

CHARITY NO: 1104972

COMPANY NO: 5509129

WADAJIR SOMALI COMMUNITY CENTRE (WSCC)

(Registered Charity & Company Limited by guarantee)

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

TRUSTEES:

| | |
|------------------------|-----------|
| Ms. Sahra Digaleh | Chair |
| Ms. Agram Shira Musa | Treasurer |
| Ms Luul Mohamed Jama | Member |
| Mrs. Hodan Ahmed Liban | Member |

Ms. Agram Shira Musa

Secretary

REGISTERED OFFICE:

Teviot Community Hall
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ACCOUNTANTS

Anderson Pierce & Co
Accountants and Business Advisers
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London
W13 0NR

BANKERS:

Lloyds TSB
Commercial Banking
P.O. Box 1000
BX1 1LT

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FYE 31.3.2024

Mission

Wadajir Somali Community Centre is a user-led voluntary organisation operating in the London Borough of Tower Hamlets. WSCC is striving to support and empower Somali people living in the borough.

We deliver our services in a holistic way, through our work we wish to make a lasting difference to the Somali community.

Aims

- To build the confidence of the Somali community
- To the breakdown of barriers and encourage greater participation within their own community and mainstream regeneration activities.
- To increase the skills of the Somali community by offering a range of seminars and workshops
- To increase the economic capacity amongst the Somali community, leading to an improved employment prospects
- To encourage and provide opportunities for the community to develop positive self-awareness and identity

The Charity's Services include:

- Elderly lunch club
- Advice drop-in service
- Youth Football club
- Foodbank
- BBC Children in Need Emergency Essentials Programme & Winter Support Packages Grants

Wadajir's Advice Drop-in

Wadajir's advice drop-in service is the organisations longest running project, it is at the heart of what we do as a charity. The majority of our service users have come to the UK as refugees; they have very basic English skills and thus require help accessing services and overcoming everyday issues for example housing concerns which include overcrowding, repairs and utilities companies. Our organisation provides free advice sessions with a trained and qualified advice worker, as well as volunteers, for two days a week. The sessions are not pre booked, they provide our clients the opportunity to come with any issues they may have. If the advice worker is unable to provide the level of support that's needed the person will be sign posted to a more appropriate service.

The drop-in sessions have given us a great deal of insight into the key issues that affect the Somali community, allowing us to build and mould our service around the needs of the community. Wadajir has the Matrix quality standard for information, advice and guidance demonstrating its ability to provide effective, appropriate, accurate and efficient support meeting the needs of service users. With our limited resources, we have supported users with a range of issues which included welfare rights, housing, education and financial issues. The service is oversubscribed and due to various welfare reforms initiated at a national government level we expect the demand to continue to rise.

Wadajir Youth Inclusive club

This project is to support young people aged between 11-16 and is aimed at providing a safe and welcoming space for them to play football and socialise. We provide support for a wide range of programs aimed at promoting education, health, welfare, social and cultural integration, and recreation. Our focus is on empowering individuals to develop valuable skills, foster social inclusion, and create opportunities for improving their quality of life. Our primary beneficiaries are Somali children and young people who often struggle to find a safe environment for social interaction and may face challenges such as school exclusion. Many of them live in overcrowded and unsafe neighbourhoods, which hinders their ability to lead active and healthy lives. Due to cultural or linguistic marginalization, as well as limited financial resources, they lack access to safe spaces for physical and mental health improvement and are in need of positive influences.

Elderly Women's Luncheon Club

Securing funding to cover the project manager's salary has enabled us to devote more time to assessing the service and renovating the centre. Our most significant achievement this year was the renovation of the community hall, which our service users have positively received. The kitchen renovation has allowed us to expand the variety of food prepared and stored in the centre. Having a project manager has provided us with a point of contact to liaise with the local council and coordinate efforts to minimize the impact on the lunch club.

Over the past year, we have noticed that the women we serve take pride in the centre they use and have been providing input on the changes they would like to see. It has truly been a collaborative experience and encourages longevity.

In the next 12 months, we would like to schedule visits from volunteer healthcare professionals to discuss health and lifestyle changes aimed at improving overall health. These talks will empower our service users to take better control over their health and provide them with access to more information regarding health and related concerns.

The number of people accessing support services as a result of the project is 20. We received a great response from our service users when the project returned to Teviot Community Hall after the renovation. Many participants expressed their excitement at being able to resume their daily commute to the centre.

