

THE CENTRE OF PENDEEN

CHAIR and TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT 2024

The Management Committee.

The Chair of the Centre's Management Committee for the first part of 2024 was Kim Slaney, she stepped down in July and for the rest of this year the Trustees have shared the Chair role.

The Committee has consisted of Trustees – Mary Cock, John Roberts, Kira Cass, Kizzy Bowden and Matthew Watts.

Charlotte Watts is Treasurer in a salaried role.

Volunteer Committee Members are – Melanie Richards, Volunteer Co-ordinator, Barry Clemens, Snooker Club Representative, Jane Haslam, Secretary and Sustainable Pendeen Organiser and Roach Thomasson, Community Outreach. We have been pleased to very recently welcome Robert Chadder, Mayor of St Just onto the Committee.

Introduction.

2024 has been a very busy year for the Centre which continues to be a bustling and productive 'Community and Digital Hub'. Good progress has been made through various funding bids and these have enhanced the building and its facilities and enabled us to increase the activities provided free to the community.

Volunteers have, as usual, worked tirelessly and early in the year they re-furnished the reception and office areas to provide more working space and storage. The newly formed St Just Men's Shed very kindly mended our outside noticeboard and built some storage units in the hall. Plymouth University's Digital Together – Building Digital Communities funded new desk top computers and chairs for the office and reception and Plymouth University have also funded a new, big TV through their ICONIC Programme. We have re clothed both the Pool and Snooker tables, with some financial support from Club members too. Two volunteers trained with Cornwall Council to be 'Digital Champions' and provided help and support to the community, including access to Cornwall Council laptop loans. We are now officially a 'Food Premises' and have had our first Cornwall Council inspection (with a suitably high scoring) and developed our 'Food Standards' guidance and information which is available for all Centre users in the kitchen.

Events and Activities.

The Monday afternoon free Drop-in has been continued through the year with the addition of sewing assistance from volunteer Mary Williams and a free Cook and Eat group, part funded by The Worker's Education Association, running for 6 sessions in the Autumn, sending out savoury and tempting aromas. We thank Morrisons Store for their kind donation of saucepans for the cooking sessions.

Other free entry activities and events have included winter Coffee Mornings in January and February and a super two-day Clothes Sale in July, always a big attraction for the fashion and cost conscious, and a popular Table-Top Sale in October. A big Pirate Treasure Hunt and Games Day was organised by new Trustee Kizzy Bowden in August, with lots of pirates visiting and wandering the streets, playing games in the Centre's hall and enjoying a cream tea. Andy Dickson from Stustrans (Sustainable Transport) came and led some free walks from The Centre in May and this has led to volunteer Bill Kingdon training to be a walks leader; Bill now leads regular walks from The Centre keeping us fit and active.

Plymouth University's Digital Together Programme has financed equipment and expenses for a Digital Photography Programme called 'Better Steps' and Roach Thomasson ran this for 8 sessions in the Autumn. This initial programme has been free to attendees and we hope to be able to run more programmes in 2025, depending on funding.

Grants and support.

The Centre earns funds through its various activities, sales of bric-a-brac, books, donations and hall hire and these contribute to the costs of maintaining the building, its infrastructure, facilities, utility bills and other overheads.

In 2024 our main funders have been:

- The Lottery Community Fund, which has paid for changing all the lighting over to LED and painting the ceilings where needed because of the work and different sizes of light fitting.
- Volunteer Cornwall, who help us fund some of our free events, activities and some of our overheads and maintenance costs.
- Cornwall Council Community Capacity Grant, this has paid for The Centre to have an investigation and report made about its sustainability and energy efficiency. This report is informing a development and

maintenance plan for The Centre and will evidence and support further grant applications.

- St Just Town Council have kindly granted The Centre £2000 to help meet overheads and maintenance costs.
- The Co-op Local Community fund has funded Sustainable Pendeen in the production of a 'Brilliant Ideas' booklet project (a collection of ideas for living more sustainably and cost effectively gathered from the local community) to be published and distributed in Spring 2025.
- The Co-op has also granted The Centre of Pendeen a further £5000 from its Member App Game, which was won by a local (anonymous) resident who nominated The Centre as their 'Charity of Choice' to receive the top award of £5K. This fund is specifically for supporting the Sustainable Pendeen 'Brilliant Ideas' Booklet project and other activities and events that fit with The Centre's objectives and purpose. The Committee wishes to thank the anonymous resident.

Interagency support and liaison.

The Centre is an integral part of Volunteer Cornwall's Community Hub network and we have a specific partnership with Bosavern Farm with whom we share information about publicity etc. We have worked closely with The Worker's Education Association, St Just Town Council, Cornwall Council, Plymouth University and St Just Men's Shed. We are building our relationship with local Social Prescribers to enable more people to know of the activities and support they can get from The Centre and we have developed a new networking page on our website to identify the organisations that fund and support us. We regularly use social media to promote our activities and find that this increases our reach and range.

Community Involvement.

The Centre of Pendeen is the home of Pendeen WI and they are increasingly using hall and meeting space and developing activities based here. The wide range of activities that the hall is hired for shows a healthy variety, from Art Sessions and Yoga to Stay and Play for babies and toddlers to Line Dancing. A Community Questionnaire was developed this year, completed by 40 respondents and its collation is part of the building's sustainability report (this collation can be made available).

The Snooker Club. The club is open daily from 9.30 – 21.30 hrs and has gone from strength to strength with twice yearly competitions run by Snooker Rep, Barry Clemens stimulating increased membership. It is a very important asset for Pendeen, a place to play, meet and make friends and compete too. A special 'thank you' to Barry Clemens for making this such a success.

Investment in our future.

The Centre is essentially run by volunteer workers and volunteer trustees (several are both) and relies on people in the community stepping forward to take a turn. People and organisations who rely on The Centre and want to keep this valuable community asset hopefully recognise the work and effort that goes into its planning, preparation and smooth running. We encourage you to consider joining us in some capacity, however small, to contribute to a facility that gives so much to the community.

CENTRE OF PENDEEN
ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 £	2023
Incoming Resources				
Donations	656	-	656	380
Grants	21,747	-	21,747	20,000
Other Trading Income	18,858	-	18,858	18,834
Investment Income	310	-	310	156
Total Incoming Resources	41,571	-	41,571	39,370
Resources Expended				
Charitable Activities	39,111	10,000	49,111	23,749
Governance Costs	-	-	-	-
Total Resources Expended	39,111	10,000	49,111	23,749
Profit	2,460	(10,000)	(7,540)	15,621
Total Funds Bought Forward	5,621	10,000	15,621	-
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Total Funds Carried Forward	8,081	-	8,081	15,621

Signed

Name

Signature

Date

CENTRE OF PENDEEN

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF CENTRE OF PENDEEN

I report on the accounts of Centre of Pendeen for the year ended 31 December 2024

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (The 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act and;
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date: 13th November 2025