

Sally Carter

Candidate's Statement

I was elected on to the Board of CF10 in 2017 and have loved helping the Trust grow both in terms of membership and influence. I am constantly impressed by the skill and hard work of my fellow members. The role of secretary has fallen vacant and, after having taken the minutes for our monthly meetings over the last year, I have decided I would like to put my name forward to fill the post. I hope that I will be able to support the Chair and provide the organisation and structure that will allow us to continue to provide a voice for supporters at the highest levels.

The last few years have been tough ones for Cardiff Rugby, firstly hit by Covid lockdowns and then dealing with the problems of the WRU's outdated governance structure and savage budget cuts. We then suffered the loss of our President and greatest supporter, Peter Thomas. I have been proud of the way CF10 has been able to support and advise the Club during these difficult times and I played an active role in the 'Save our Game' campaign. Working with the other clubs through the Joint Supporter Group is essential if we are to save the club game in Wales. As someone much wiser than me once said "we are far more united and have far more in common than that which divides us"

I have also worked closely with David Allen, our Supporter Director, to ensure that the concerns of the supporters have been raised at Board.

I have been a member of the Comms group throughout this period, helping to keep our supporters up to date with rapidly changing events, and giving them a voice in the ongoing discussions.

I have been closely involved with the heritage work of CF10 and we have worked hard to open up Cardiff Rugby's heritage to more people - writing history blogs, publishing books, giving talks at Summerfest, opening the Trophy Room to visitors, giving talks to local history and sporting memorabilia groups. It was particularly rewarding to host the Sporting Memories organisation, a group that tackles dementia, depression, and loneliness through the power of sport. It has been wonderful to see the way people have responded to the collections and the enthusiasm for heritage through all the age groups. As we move toward the 150th anniversary of the Club's creation we will be working to ensure that we still have a Club to be proud of.

I look forward to the opportunity to continue to contribute to the work of CF10.