

Candidate's Statement: Lynn Glaister

I am standing for re-election to the board of the trust. I believe the trust has had a great 3 years since its formation, but we cannot stand on our laurels. Yes, we have been the driving force behind the creation of the Cardiff Rugby Museum but it is also the job of the trust to work for a better deal for supporters and to protect the future of our great club. We always need to be vigilant, no-one wants to stand in the way of progress but we have a duty to speak up for and protect our club and its history for future generations of supporters and ensure we remain a proud sporting part in this capital city. With new funding deals on the way, new club directors and a clear intent by the WRU to be heavily involved we need to make sure the Cardiff supporters voice is heard loud and clear. I want to be part of your team of volunteers standing up for your rights as the paying public!

I have been a member since day one and still have the enthusiasm to work hard. As I said in my first statement I can't pretend to be born and bred loving rugby, like so many of you. I only discovered rugby union when I moved to Cardiff 34 years ago (having previously lived in the rugby league and football supporting north!

I have been a regular since that time. I have followed Cardiff, and then the Blues, 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 and I currently work for a South Wales Member of Parliament as her Senior Researcher and Office Manager and am about to go to University as a mature student.

I am re-standing for the board as I believe I have a wide range of skills that have already benefitted the trust and meet the required competencies for a Board Member. As a board member I have been part of the team responsible for communications, especially the social media. I have also been a key part in speaking to key influencers across the city including Council, Parliamentary and Welsh Assembly members. I am a team player, but also not afraid to challenge where necessary. I will continue to make my own mind up on issues after listening to all sides.

I believe the supporters voice should and must be heard. In an era when we rely on benefactors or corporate organisations to finance our clubs it is increasingly more difficult to ensure supporters wishes and needs are met. It is important that 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, this Trust give us an opportunity to have such a body.

I also believe that the make-up of the board should reflect the demographics of our support. Even though it can seem like Rugby is a man's world women do have a place in rugby, as players, supporters and administrators to name just a few ways to be involved. I want to help encourage more women to get involved in supporter's organisations and that is why I joined the CF10 Arms Park Trust.

I am fully committed to our club and want to see it thrive. I have watched Cardiff and Wales all over Europe, I have seen the highs and the lows. I have watched us lift cups in Marseille, Twickenham and most recently in Bilbao. Things have not been easy since Bilbao but I just love the game. I understand the need for progress, but also respect the past. I want our club to succeed again, to achieve the highest level we can, and I want the fans voices heard by the Directors. Thank you for considering my nomination.