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Dear Friends of Tredegar House

I hope you agree that 2012 has been another landmark year in the history of Tredegar House. In passing responsibility for the day to day operation to the National Trust, The Council has found an innovative approach to safe guarding the property we all love for the long term.

The transfer has caused me to reflect on just what has been achieved in the 36 years since the Council took control. There is very little evidence in the restored grand rooms of the property's condition when the Council took control. What has been achieved is impressive and all the while the Friends of Tredegar House have been there to support the Council on every step of the journey. Every time potential acquisitions were drawn to our attention the curators knew that the Friends would support acquisition by way of a cash contribution. I cannot overstate the importance these contributions were in drawing in funding from a range of grant bodies that often led to successful purchase. Funding was also found to support conservation projects, helping us to improve the quality of the displayed objects in the House.

I must also recognise and pay tribute to the role of the Friends in supporting the many events held at Tredegar House. Christmas at Tredegar is regarded fondly by the people of Newport and for many it marks the real start of the festive period. Quite simply this event and many others could not have happened without the volunteer support provided by the Friends.

There is no doubt that National Trust's interest in Tredegar House was concentrated by both the quality of the House and its collections, but also by the successful ways in which the House was able to attract an audience through its many events. I would like to thank you all on behalf of the City of Newport for all your endeavours, hard work and support given selflessly over the years.

The Council has enjoyed the good fortune of being the custodian of one of the finest Houses in the country, but handing the House on to the National Trust is the best way to ensure the House is conserved and developed. For the future I hope you will continue to support this House of which we are all so proud.

Councillor Margaret Cornelious
The Right Worshipful the Mayor of Newport

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