Wadajir Foodbank

The grant was spent on buying bulk essential items to supplement the food bank donations from Fairshare. The grant was used to buy non-perishable food items and toiletries, rice, pasta, oil, flour, canned vegetables, toilet roll, sanitary towels, etc. We have continued to receive fresh food donations from the council to provide recipients with groceries and we occasionally received deliveries on two days of the week. Goods were purchased monthly from local wholesalers, which allowed us to adapt the stock we ordered to cater to the needs of the community. Part of the grant also funded the salary of our project manager, who would manage ordering the bulk items, coordinating delivery times and oversee the packages made for the service users. The project manager was also able to look for more

funding opportunities for the organisation. This led to the successful funding application for the foodbank which will support the project for the next 5-6 months.

This vulnerable group is now far more likely to need support as they suffer the disproportionate challenges the Covid-19 crisis has brought them. By reaching out with essential food and provisions, we were also able to give them crucial information and social contact, helping them navigate this stressful time. This built social capital, helping people to increase economic and social resilience by engaging with their communities. We help connect our communities to work together, making neighbourhoods stronger and offering invaluable support, social contact, and practical help for those in desperate need.

During the running of the project, one of the local residents notified us of an elderly man in the neighbourhood that was facing hardship during the pandemic. Mahamood is a pensioner who used to little income he received from a state pension to pay off some debts, and what little he had left he rationed for food. We got in touch with him and invited him to use the food bank. On his first visit he was reserved and shy, however over the next few weeks he told us that he can't cook and lives alone. We therefore ensured that he received ready-made meals and microwaved meals to make it easy for him. As we knew he didn't have a balanced diet, we put a variety of fresh fruit and veg into his packages. Mahamood became a weekly regular and would often to help take food to other men facing similar hardships. He has told us that having access to this food bank has taken a huge burden off his shoulder as he often worried about what he could eat on his restricted income. We aim to continue to help Mahamood and any other in the same situation have access to our service, as we are uniquely positioned to help them. As the volunteers working in the food bank as Somali is makes vulnerable people like Mahamood feel welcomed and that they can access the services

BBC Children in Need Emergency Essentials Programme & Winter Support Packages Grants

BBC Children in Need Emergency Essentials Programme & Winter Support Packages Grants Wadajir partnered with BBC Children In Need and Family Fund to offer grants designed to help vulnerable children and young people in the Cost of Living Crisis. BBC Children in Need Emergency Essentials Programme supports children and young people who are facing exceptionally difficult circumstances, and is delivered by Family Fund Business Services. The programme provides items that meet a child's most basic needs such as a bed to sleep in, a cooker to provide a hot meal and other items or services critical to a child's wellbeing. Our organisation was applied for 100 grants for families securing items like, fridge freezer, cooker, bed frames and mattresses, bedding and duvets, slower cooker, air fryers, kettles, toaster, microwave ovens, washing machines and more, saving families hundreds of pounds over the winter period.

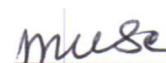
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Ms. Sahra Digaleh



Ms. Agram S. Musa

Chair
27th August 2024

Treasurer

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITY

The Management Committee are responsible for preparing the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Charity's Act in England and Wales required the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year.

In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to:

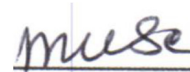
- a) Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
- b) Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- c) State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- d) Prepare the financial statement on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time during the financial year of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.



Ms. Sahra Digaleh
Chair

27th August 2024



Ms. Agram S. Musa
Treasurer

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF WADAJIR SOMALI COMMUNITY CENTRE

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024, which are set out on pages 10 - 16.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees, who are also the directors of WADAJIR SOMALI COMMUNITY CENTRE for the purposes of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The 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:

- (i) examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- (ii) to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- (iii) 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 Commission. 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:

- (a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - (ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities;have not been met; or
- (b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Mr. A Abdulahi BA AFA
Incorporated Financial Accountant



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Anderson Pierce & Co
Accountants & Business Advisors



