

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 - 7pm**

Attendees: Tracie McCarthy, Ann McCarthy, Janet Hodgson, Hardika Sheath, Karen Perry, Mike Scott, Mark Nunn

Apologies – Michael Lyndsey (no communication recently)

- Tracie opened meeting, welcomed all and thanked everyone for their continued support to the charity and to Ann
- **CHAIR REPORT**
- *Its been a difficult year with few volunteers staying at Uganda Lodge due to CORONA VIRUS. In a normal year many of those volunteering at the volunteer Guest House in Ruhanga generally do fund-raising before they arrive. All 500+ children were sent home from school together with the rest of the countries school children of at the end of March 2020 and then just 50 students in P7 were allowed back in October 2020. In February 2021 Primary 6 students returned so we had around 100 students and on 6<sup>th</sup> April three more classes will return. This causes us problems because many are coming back with almost no money even to cover the low school fees we ask. Do we send them home or do we try our best to manage? Each month we get around £1,500 donated specifically for sponsorship, and some other non-specific regular donations that have enabled us to keep essential staff such as security and maintenance on at all the other places we support. Essential renovation work completed has been complete rebuild of the school dining shelter (the original timber posts were going rotten) work on the school and lodge vehicles, repairs to many classrooms, work has been done at Uganda Lodge Bandas while there were no volunteers staying and also the kitchen has been partially rebuilt and strengthened. In 2020-21 other one-off amounts have been donated towards something specific such as some for the medical centre, some for building work at Kisenyi, some from a takeaway shop for work on the restaurant and £15,000 from the Daviot & Old Meldrum Scouts to build dormitories for the vocation students. Our Ugandan Director Denis Aheirwe chose to build the latter on the top of the Medical Centre which now protects the flat roof as was always scheduled. Interior work is still pending. The proposed training kitchen/restaurant now has the ceilings completed but still the work needed will cost £18,000+*
- Denis had an opportunity to purchase and plant out around 80,000 eucalyptus seedlings on the hills behind the medical centre on a take and plant them now – pay later basis.*
- We urgently need more offers of committed full time supporters to join if we are continue the work of the last 15 years.*
- Hardika gave an update on the current finances and accounts for the end of the year, She has almost completed the gift aid which she now submits every quarter – the end of year income amounts are looking like approx. £80, 0000
- Janet – gave an update on child sponsorship, she continues to update records, send out certificates and renewals. We have lost a lot of sponsor renewals

due to Covid difficulties, but gained a few, this has left the number approx. the same as 4 years ago. It was discussed and agreed that this should be our focus over the next few months on using social media to publicise interest.

- Mike – said he could add a banner to his and the many websites we all use, along with our own Facebook pages and groups. He would share this, so we all know how to use, or give info if we need to. Ann said she would give him the list of pages and administrators access if Mike didn't already have it
- Karen – said she would follow this sponsorship campaign up on the other platforms she uses, this includes twitter, Instagram, linked-in etc. Karen suggested that we could have a Bio of all the charity members/supporters ( this group) on the charity website with a photo so possible volunteers could contact us for more info, and give the charity faces/people to relate to, rather than just a name or corporation front
- Mark – agreed with the discussions about focusing on sponsorship, as we need to try and get the basic running costs covered each month through this method, before focusing on other large charitable donations and additional future plans.
- Ann gave some updates about Brendan Dziama – a USA volunteer who went out in Feb and spent 2 weeks, he is working on ideas for future developments and funding from his contact working in Africa and the military over the last years. Ann has written a report for the last year, outlining the general updates and information, that will be emailed out with these minuets. Ann mentioned two other past volunteers who have offered to support and Ann is in communication with them to direct on what they can offer – Alex Slepia (USA) & Owen Lewis (UK). Jutta Graspingness (Swedish) a past volunteer is continuing to support with website work and updates

Ann proposed that both Mike and Mark will become trustees of the charity, Tracie and Karen seconded this and they accepted.

As current the following people and their titles are now agreed for the charity and named trustees. Tracie – Chairman, Ann – Treasurer, Karen – secretary. Mike, Mark and Michael – trustees

These are just titles and we as a group will continue to work together and share responsibilities as discussed above.

Hardika and Janet both agreed to continue to support the charity and the work they currently undertake, but not as trustees as requested.

Agreed to set up a bi-monthly meeting on Teams- Tracie to action invites - 26<sup>th</sup> May next meeting 7pm

This is accurate report of the meeting that took place, and thank you all again for your continued support





Charity Name	No (if any)
Uganda Lodge Community Projects	

## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	06/04/2020		05/04/2021

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>				
Donations for running of the school	77,812	-	-	77,812
Gift Aid from HMRC	9,824	-	-	9,824
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	87,636	-	-	87,636
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	87,636	-	-	87,636
<b>A3 Payments</b>				
Transferred to SOYO (NGO)	96,059	-	-	96,059
Bank Charges	-	-	-	-
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	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	96,059	-	-	96,059
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	96,059	-	-	96,059
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	- 8,423	-	-	- 8,423
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	10,316	-	-	10,316
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	1,893	-	-	1,893



## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash at Bank	1,893	-
		-	-
		-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>1,893</b>	<b>-</b>
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-
			-
			-
			-
			-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Computer equipment	Unrestricted	-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-
			-
			-
			-
			-

Signed by one or two trustees on  
behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name


TRACIE MCCARTHY  
ANN MCCARTHY



19<sup>th</sup> April 2021

The Trustees of Uganda Lodge Community Projects  
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Dear Sirs,

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 5<sup>th</sup> April 2021, which are set out on the adjoining page/s.

The Charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and 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.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- 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
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

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.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention that have not been met; and

- 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 and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act
- 2) To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Nurallah Somani

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