

Lynn Glaister

Candidate's Statement

I never thought that the last 3 years would be so busy, and I hope I have represented the trust as you would wish and I now ask for support for a further term as Chair of the Trust.

It's been a turbulent few years, which culminated in the recent vote to agree new major shareholders. That need for change came about following the sad death of Peter Thomas. At the time of his death, we paid tribute to him, and I would like to reiterate that without Peter our club may not have survived and now be on the brink of a new successful period. We have an important time ahead of us as our club moves on with new major shareholders. I have met them and their ambitions for our club are clear and match many of our supporters. We are proud of our club's heritage, and we look forward to better times. We have the right coach and a fantastic set of young players; the trophy room is waiting, and the supporters are rallying to the call.

Last time I wrote my nomination statement I was talking about meeting Cardiff Blues management regularly. Now I can talk about meeting Cardiff Rugby management because the change of name to Cardiff Rugby came at the start of the 2021-22 season and marked a period when our heritage has been celebrated. We truly are the club that has been in existence since 1876 and let no one say differently. The recent Shareholders meeting to confirm the new shareholders also enshrined that change within our club's articles.

In December 2022 CF10 played a part in a joint campaign to 'Save our Game' There was a real chance one of the professional teams could go under. We resolved to air the issues and fight for fairer funding. I acted as one of the spokespeople for that fight. In January, a damning report about misogyny added to the pressure for change at the WRU. The Chief Executive and Chair have now changed, meetings are being held with Joint Supporters Group Cymru and I attend those meetings on behalf of CF10. We are yet to see what changes to strategy will be made and if re-elected I will continue to represent our views as they look to produce a new way forward.

The work done by members of CF10 to create the online Cardiff Rugby museum is a shining example of what can be achieved by passionate and talented individuals. That passion needs to be embraced by the club.

So, a little bit about me – I have been a member of CF10 board since the trust's inception. I have followed Cardiff across Europe with my husband (sadly now deceased). I live in Cathays and my other interests include music, politics, and real ale! My career has included being a Training Officer, a manager for an insurance company in various departments, Senior Researcher and Office Manager for a South Wales MP, and have recently completed a Fine Art degree.

I am a team player, but I am also not afraid to challenge where necessary. I will make my own mind up on issues after listening to all sides. I hope I have demonstrated over the last few years I have a wide range of skills that will help me if you give me the honour of being re-electing me as Chair.

I want our club to succeed again, to achieve the highest level we can, and as we see the formation of a new Cardiff Rugby board I want the fans' voices heard by the Directors, new and old. The supporters' voice should and must be heard. In an era when we rely on benefactors, corporate

organisations, WRU and Government to keep our clubs afloat financially it could become increasingly more difficult to ensure supporters wishes and needs are met. In CF10 I believe we have a powerful independent voice that is committed to finding out what the supporters views are and then to feed this back to the club, and I pledge to continue doing this with your support.