14 Alexandria Road

London W13 0NR

Dated: 27th August 2024**Wadajir Somali Community Centre****Statement of Financial Activities for Year ended 31 March 2024**

| | Unrestricted | Restricted | 2024 Total £ | 2023 Total £ |
|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Grants and Donations | | | | |
| Donations | 14,251 | 51,655 | 65,906 | 57,920 |
| Administrative expenses | | | | |
| Employee costs: | | | | |
| Wages and salaries | | 15,890 | 15,890 | - |
| Employer's NI | | 512 | 512 | - |
| Volunteer Expenses | 1,391 | 595 | 1,986 | 3,829 |
| Project Manager | - | 16,223 | 16,223 | 21,800 |
| Food Bank | | 9,000 | 9,000 | 22,300 |
| Staff training and welfare | | | - | 2,189 |
| Travel Expenses | - | 596 | 596 | 1,505 |
| | 1,391 | 42,816 | 44,207 | 51,623 |
| Premises costs: | | | | |
| Rent & Rates | | - | - | 3,840 |
| Child Care cost | | 2,200 | 2,200 | 690 |
| Light and heat | | 1,095 | 1,095 | 819 |
| Cleaning | 1,225 | - | 1,225 | 1,616 |
| | 1,225 | 3,295 | 4,520 | 6,965 |
| General administrative expenses: | | | | |
| Telephone and fax | 1,383 | - | 1,383 | 600 |
| Stationery and printing | 256 | - | 256 | 395 |
| Events and Activities | 2,764 | - | 2,764 | 4,193 |
| books and Teaching Materials | | 182 | 182 | 1,038 |
| Bank charges | 148 | | 148 | 209 |
| Insurance | - | 518 | 518 | 720 |
| Repairs and maintenance | 755 | | 755 | 346 |
| Depreciation | 384 | - | 384 | 2,284 |
| | 5,690 | 700 | 6,390 | 9,785 |
| Legal and professional costs: | | | | |
| Accountancy fees | 1,000 | - | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Consultancy fees | 1,480 | | 1,480 | 2,010 |
| Other legal and professional | 410 | - | 410 | - |
| | 2,890 | - | 2,890 | 3,010 |
| Total Resources Expended | 11,196 | 46,811 | 58,007 | 71,383 |

| | | | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| Surplus/ (deficit) | 3,055 | 4,844 | 7,899 | (13,463) |
| Balance brought Forward | | 3,387 | 3,387 | 16,850 |
| Balance Carried Forward | 3,055 | 8,231 | 11,286 | 3,387 |

Wadajir Somali Community Centre
Balance Sheet
as at 31 March 2024

| | Notes | 2024 £ | 2023 £ |
|---|--------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Fixed assets | | | |
| Tangible assets | 3 | 1,538 | 1,170 |
| Current assets | | | |
| Cash at bank and in hand | | 11,898 | 4,819 |
| Creditors: amounts falling due within one year | 4 | (2,150) | (2,602) |
| Net current assets | | 9,748 | 2,217 |
| Net assets | | 11,286 | 3,387 |
| Reserves | | | |
| Income and expenditure | 5 | 11,286 | 3,387 |
| Total Funds | | 11,286 | 3,387 |

The director is satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The member has not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The director acknowledges his responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Sahra Abi DIGALEH
 Director
 Approved by the board on 22 August 2024

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

The company's accounting policies are as follows:-

(a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention, with the exception of investment, which are included at market value. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2005) issued in March 2005, applicable UK Accounting Standards and the Companies Act 1985. The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

(b) Incoming Resources

Voluntary Incoming including donations, gifts and legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of general nature are recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipts and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability. Such income is only deferred when:

- The Donor specified that the grant or donation must only be used in future accounting periods; or
- The donor has imposed conditions, which must be met before the charity has unconditional entitlement.

Income from commercial trading activities is recognised as earned (as the related goods and services are provided)

Investment income is recognised on a receivable basis.

Income from charitable activities includes income received under contract or where entitlement to grant funding is subject to specific performance conditions is recognised as earned (as the related goods or services are provided). Grant income includes in the category provided funding to support performance activities and is recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipts and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability. Income is deferred when:

- Admission fees or performance related grants are received in advance of the performances or event to which they relate.

(c) Volunteering and donated services and facilities

The value of services provided by volunteering is not these financial statements. Further details of the contribution made by volunteers can be found in the trustees' annual report.

Where services are provided to the charity as a donation that would normally be purchased from our suppliers, this contribution is included in the financial statements of the charity.

(d) Resources expanded

Expenditure is recognised when a liability is incurred. Contractual arrangements and performance related grants are recognised as goods or services are supplied. Other grant payments are recognised when a constructive obligation arises that result in the payment being unavoidable.

