

STANTON GROVE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1157991

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2014-07-24

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

Contact

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Activities

Objects: TO FURTHER OR BENEFIT THE RESIDENTS OF STANTON GROVE AND THE SURROUNDING AREA, WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, AGE, DISABILITY, RACE OR POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS BY ASSOCIATING TOGETHER THE SAID RESIDENTS AND THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES, VOLUNTARY AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS IN A COMMON EFFORT TO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND TO PROVIDE FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION AND LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE RESIDENTS. IN FURTHERANCE OF THESE OBJECTS BUT NOT OTHERWISE, THE TRUSTEES SHALL HAVE POWER TO MAINTAIN AND MANAGE A COMMUNITY CENTRE FOR ACTIVITIES PROMOTED BY THE CHARITY IN FURTHERANCE OF THE ABOVE OBJECTS.

Activities: The Community Association provides social and leisure facilities for local inhabitants. It runs a Parent & toddler group on up to four mornings per week and a Junior youth Club every Wednesday. A monthly Family Night and disco provides an opportunity for local residents to get together socially. The Community Centre is also available for private hire to individuals and local organisations.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Recreation, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Durham

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31		£0	£0	-
2023-12-31		£0	£0	-
2022-12-31		£0	£150	-
2021-12-31		£0	£2,818	-
2020-12-31		£742	£633	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
JULIE CLUER		2014-07-24
SUSAN CHAPMAN		2014-07-24
WENDY BAILEY		2014-07-24

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TRUSTEES FINAL REPORT

1st January – 31st December
2023

TRUSTEES

Mrs E O'Hara
Miss J Cluer
Mrs S Chapman
Miss W Bailey

Chairman
Treasurer
Secretary
Trustee

Stainton Grove Community Association has been inactive since 2020.

At a General Meeting called at the end of November 2019, the trustees reported to the members present that the preceding year had seen income fall and expenditure rise to the point that the Association was only just breaking even.

It was felt that any further reduction in revenue could potentially result in us not being able to meet future necessary expenditure i.e. utility bills and services sourced through Durham County Council. These being regular Legionella testing and the asbestos management plan, both with an agreed service level fee. Additional payments would include cleaning costs, internet, telephone etc., all of which increase yearly.

Paid membership of the Association has dropped with the closure of the Parent and Toddler Group and Youth Club and it was agreed to not actively seek memberships in 2020 as we were unable to provide services to justify a membership fee.

Although the Trustees have been trying to recruit current members to take on the position to allow the standing Trustees to step down, we have not had any interest shown in doing this.

This led to a discussion about closing the Association and no-one present raised any objections to that suggestion.

Therefore it was decided to call a meeting in January to discuss and decide if the Association should be dissolved as per its constitution.

The meeting was set for Wednesday 8th January at 7.00pm and the resolution for discussion and decision was publicised on December 4th.

Please see next page for the minutes of the January meeting.

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Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday January 8th 2020

Present S Chapman, J Cluer, PA Bushby, T Spires, D Spires,
D Richards, S McKie, W Bailey, E O'Hara

This meeting has been called to discuss the resolution detailed below.

“It is proposed that the Charitable Incorporated Organisation known as Stainton Grove Community Association, shall be voluntarily dissolved as soon as is practical and the property known as Stainton Grove Community Centre be handed back to Durham County Council as stipulated under the terms of the existing lease between the Association and the Council. In addition, the Trustees declare that all debts and liabilities of the CIO known as Stainton Grove Community Association will be settled or provided for in full and once this is completed, all remaining assets to be allocated by the Trustees in a manner and in keeping with its general charitable purposes and according to its Constitution.”

This resolution was presented to those present (no Community Association members as no memberships have been renewed at this time). The Trustees reiterated the financial issues that the Association was facing and that in their opinion it would be better to accept that situation and act now rather than run the risk of reaching the point of not being able to meet future financial obligations.

Unfortunately no-one present could suggest any other actions but several local charities and organisations were put forward as possible recipients of any remaining funds. It was also suggested that any contents of the Community Centre belonging to the Association be sold off to raise more funds for donations.

At this time the meeting was called to order and asked if those present would approve the proposed resolution.

By a show of hands all present agreed to approve the resolution.

