

Registered Charity Number

1152996

**AFGHAN COMMUNITY AND  
WELFARE CENTRE**

**TRUSTEES REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED**

**31 MARCH 2023**

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TRUSTEES' REPORT**

The Trustees/Directors present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

Full name of charity is AFGHAN COMMUNITY AND WELFARE CENTRE.

Registered Charity number is 1152996.

Charity's principal address is:

17-19 Wednesbury Road

Walsall

West Midlands

WS1 3RU

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and its company number is 06362689.

The bankers of the charity are Lloyds Bank, St Pauls Street, The Bridge, Walsall WS1 1LG

The charity has been successful in securing funding from Walsall Council (Walsall for All Project). The project is designed to teach and empower newly arrived ladies who have come to Walsall to integrate much better and contribute towards cohesive and more safer communities.

**The trustees who served during the financial year were:**

Muhammad Zahiar (Director /Chair Trustee)

Mohammed Yousuf Salimi

Abdul Wahab Zadran

Ghawsuddin Raees

Mohamad Mustaqeem Shah

**The Trustees on the date the report was approved were:**

Muhammad Zahiar

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**STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

Afghan Community and Welfare Centre is a not-for-profit charity. The charity is an incorporated body limited by guarantee and with no share capital. Membership is open to the people living and working in the area of benefit who support the interests of the charity.

Management of affairs of the charity is directed by a management committee that meets not less than six times a year.

Charity may appoint and determine the appointment of not less than three trustees who will also be members of the management committee, for the purposes of holding monies and property belonging to the charity. Trustees are chosen from persons who have the requisite skills in managing finances and governance. All Trustees shall have access to training facilities supplied by specialist organisations.

**AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

“To promote the benefit of the citizens in Birmingham, Coventry, Wolverhampton, Walsall and in other parts of the West Midlands through:

- (a) The advancement of education and training;
- (b) The relief of poverty, sickness and distress; and
- (c) The provision of recreational facilities in the interest of social welfare with the object of improving their conditions of life.

**THE MAIN ACTIVITIES**

The organisation has provided services and activities to newly arrived people, families, migrants, refugees, asylum seekers and families with low income and deprivations through:

**Community Drop-in and information**

Community Drop-in and information surgeries are a regular service provided by the Afghan Community & Welfare Centre, where practical help and on-going



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support and assistance is offered free of charge to all clients. Information is provided on a range of issues including welfare benefits, education, childcare, health and immigration as well as information about other community and council projects.

In addition to the information service, we also offer a confidential mentoring service to our clients. Afghan CWC provides a range of services for all of our clients whatever their background, religion or culture. We are therefore able to work in a way with our clients, which promotes and fosters cultural interchange and in a manner, that promotes mutual understanding and respect across cultures, ethnic groups and faiths.

We continue working with Pashto, Farsi, Arabic and Urdu speaking communities from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Pakistan, India, Syria, Iran, Romania, Hungary, Norway and others. The majority of our clients are excluded from society due to a language barrier, which is further compounded through the lack of childcare provision, unemployment, poverty and economic disadvantage. Many of our clients are refugees and asylum seekers. Our main services were:

- Help and support with housing, immigration, health issues, school admission
- Local area information and tour services
- provides a culturally sensitive environment where our members can discuss any problems in the strictest confidence.
- Referral service to other agencies and community groups.
- Parental support service
- Self-development and confident activities.
- Education and employment support service.
- EU settlement application support service
- Universal credit and other welfare support services.

**Afghan families resettlement support services**

We continue supporting the Afghan families coming to the UK through the government ARAP and ACRS schemes, there has been increased demand for housing from many families wanting to move to the Midlands especially to

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Walsall. We are providing direct support to over 20 families in Walsall, 12 of them accommodated by us through private landlords.

We also increased our long terms support to families arrived in the area by offering:

- Initial introduction and invitations to our community social gathering for both men and women.
- Job search and Employment support
- School admissions and GP registrations
- Support with benefit application e.g Universal Credit, child benefit and PIP
- Housing support
- Community day trips
- Support wider community engagements and positive integrations.
- Ongoing integration support work
- English classes
- interpreting and translations
- Parenting support
- Online safety and child safeguard awareness.

**Holiday activities and food programme (HAF)**

We have successfully delivered the bespoke HAF for children from newly arrived families during the Easter, summer and Christmas school holidays. HAF is a free and exciting holiday programme for children and young people who are aged 5 to 16 eligible for benefit-related free school meals, HAF is funded by department for education through local authority.

As a result of this programme, we want children who attend this provision to:

- Eat healthy over the school holidays
- Be active during the school holidays

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- take part in engaging and enriching activities which support the development of resilience, character and wellbeing along with their wider educational attainment
- be safe and not to be socially isolated
- have a greater knowledge of health and nutrition
- be more engaged with school and other local services

**Weekly community social gathering**

Our weekly community social gathering has been very effective bringing people together over a meal discussing ideas and issues facing the community also provide educational sessions and activities, as well as bringing together newly arrived and existed members of the community sharing their experience and to organise support, the gathering is not only to make new friends but also opportunity for people to integrate and engage in the wider society.