- Cost of generating funds are those costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.
- Charitable activities including expenditure associated with the activities are included the direct costs and support costs relating to these activities.
- Governance Costs include those incurred in the governance of the charity and its assets and the primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements. These are no Costs associated with the Governance throughout the year.
- Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categorised on a basis consistent with the use of resources, e.g. allocating property costs by the floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

(e) Irrecoverable VAT

All resources expanded are classified under activity headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the category or resources expended for which it was incurred: Wadajir Somali Community Centre is not VAT register so cannot recover any VAT incurred.

(f) Tangible Fixed Assets

Fixed Assets are classified as Computers, Office Equipments, Fixture and Fittings, The Charity recognised all Fixed Assets with any individual price and categorised in the Balance Sheet as follows:

Plant & Machinery, Fixture & Fitting,

(g) Funds structure

The Trusts has its main grants as restricted income funds to account for situations where a donor requires that a donation must be spent on a particular purpose or where funds have been raised for a specific purpose.

Other funds are classified as unrestricted Income funds. The Trustees intend to use part of the unrestricted funds for the development of the Charity to expanded and advance its services.

(h) Pensions

Employees of the charity are entitled to join the County Pension Scheme, but at the present time there is no employee volunteer to take any Pension Scheme.

(i) Restricted Funds

Restricted funds are to be used for specified purposes as lay down by the funder. Direct and support expenditure, which meets these criteria, is identified to the fund together with a fair allocation of other costs.

(j) Unrestricted Funds

Unrestricted funds are funds received which have no restrictions placed in their use and are available as general funds.

(k) Designated Funds

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the committee of management for particular purposes.

(l) Revenue Income

Revenue grants are credited to incoming resources on the earlier of when they are received or when they are due.

(m) Allocation Costs

Costs are allocated directly to projects where they can be identified as relating solely to that project. Other costs are allocated between the funds based on staff time spent on the fund activities or other appropriate criteria.

(n) Depreciation:

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Plant and Machinery: 20% straight line

(o) Legal Status of the Trust

The Trust is Company Limited by Guarantee and registered Charity with Charity Commission and also. The liability of each member in the event of winding is limited to £10.

2. Management Committee

None of the Management Committee (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

| | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | 2024 | 2023 |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 3. Accountancy Fees | - | - | - | - |
| Accountancy Fees – March 2024 | 999 | - | 999 | 1000 |
| | <u>999</u> | <u> </u> | <u>999</u> | <u>800</u> |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |

Operating profit

This is stated after charging:

| | £ | £ |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Depreciation of owned fixed assets | <u>2434</u> | <u>2284</u> |

4 Tangible fixed assets

| | Plant and machinery etc £ |
|-----------------------|--|
| Cost | |
| At 1 April 2023 | 11,418 |
| Additions | <u>752</u> |
| At 31 March 2024 | <u>12,170</u> |
| Depreciation | |
| At 1 April 2023 | 10,248 |
| Charge for the year | <u>2,434</u> |
| At 31 March 2024 | <u>12,682</u> |
| Net book value | |
| At 31 March 2024 | <u>(512)</u> |
| At 31 March 2023 | <u>1,170</u> |

| 5 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year | 2024 £ | 2023 £ |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| Other taxes and social security costs | 1151 | 1,602 |
| Other creditors | <u>999</u> | <u>1000</u> |
| | <u>2150</u> | <u>2602</u> |

| 6 Income and Expenditure | 2024 £ |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| At 1 April 2023 | 3,387 |
| surplus for the year | <u>5849</u> |
| At 31 March 2024 | <u>9236</u> |

7. Analysis of staff costs:

| | Unrestricted £ | Restricted £ | 2024 £ | 2023 £ |
|------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------|
| Wages & Salaries | | | 15890 | 0.00 |
| Total Staff Cost | | | 15890 | 0.00 |

Trustees Remuneration

No Trustee received any remuneration or claimed any expenses during the year or the preceding year. No trustee or other person related the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year of the preceding year.

8. Grants and Donations

| Date | Details | Amount |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| | CITY OF LONDON | 17,000 |
| | LONDON COMMUNITY FUND | 10,000 |
| | NATIONAL LOTTERY FUND | 18,530 |
| | LONDON MARATHON – (FOOTBAL) | 6,125 |
| | Other donations from public | 14,251 |
| Total Income for the year | | 65,906 |