The Trustees will start the process and contact Durham County Council to advise them of the situation. A follow up meeting will be held by the Trustees in a week to start an inventory of Community Centre contents and hopefully those present would help as needed.

Mrs O'Hara thanked everyone for attending this meeting and expressed her appreciation for their support over previous years.

Following the meeting in early January, DCC were contacted about retuning the Community Centre building to them. The contents and assets of the Association were distributed or sold off by mid-February and the keys then returned to Durham County Council.

We naively thought we just had to hand the keys back but learnt that as we had a relatively long-term lease we needed to complete 'Surrender of Lease' documents and then employ a solicitor as the lease was registered with the Land Registry and there were a number of legalities to be attended to before we could formally exit the lease.

It took until autumn 2021 for this to be concluded and the solicitor to be finally paid.

At that point we had roughly £1500 remaining funds so the Trustees met in December 2021 to distribute that money to local organisations that had either helped us in the past or had some connection to the Association and its former members.

	DONATED TO	Value £
1	Stainton & Streatlam Parish Council	500.00
2	The Association of Teesdale Day Clubs	500.00
3	Teesdale Cancer Research	200.00
4	Barnard Castle Amateur Boxing Club	194.03
5	Teesdale Visually Impaired Club	100.00
6	Barnard Castle Meet	100.00
7	Barnard Castle Christmas Lights	100.00
8	St. Mary's Roman Catholic School	50.00
9	Royal British Legion	50.00
		1794.03

In 2020 we lost Mrs Bushby, a former Chair of the Association and long time volunteer and in May this year we lost Mrs O'Hara, our last Chair.

Stainton Grove Community Association			
Income & Expenditure Statement			
Year Ending 31st December 2023			
		2023	2022
		£	£
<u>Bank Accounts</u>			
Current Account (Statement Balance)		0.00	150.00
Darlington Building Society		0.00	0.00
Total Funds		0.00	0.00

Stainton Grove Community Association			
Income & Expenditure Statement			
Year Ending 31st December 2023			
		2023	2022
<u>Income</u>		0.00	0.00
<u>Expenditure</u>		0.00	150.00

* This £150.00 donation was made in December 2021 but was not processed by the recipient until January 2022

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The Community Association effectively closed in early 2020 after the General Meeting at which it was agreed by everyone present to dissolve the CIO (Stainton Grove Community Association).

It was decided that the contents of the Community Centre should be sold off then all remaining funds (after settlement of any outstanding debts or liabilities) could be donated to local charities in order to give something back to local residents and groups that had supported us in the past.

The Community Centre was leased from Durham County Council, they were advised of our decision to close the CIO and once the building had been emptied the keys were returned to their property division.

Because we were leasing the building we needed legal assistance to exit the lease and needed to employ a local solicitor to act on our behalf. When everything was finalised and the legal fees paid, the Trustees met to decide how to allocate the remaining funds to local charitable groups.

This was done in December 2021 but one beneficiary failed to deposit the cheque in time to clear in 2021 so the sum of £150 remained in the account until January 2022.

**All debts, liabilities and donations now having
been processed, this is the final Trustees
Report of Stainton Grove Community
Association.**

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Legal Fees		0.00	1,173.60

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FINANCE

The Community Association has been inactive now since early 2020. Due to Covid-19 lockdowns, furloughs and working from home etc this has taken far longer than any of the Trustees expected. The invoice from the solicitor who acted on our behalf to get us through the surrender of the lease was received in October 2021.

The Trustees met in November 2021 to decide on how to distribute the remainder of the funds. The criteria we set on the donations was that they should benefit local charities and organisations rather than mainstream national ones. This was so our local residents who over many years had supported the Community Association would get something back from us.

We hoped that everything would be finalised by the end of this year but unfortunately we still have one donation that was made but had not been cashed by 31st December so there will be need to be one final set of accounts before final dissolution of the Community Association can take place.

We have greatly appreciated the support of our dedicated group of volunteer helpers and thank them for all their help over the years.

