the link to the website. I love the experience of watching rugby at the Arms Park, meeting up with friends and getting to know fellow season ticket holders sat in my little bit of the South Stand. Nothing really beats the experience of watching live rugby, even when the team aren't playing well. The banter and camaraderie of fellow supporters keeps me going through the freezing cold, pouring rain and endless knock-ons.

I strongly believe that a good relationship between fans and club is vital. This was shown all too clearly when the club ignored what the fans wanted and moved out to Cardiff City Stadium. Most of us tried our best to cope with the new venue but the stadium never felt like home. We lost our link with the heritage of the club, we felt like visitors in our own ground, and people stopped coming to watch the games. We must never let something like that happen again. A good relationship between club and supporters is beneficial to everyone, fostering a real sense of family. I would like to help to make this a reality.

I think there are a number of things I could offer as a member of the Board.

- As part of my job as Documentation Officer at 'Amgueddfa Cymru- National Museum Wales' I have to be able to communicate with a wide range of people from curatorial colleagues and IT professionals to members of the public and the Board of Trustees.
- I regularly write briefing papers and policy documents as part of my job, constantly adapting the way my Department works to meet the needs of the organisation.
- I have some experience of monitoring finances for projects and I have also been involved in a number of bids for grant funding.
- As a Museum professional I am passionate about Welsh heritage and keen to ensure that the potential of Cardiff's fantastic rugby heritage is fully realised as part of any future redevelopment. This must include both the history of Cardiff RFC as well as the woefully unrecorded history of the Cardiff Blues. The recent survey conducted by CF10 shows that people are very supportive of including a heritage centre within any proposed redevelopment and I would love to help drive this forward.
- I would like to make sure that the views of women who attend games at the Arms Park are fully represented. I know that there are many passionate and knowledgeable women supporters and they have strong opinions about the future of the Arms Park that need to be part of any broader discussion going forward. Related to that, I also think it is vital that we retain the welcoming and safe environment of the current ground. I have never had any fears about attending a match alone and maintaining that friendly atmosphere is essential in any future redevelopment.

If we are able to give the Supporters a real voice in the future of the club and the redevelopment of the ground then we will be able to both *protect the past and embrace the future*.