

Jesmond Community Forum CIO Charity No 1155999

Annual Report for 2020 and Annual General Meeting 12 October 2021

(The meeting was held live in Jesmond Library and via Zoom)

Present in person

C. Clarke: Jes Library/Jes Pool & Gym
D. Cross: Jes Network
M. Dodds: St Hilda's Church
F. Clarke: Jes Community Orchard
Cllr F. Mendelson: JDAA/NCC
D. Perry: Elders council
B. Harding: Jes Community Orchard

B. Fitchett: Elders Council
A. Wilkinson: Jes Methodist Church
Rev A. Wilkinson: ditto
F. Mogg: G'forth & Jes Comm Minibus
E. Gibson: St George's Church
S. Klenka: ditto

Attendees via Zoom

Cllr T. Pretswell: Keep Jesmond Clean/NCC
P. Denham: Elders Council
S. Manley: NEPA
A. Hames: Semitones
D. Walton: Jesmond WI
S. Carr: Holy Name Church
P. Drape: Jes Pool & Gym

1. **Apologies:** R. Taylor, Y. Wanke, Fr. Campion, S. Hind, H. Pitkethly, D. Houpt.
2. **Minutes of last AGM** 20.10.10: were accepted
3. **Matters arising:** none
4. **Chair's address: Dave Cross.**

Despite continued difficulties over the year relating to Covid 19, Dave noted that community groups had remained intact and had connected with others in the community by sharing news of activities through emailed circulations by JCF. Jesmond Community Festival 2021 was produced with a programme comprising members' events virtually - or in person, where possible -and the annual Jesmond Photographic competition had gone ahead. Thanks were made to Chris Clarke for his organisation of both.

5. **Treasurer's report: Chris Clarke**

Chris confirmed that due to the low costs associated with managing Jesmond Community Forum and the style in which Jesmond Community Festival needed to be produced this year, JCF is in a highly solvent position with current funds of £4,300, mainly accrued from previous years. It is likely, however, that applications will need to be made for Ward Grants in respect of a traditional Festival next year. Thanks were made to Geoffrey Carter for verifying the accounts.

6. **Election of Trustees**

Current Trustees, Chris Clarke, Dave Cross, Marjorie Dodds, Felicity Mendelson, David Houpt, Sandra Hinds and Bobbie Harding had confirmed they were willing to continue. In accordance with the terms of the Constitution, Felicity and David (in his absence) stood down and were re-elected unanimously.

Expressions of interest from others to become Trustees had been invited, but no

one had come forward or been nominated.

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The formal element of the meeting was followed by presentations from 3 local organisations, and an open discussion on the topic of: -

‘Widening Participation: being relevant to a younger, more diverse Jesmond’.

Treasurer's Report to the Annual Meeting of

Jesmond Community Forum, October 2021

Attached to this report is a summary of our formal financial accounts for 2020. The accounts were independently examined by Mr Geoffrey Carter.

This is now largely of historic interest, as so much has changed since the end of 2020.

The 2020 Festival was cancelled, after some expenditure had been incurred, but fortunately all the organisations who had pledged money towards the 2020 festival allowed their contributions to be carried over until 2021. In addition, the reserves previously built up over a number of years helped carry us through the financial problems of the pandemic.

Although strictly speaking not part of the year reported on here, it can be said that we managed to hold a 2021 festival, with many online events, well within the finances available.

Chris Clarke

Treasurer, Jesmond Community Forum

Jesmond Community Forum**Summary of Accounts for 2020, compared with 2019****General Activities**

<u>Income</u>		<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Sale of 2020 Calendars	£25.00		
Sale of 2021 Calendars	£775.00		
Other Income	£47.24		
Total Income (General Activities)		£847.24	£805.00
<u>Expenditure</u>			
2021 Calendars	£702.40		
Administration	£7.24		
Total Expenditure (General Activities)		£709.64	£717.74
Net Income, General Activities		£137.60	£87.26

Jesmond Community Festival

<u>Income</u>			
Income (2020 Festival)	£2,325.00		
Total Income (Festivals)		£2,325.00	£6,246.70
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Publicity (2020 Festival)	£2,473.00		
Overheads (2020 Festival)	£1,010.10		
Total Expenditure (Festivals)		£3,483.10	£4,304.33
Net Income, Festivals		- £1,158.10	£1,942.37

Summary of Income and Expenditure

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
General Activities, Net Income	£137.60	£87.26
Community Festivals, Net Income	-£1,158.10	£1,942.37
Total Net Income	-£1,020.50	£2,029.63

Represented by

Opening Balance 1 January 2020	£6,227.27
Closing Balance 31 December 2020	£5,206.77
Excess of Income over Expenditure, 2020	- £1,020.50

(Signed) Christopher Clarke (Treasurer).....Date: 11 January 2021

Independently verified by Geoffrey Carter, 11 January 2021