

Resolven & District Cyber and Resource Centre Annual Report 2021/22

For the majority of the year the centre was closed as Welsh Government guidelines regarding Covid-19 measures, needed to reduce the impact of the pandemic, remained in place forced the closure of the centre in March 2020. The trustees were committed to ensure a safe re-opening as soon as guidelines allowed and a partial reopening took place toward the end of the year. Personal protection measures were put in place such as safety screening, sanitiser dispensers etc. The trustees also decided to minimize cash handling, so fines for over due material were waived, and handling of returned items was delayed.

The 2021-22 accounts reflect the fact that the extended period of closure, followed by reduced opening hours together with other measures put in place meant little income was generated during the year. Associated costs of running the library such as electricity, broadband, water, insurance etc. remained. As a result of all this expenditure in effect the library made a large loss during the year.

For the second year the support given by the Welsh Government ensured the survival of the library during this difficult period. However, it has to be noted that even when taking into account the centre is opening for fewer hours a week, footfall is down and usage of the facilities offered are greatly reduced. In addition, we have lost some volunteers, some because the opening times no longer suit them, but some have been cautious about returning to a public facing role whilst Covid remains a threat. This is worrying when looking forward to next year and beyond.

The Trustees held a limited meetings to discuss the business of the centre, the planned reopening and the way forward. This remained an extremely challenging period, however the trustees continue to be committed to, and work hard to ensure there remains an ongoing resource facility for the community, though are aware that difficult decisions may arise in the future.

The trustees remain privileged to work with the group who are prepared to willingly give their time to ensure this vital community resource stays open. The Trustees would like to thank them for all their hard work and commitment.

Resolven District Community Library

Accounts for the year 1st May 2021 to 30th April 2022

Income

Bank balance b/f		£ 10,420.74	
Opening cash balance b/f		£ 25.12	
Cash Received			
Photocopying	£ 4.90		
Fines	£ -		
Printing	£ 19.40		
Donations	£ -		
Work Ways	£ -		
Carnival takings	£ -		
Drinks	£ 1.00		
Laminating	£ 0.40		
Computer Use	£ 3.00		
Cash to Balance	£ 2.88		
		£ 31.58	
			£ 10,477.44

Expenditure

Insurance	£ 400.00		
Fire and Security	£ 90.00		
BT	£ 618.64		
Electricity	£ 477.79		
Water Rates	£ 84.00		
Building costs	£ -		
IT	£ 13.19		
Misc	£ 55.00		
Copier Leasing	£ 68.40		
Cash expenses	£ 25.58		
		£ 1,832.60	
Closing Bank Balance		£ 8,613.72	
Cash on Hand		£ 31.12	
			£ 10,477.44