**Events**

Afghan CWC has a strong commitment to community development, social justice and empowerment with the primary aim to identify and address barriers to cultural inclusion and social and economic participation for our members. We celebrate cultural diversity and engages its constituency and the wider community to share and exchange cultural experience.

We had number of free events throughout the year which includes Eid celebrations and connecting communities' events, as well we been able to bring many people and our diverse communities together.

We also have been part of Taste the cultures of Walsall annual event celebrating the different cultures of Walsall.

**Community day trip**

After the covid restrictions were lifted we have restarted our community day trips to seaside and local attractions during the summer for families, the day trip helps a variety of different people, but has a particular focus on newly arrive and socially isolated people whose opportunities to get out and about and enjoy sustained periods of social interaction can sometimes be limited.



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**Reserves Policy**

Reserves can be used in case of an unforeseen emergency or repair, unforeseen day-to-day operational costs related to Afghan CWC projects, short term cash deficits when expecting a funding grant to arrive, or to fund a designated project that fulfils objectives. The trustees have considered a level of \$5000 unrestricted reserves to be appropriate.

**Our funders and partners Acknowledgements**

On behalf of the Management Committee we would like to thank our funders for their continued support.

Walsall Council

Solihull Council

And all our community members who are always supporting us financially through their regular donations.



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**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The Statement of Financial Activities shows net surplus of £26,157 for the year and accumulated reserves including restricted and unrestricted at 31 March 2023 amount to £101,906.

The trustees have reviewed the reserves of the charity. As a result of this review it was concluded that in order to allow the charity to be managed efficiently and to ensure that sufficient resources are available to provide uninterrupted services a general reserve fund of at least £5,000/- is required to fund running costs of the charity for the financial year ending 31 March 2023. This compares with unrestricted funds of £9,703 at 31 March 2023.

**APPROVAL**

This report was approved by the trustees on .....19-12-2023... and signed on its behalf by

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M Zahiar  
(Chair)

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**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

Trustees are required by charity law to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at the end of the financial year and of the surplus or deficit of the charity. In preparing those financial statements the Board is required to:-

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed.

The trustees are also responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**ON BEHALF OF BOARD**

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M Zahiar  
(Chair)

Date .....19-12-2023

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**

We report on the accounts of Afghan Community and Welfare Centre for the year ended 31 March 2023 set out on pages 10 to 13.

**RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and consider that an independent examination is required.

It is our 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 our attention.

**BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the General Direction 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 we do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS'S REPORT**

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

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(1) which gives us 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
- have not been met; or

(2) to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



**YOUNIS BHATTI & CO LTD**  
**CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS**  
**93 Broad Street**  
**Birmingham**  
**B15 1AU**

Date ..... 8 - 1 - 2024 .....



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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
For the year ended 31 March 2023**

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>				
Incoming resources from Generated funds:				
Activities for generating funds	----	8,884	8,884	8,055
Incoming resources from Charitable activities	49,470	-----	49,470	41,486
Total incoming resources	49,470	8,884	58,354	49,541
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>				
Costs of generating funds:				
Other costs	-----	4,830	4,830	12,059
Charitable activities				
Governance costs	27,367	-----	27,367	7,626
	27,367	4,830	32,197	19,685
Net movement in funds	22,103	4,054	26,157	29,856
Total funds brought forward	70,100	5,649	75,749	45,893
Total funds carried forward	92,203	9,703	101,906	75,749

**AFGHAN COMMUNITY AND  
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BALANCE SHEET  
As on 31 March 2023**

	2023	2022
£	£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>	482	1,229
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Bank account	102,074	75,170
<b>CREDITORS</b>		
Due within one year	(650)	(650)
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Net Current Assets	101,424	74,520
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<b>NET ASSETS</b>	101,906	75,749
	=====	=====
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<b>RESERVES</b>	101,906	75,749
	=====	=====

Approved by the trustees on .....and signed on  
their behalf by:

.....  


M Zahiar (Chair)

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**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS  
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**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of preparation of accounts:**

The Financial Statements are prepared under the purpose scope and application of SORP FRS 102.

SORP 60 states Accounts intending to show a true and fair view must be prepared on the going concern assumption.

SORP 61 states in meeting the obligation to prepare accounts showing a true and fair view accruals accounts should comply with:

(a) Statements of Standard Accounting Practice (SSAPs)

(b) Financial Reporting Standards (FRSs)

(c) Urgent Issue Task Force abstracts (UITFs)

and in addition take note of

(d) The interpretation for Public Benefit Entities of the Statement of Principles for Financial Reporting.

**Accounting Convention**

The financial Statements are prepared under the historical cost convention modified to include the revaluation of certain assets.

**2. Surplus/(Deficit) for the financial year**

This is stated after crediting:-	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Revenue Turnover from ordinary activities	58,354	49,541
and after charging:-		

<b>3. Staff Costs and Emoluments</b>	<b>-----</b>	<b>-----</b>
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**4. CREDITORS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Accruals	650	650

**5. ANALYSIS OF THE TOTAL FUNDS**

	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds
Tangible Fixed Assets	----	482	482
Net Current Assets	92,203	9,221	101,424
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	92,203	9,703	101,906
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