

**Candidate's Statement:** Huw Jones

I am applying for the role of Secretary, a post I have held for the last two years having been elected at the first AGM.

I am seeking re-election because I believe we are at a very crucial time in the development of regional rugby and the future role of Cardiff Blues. Over the last few years we have devoted considerable time and energy seeking changes to the governance of Cardiff Blues Ltd. The situation that the club finds itself in whether financial or in its relationship with Cardiff Athletic Club can be put down to poor governance. With a new Cardiff Blues chair appointed we have a chance of remedying this situation but it is not a given. We must continue to press on getting a skills based Board and a supporter director. CF10 has a crucial role to play in influencing change and getting the voice of supporters heard in the boardroom.

During my period in office I have had responsibility for the governance and administration of CF10. I set up the Directors' Handbook which sets out the rules, standing orders and guidance on which CF10 Board members are expected to operate in order to ensure proper operation of the company. This is available on the website. Each month I prepare a Governance Action Plan for consideration by the Board to check progress on governance issues.

I am also responsible for the administration of annual general meetings of CF10 and other members' meetings.

I prepare agendas and papers for each Board meeting and then draft the minutes (copies of which are available in the Documents section on the website). I also attend, draft the agenda and prepare notes for our monthly meetings with Richard Holland. These latter meetings are particularly important opportunities to press home our concerns about the club, the redevelopment of the ground or regional rugby generally.

I have written a number of blogs for CF10 on the importance of governance change at Cardiff Blues.

I have led on General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) issues and developing a new Membership Agreement and Privacy Policy.

I have led on establishing working relationships with our friends at Cardiff Blues Supporters Club and I'm delighted that these are bearing fruit through joint working.

Prior to retiring from paid employment, I was Chief Executive of Sport Wales (the Sports Council for Wales) and prior to that the Director of Policy Planning. I have considerable experience of governance matters, strategic planning and developing sport at all levels.

I am currently an independent member of the Board of Community Health Councils Wales where I chair the Corporate Governance Committee and the Joint Services Committee (which scrutinises proposed regional and national service change). I am also a member of the University of Wales Audit Committee.

I have been a member of CF10 since its working group days prior to the formation of the company. I am a Cardiff Blues Season Member and attend home and some away games. I also periodically attend Cardiff RFC matches. I am also a member of Cardiff Blues Supporters Club.