

**Jesmond Community Forum
Annual Report & Minutes of Annual General Meeting
Held at Jesmond Library on
10 September 2024**

Present: Marjorie Dodds (St. Hilda's Church), Ray Hayes (Friends of Jesmond Old Cemetery), Fiona Clarke (Jesmond Community Orchard), David Houpt (Trustee), Dave Cross (Chair JCF), Chris Clarke (Treasurer JCF), Susan Carr (Holy Name Church), Richard Taylor (West Jesmond Allotments), Adam Wilkinson (Jesmond Methodist Church), Janet Wilson (St. George's Church), Alex Head (Resident), Peter Breakey (Jesmond Library/JCIC), Pat Hughes (Bell's Yard), Mathew Brindley (Volunteering Matters, Volunteer Centre Newcastle), Barbara Trevitt (Jesmond Library).

Apologies: Felicity Mendelson (Secretary JCF), Fr Campion (Holy Name Church), Pamela Denham (Elders Council); Tanya Pretswell, JCF Trustee.

1. Welcome

Dave Cross welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Minutes of AGM held on 19 October 2023

These were accepted as a correct record of the meeting.

3. Chair's Report

Dave Cross was proud of the Jesmond Community Festival and the way groups in the area came together to produce this event. This demonstrates how effective and successful the Forum is. We continue to disseminate and share information and this is undertaken by our Secretary, Felicity Mendelson, and is an important part of the work of the Forum. Felicity is unwell and is not able to attend this evening but we send her our best wishes and thanks for the hard work she does. We also produced our annual Jesmond Calendar and the photographs used came from local people in the community.

4. Treasurer's Report

Chris Clarke reported that financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 were circulated and approved earlier in the year. The current amount in our bank account is £4112.

5. Appointment of Trustees

In accordance with the terms of the JCF constitution, Felicity Mendelson and David Houpt stood down as Trustees, both were willing to continue and were re-elected as Trustees unanimously.

Our current Trustees are: David Houpt, Chris Clarke, Dave Cross, Pat Hughes, Marjorie Dodds, Felicity Mendelson and Tanya Pretswell.

Dave Cross informed the meeting that we are always interested in welcoming further Trustees and anyone interested should get in touch.

6. Any Other Business

None

7. Next Open Meeting

12 November 2024.

8. Presentations

Dave Cross introduced the following who will talk about volunteering, recruitment and retention:-

- Matthew Brindley from Volunteering Matters, Volunteer Centre, Newcastle
- Ray Hayes – Friends of Jesmond Old Cemetery
- Barbara Trevitt – Jesmond Library

Jesmond Community Forum CIO

(Registered Charity Number 1155999)

Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023

Jesmond Community Forum CIO**Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 December 2023,
compared with the year ended 31 December 2022****General Activities**

Income	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
Sale of 2022 Calendars		£50.00
Sale of 2023 Calendars	£185.00	£655.00
Sale of 2024 Calendars	£645.00	
Other Income	£10.00	£3.00
Total Income, General Activities	£840.00	£708.00

Expenditure	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
Printing and production of Calendars, including photo competition prizes	£866.00	£822.00
Forum Website	£146.00	£156.00
Room Hire	£165.00	£210.00
Other Expenditure	£10.00	£30.90
Total Expenditure, General Activities	£1,187.00	£1,220.90

Net Income (Deficit), General Activities	(£347.00)	(£512.00)
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Jesmond Community Festival

Income	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
Grants and Donations, 2022 Festival		£3,211.00
Grants and Donations, 2023 Festival	£1,945.00	
Grants and Donations, 2024 Festival	£500.00	
Total Income, Festivals	£2,445.00	£3,211.00

Expenditure	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
Publicity, including Programmes, Posters and Website	£2,241.00	£2,158.40
Other Event Expenditure	£47.00	£35.50
Total Expenditure, Festivals	£2,288.00	£2,193.90

Net Income, Festivals	£157.00	£1,017.10
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Summary of Income and Expenditure

	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
General Activities, Net Income (Deficit)	(£347.00)	(£512.90)
Community Festivals, Net Income	£157.00	£1,017.10
Total Net Income (Deficit)	(£190.00)	£504.20

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Balance Sheet, as at 31 December 2023, compared with 31 December 2022

Jesmond Community Forum has no Fixed Assets and all its Current Assets are all lodged in its bank accounts. At 31 December 2022 it held two current accounts, with Lloyds and Barclays, but during 2023 the Lloyds account was closed, and the total balance transferred to Barclays.

Current Assets	31/12/2023	31/12/2022
Cash at Bank	£4,786.41	£4,976.41

Represented by	2023	2022
Balance brought forward from the previous year	£4,976.41	£4,472.21
Net income (deficit) for the year	(£190.00)	£504.20
Total Funds at the end of the year	£4,786.41	£4,976.41

(Signed) Christopher Clarke (Treasurer).....9 January 2024

Independently examined by Geoffrey Carter..... 9 January 2024