

## **Mayor of Merton's Charitable Trust**

### **Trustees' annual report for the period 01/04/2020 to 31/03/2021**

#### **Reference and administration details**

Charity name – The Mayor of Merton's Charitable Trust

Registered charity number – 1149209

#### Names of the charity trustees

Sally Kenny 15.09.20 onwards

John Dehaney 15.09.20 onwards

Edith Macauley 24.06.19 onwards

Oonagh Moulton 24.06.19 onwards

Janice Howard 13.05.19 onwards (Chair from 15.09.20)

Ed Foley 13.05.19 to 15.09.20

Mary Curtin 30.07.18 to 15.09.20 (Chair from 13.05.19 to 15.09.20)

#### **Structure, governance and management**

Type of governing document – Trust deed adopted by meeting of Merton Council on 11 July 2012. A supplemental trust deed, approved by the trustees on 13 May 2019, restated the original trust deed and provided for an increase in the number of trustees from three to five.

How the charity is constituted – Trust

Trustee selection methods – the trustees are appointed or re-appointed annually after the Annual Meeting of Merton Council at which the Mayor is elected. There is an understanding that each year the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and the previous year's Mayor will become Trustees. The appointments are noted by a meeting of the Council in June/July each year. The Trustees elect the Chair of the Trust Board at the first Trust Board meeting following Annual Council.

#### **Objectives and activities**

##### Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The Trust Deed states that the charity's objects are any purposes currently recognised as charitable and any new charitable purposes which are similar to another charitable purpose. The purpose of the Trust is to collect and distribute charitable donations for the benefit of the residents of the borough. The focus will shift from year to year so that each year the Trust can support specific organisations and/or themes such as young people, sport, the arts etc.

Each year the Mayor of Merton nominates a charity or charities for whom fundraising activities are carried out during the year to meet a specified

purpose for the benefit of the residents of Merton. Additional small donations may be made to local charities and or individuals.

The Trustees consider the public benefit requirement prior to issuing funds to any organisation or individual. When providing financial donations the Trustees will in every event place specific stipulations as to the use of those funds to ensure that the use is in accordance with the charity's objects and charitable purposes as well as complying with the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

#### Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects

Fundraising activities undertaken over the past year were planned so that a wide range of people from Merton's diverse local communities could participate, particularly those people who had not previously had any contact with the mayoralty.

**Achievements and performance** (summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year)

#### Fundraising activities

Fundraising highlights in the 2020/21 year included:

- Two charity auctions (Mayor of Merton's First virtual auctions). The impact of the covid-19 pandemic meant that the 2020 Mayor's Charity Ball scheduled for Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2020, was cancelled. In lieu of the Ball, Cllr Janice Howard disposed of her prizes by holding two highly successful virtual auctions. Both auctions, which were held in July and August 2020, raised in excess of £6,000.00. Additionally, guests agreed to donate their ticket prices (in full or a percentage) resulting in further earnings in excess of £17,800.00.
- Annual sponsored swim by one of Merton's councillors and trustee, Cllr Edith Macauley – 50 lengths of the pool at David Lloyd Sports Club in Wimbledon.
- Sponsored litter picks in Morden, Wimbledon and Mitcham;
- Sponsored Movember moustache/walk, November 2020. The Leader of the Council, Leader of the Merton Park Ward Independent Residents Group, the Council's Chief Executive, and a representative from the Charity – Morden Little League grew moustaches and/or beards, or walked in excess of 60km to raise money for the Charitable Trust.
- Two Mayor's sweepstakes (November and February);
- Virtual raffles and an auction
- The sale from the production of a Christmas song by students from the Cricket Green School,
- The sale from a mayor's 2021 calendar sale,
- A virtual ride to Hanoi (9000 km 6000 m approx)
- Three virtual bingo events (October, January and May)

- A virtual balloon race

### Community outreach

- Silver Sunday: The Mayor, Councillor Sally Kenny sent letters of good wish to Care/Residential Homes in the borough.
- A stand out achievement was the creation of the COVID-19 Community Awards as a way of recognising those who have supported their neighbours, helped their community or shown a community-minded approach during the pandemic. Altogether, just under 1,000 local residents, schools, doctors' surgeries and community groups received a COVID-19 Community Award certificate – many of which were given in socially distanced visits from Councillor Kenny when it was allowed.
- Engagements

As a result of the disruption caused by the pandemic, Councillor Kenny recognised from the outset that much of her role as Mayor would have to move online, and over the course of her term she has attended more than 80 community and formal events on behalf of the council, many of them virtually.

Away from her charity work, Councillor Kenny carried out her civic duties with great dignity. She paid tribute to fallen servicemen and servicewomen by leading the local services on Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday. Her poignant reflections on the theme of 'being the light in the darkness' opened up a moving Holocaust Memorial Day virtual Civic commemoration event. On the announcement of the death of Prince Philip Councillor Kenny, on behalf of the council, led tributes to Her Majesty the Queen, and flower laying activities in the borough.

### Grant-making

In the 2020/21 financial year the Trust made two grants of £40,000 each to support local community organisations for the benefit of Merton residents:

- **Macmillan Cancer Support Merton** - to support its local fundraising project for a new Macmillan Support Worker to assist the breast cancer Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) at St Georges Hospital. Macmillan Cancer Support's goal is to offer care and support to everyone living with cancer. They train specialists in cancer care and, from the moment of diagnosis, through treatment and beyond, they offer emotional, practical and, at times, financial support to patients.
- **Faith in Action – Merton Homelessness Project:** to support its work as a multi faith charity looking after the Homeless in Merton. Providing a drop-in centre two days a week, offering meals, showering, laundry, change of clothes, haircuts, food parcels, sleeping bags and help with benefits and job applications. Faith in Action relies on local volunteers who dedicate their time, support and skills to help the most vulnerable people.

**Financial review**

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves:–

All cash balances are held as unrestricted funds. All funds are held for the purpose of donations to the Mayor's chosen charities or cover the costs of further fundraising. We do not have a policy of holding a minimum reserve, other than to not go into deficit.

**Independent examiner's report on the accounts**

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**Receipts and payments accounts**

Separate PDF document

**London Borough of Merton.**  
**Mayoral Accounts as of 31st March 2021**

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	b/fwd	Current	
Mayor Howard 2019/20; 00000871	2019/20	2020/21	Total to Date
Income 91004	(89,830)	(14,129)	(103,959)
Expenditure 91003	15,055	85,313	100,368
<b>Total</b>	<b>(74,775)</b>	<b>71,184</b>	<b>(3,591)</b>
Other- transfer (from '869)	(890)	1,336	446
Other - ( Gift Aid) not yet in			
<b>Amended Total</b>	<b>(75,665)</b>	<b>72,520</b>	<b>(3,144)</b>

	b/fwd	Current	
Mayor Kenny 2020/21; 00000872	2019/20	2020/21	Total to Date
Income 91004	0	(17,677)	(17,677)
Expenditure 91003	0	480	480
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(17,197)</b>	<b>(17,197)</b>
Other- transfer (from '869)	0		0
Other - ( Gift Aid) not yet in			
<b>Amended Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(17,197)</b>	<b>(17,197)</b>

Wmbdlon Ticket Holding (3,447) (2) (3,449)

**Net total -79,112 55,321 -23,791**



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

The Mayor of Merton's Charitable Trust

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31<sup>st</sup> March 2021

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1149209

**Set out on pages**

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/03/2021**.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Signed:** 

**Date:** 12/10/21

**Name:** Margaret Culleton

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qualification(s) or body  
(if any):**

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**Section B**

**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**