Personal Statement - Derek Redwood

I have worked in an accountancy practice since leaving school in 1972. I am a qualified Chartered Accountant (FCA) and I am Managing Partner of Clifton House Partnership – a long established three partner Practice in Cardiff. Looking after the financial affairs of hundreds of small and medium sized enterprises has given me a very wide range of skills and experience with all types and size of business and voluntary groups. I believe that the Trust has benefited from that experience as well as my knowledge of financial regulations to which we must adhere.

I am well versed in dealing with information of a confidential and/ or sensitive nature as well as the requirement for transparency in the financial dealings of the Trust. My Practice has acted as Auditor for Governing Bodies in various sports within Wales. I have personally acted for professional sportsmen and entertainers and have a good understanding of the issues facing individuals and organisations involved in sport.

I am confident that I can continue to make a positive contribution to the future of the Trust. I am currently Treasurer of CF10 and have held that role since the board was first established. My responsibilities include the recording of all financial transactions, presenting financial information to the Board on a monthly basis and preparing the annual accounts and the return to the Financial Conduct Authority. I joined the organisation to get a better understanding of the issues that affect the Blues, Cardiff Athletic Club and Cardiff Rugby Football Club and three years on I am still trying to understand why life is so difficult! I would very much like to continue that work with a group of very capable board members who have had some notable achievements over the last few years.

I was born and raised in Cardiff and have lived here all my life. I played rugby during my school days but was more proficient at the round ball game. During a long career I played at Barry Town for more than 10 years and Captained Wales at semi-professional level. I am a season ticket holder for the rugby sides and a member of Cardiff Athletic Club.

Outside work I have been responsible for raising over £310k for a local children's charity. I was a proud torch bearer in Cardiff alongside Sam Warburton for the 2012 Olympics and was awarded the British Empire Medal for charitable work the following year.

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