

Annual Report

Year to 31 July 2023

Eccleshill Community Association Limited

Reg Charity No. 1152847

C. Reg. No. 06308309

Registered Office

The Mechanics Institute
Stone Hall Road
Bradford
BD2 2EW

Directors / Trustees

All Directors are also appointed as Trustees

Paul Everett

Terence John Pearson

Donna Louise Robinson

All of:

c/o The Mechanics institute

The Charity's objects:

To further or benefit the residents of Eccleshill and surrounding districts of Bradford in West Yorkshire, regardless of gender, sexual orientation, race or political, religious or other persuasion, by associating together the said residents and the local authority, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to provide facilities and advance the wellbeing of the community in social welfare for recreation, leisure time occupation with the objects of improving the conditions of life for residents.

In furtherance of these objects but not otherwise, the trustees shall have power to institute and continue with the establishment of a community centre and to maintain, manage or co-operate with any statutory authority in the maintenance of such a centre for activities, promoted by the charity, in furtherance of the above objects.

The Charity's main activities:

The charity is based at the Mechanics Institute in Eccleshill where it provides a number of rooms for a wide variety of activities; some initiated by the community association itself, while others are provided by groups who hire space for work which is consistent with our aims and priorities. There are further room hires on a commercial basis which provide income to ensure the commercial viability of the charity.

The impact of 2020/21 still affects room hires with a lot of groups still not meeting to the levels of pre-covid. But still the charity continues to upgrade the building in terms of offering a better facility in the rooms offered for hire within the community for dance classes and many other activities.

The café continues to be a sound solid base of income generation through day to day café operations providing cost effective daily breakfasts and lunches for old and young alike

Our greatest asset is the small number of volunteers who enable the income to be profitable by providing time and expertise mostly on a voluntary basis with just one (part-time) contracted individual who manages the café.

A strongly held view of the Board is there are to be no employees, for as long as is practicable. We are a charitable community organisation run, by volunteers.

In setting our objectives and planning our activities, our trustees have given serious consideration to the Charity Commission's general advice on public benefit. The organisation has continued to provide facilities for a wide range of local groups serving Eccleshill and the surrounding area, as well as organising its own events to strengthen community activity and the well-being of individuals, particularly the elderly and isolated

residents, from different parts of this urban village at the heart of a Bradford Ward which is the 9th most deprived out of the 30 in the City of Bradford Metropolitan District.

Despite the positives of the community centre operationally it is very disappointing the Local Authority provided no grants to the running of the charity for any services provided to just assist with increased fuel prices. The Board deal with the running of the centre in isolation from any external funding.

Comment:

An apologetic downside of the charity is sometimes the reports are not completed in time while effort is provided ensuring the longevity of the charity and its objectives. For this reason, accounts and annual return have been submitted late. The Board have taken cognisance of this and have put in place changes to make the statutory reporting more efficient.

Terry Pearson
Chair & Managing Director/Trustee

31 July 2023

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Statement of Financial Activities

(including summary income and expenditure account)

For the year ended 31 July 2023

	2023	2022
	Total	Total
	funds	funds
	£	£
Income Resources		
Café and Bistro	28,605	27,275
Community Events	9,828	9,935
Grants & Donations	1,679	31,101
Room Hire and Bar takings	11,152	19,204
Lift Fund Donations	3,671	1,944
Cottage Rent & recharged Electricity	4,729	4,192
100 Club & Miscellaneous	2,939	936
Total Incoming resources	62,603	94,587
Total resources expended	72,475	86,371
Net Income/(expenditure)	(9,871)	8,216
Fund balances brought forward	86,492	78,276
Funds for year	(9,871)	8,216
Fund balances carried forward	76,621	86,492

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

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Balance Sheet

as at 31 July 2023

	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
Fixed Assets	56,847	42,540
Current Assets		
Debtors and prepayments	2,585	7,369
Cash at bank and in hand	30,209	37,783
Total current assets	<u>32,794</u>	<u>45,152</u>
Current Liabilities		
Trade creditors and accruals	13,020	1,200
Total current liabilities	<u>13,020</u>	<u>1,200</u>
Total current assets	<u>19,774</u>	<u>43,952</u>
Total Net assets	<u>76,621</u>	<u>86,492</u>
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For the year ending 31 July 2023 the charitable company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the companies Act relating to small companies.

The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476. The trustees (who are also the directors for the purpose of company law) acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities.

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