Stainton Grove Community Association			
Income & Expenditure Statement			
Year Ending 31st December 2021			
		2021	2020
		£	£
<u>Bank Accounts</u>			
Current Account (Statement Balance)		150.00	2,967.63
Unpresented Cheques		- 150.00	0.00
		0.00	2,967.63
Darlington Building Society		0.00	0.00
Total funds		0.00	2,967.63
<u>Equity</u>			
Reserves Brought Forward		2,967.63	2,858.81
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		- 2,967.63	108.82
Reserves Carried Forward		0.00	2,967.63

Stainton Grove Community Association				
Income & Expenditure Statement				
Year Ending 31st December 2021				
	2021	2021	2020	2020
<u>Income</u>	£	£	£	£
Capital - Sales				441.50
Hire of Hall				300.00
		0.00		741.50
<u>Expenditure</u>				
Cleaners Wages			149.26	
Audit of Accounts			60.00	
Gas			283.54	
Electricity			100.93	
Water Rates			38.95	
Donations	1,794.03			
Legal Fees	1,173.60			
		2,967.63		632.68
Net Surplus/(Deficit)		-2,967.63		- 108.82

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ACTIVITIES/EVENTS ETC

Past activities included a Parent & Toddler Group and Family Nights at a moderate charge. Sadly over the course of 2019 numbers attending both these activities have dwindled to a point where they only occasionally return a profit and the best we can hope for is to break even on the money expended to run them.

Due to our location we have always been a popular venue for local musicians to hold their rehearsals as we have no immediate residential neighbours. But bands change line-ups and a couple of them have broken up so we have lost them as a source of income. There is a lot of competition in the area to host children's parties and we cannot compete with venues that can offer soft play facilities etc.

FINANCE

The building is the property of Durham County Council and is leased by the Community Association. We have a contract with them for monthly Legionella testing and maintenance of an Asbestos Management Plan and yearly inspection.

We have a current account we use for regular contacted running costs, payment of utility bills, purchase of consumables, and minor maintenance and repairs.

Our main source of income has always been generated by hiring out the building to local musicians, the weekly Lunch Club run by Teesdale Day Clubs and occasional meetings etc. Toddler Group sessions and Family Nights both saw a significant drop in attendance over the course of the previous year and unfortunately due to the organiser moving out of the area the Toddler group closed in November 2019. A further setback was the decision to relocate the weekly Lunch Club sessions to venue in Barnard Castle. As there were so few attendees from Stainton Grove and the majority of the clients were being brought in by taxi from Barnard Castle it was more cost effective to relocate.

We do not receive any funding from the local authority.

Total income generated last year was not as much as we had hoped and we were unable to make any significant reduction of expenditure. This together with lack of volunteers willing to become Trustees has caused us to consider some difficult decisions about the future of the Community Association.

The financial situation had been discussed at the December 2019 meeting, but with the backing of some of our regular volunteers we were hoping to carry on until our next Annual General Meeting with the hope that new Trustees could be found to provide renewed support and much needed enthusiasm.

WHAT COMES NEXT

However by the time we met in early January 2020 the situation had worsened with two of our regular helpers moving off the estate and a third advising that due to other commitments he was no longer able to help at any evening events the suggestion was made that we close the Community Association and return the community centre back to Durham County Council.

A general meeting was called for the 29th January and this was publicised by means of notices around the area of benefit to advise of the proposal to dissolve the Community Association and close the Community Centre.

This meeting took place and all the Community Association members who attended and the four Trustees agreed by a show of hands that they accepted the proposal.

It was further agreed that this would be set in motion as soon as possible and all debts and liabilities settled prior to any disposal of remaining funds and then a set of final accounts will be prepared in order to close the CIO. The current Trustees will work together to finalise this.

By the end of February the contents of the Community Centre had been sold or donated and the keys were then returned to Durham County Council. Then Covid-19 happened and everything ground to a halt.

Naively the trustees thought returning the keys was all we needed to do to close but because of the terms of our lease with Durham County Council it was registered through the Land Registry and DCC suggested we should seek legal advice to aid and advise us with the procedure for the Surrender of the Lease.

As of 31st December 2020 this is still ongoing and until the surrender is finalised we exist in name only, having no premises, and no income. Until we have received and paid the invoice for legal services we are unable to make any donations of remaining funds or to finally close the CIO.

We have greatly appreciated the support of our dedicated group of volunteer helpers and thank them for all their help over the years.

Stainton Grove Community Association

Income & Expenditure Statement

Year Ending 31st December 2020

	2020	2020	2019	2019
<u>Income</u>	£	£	£	£
Capital - Sales		441.50		972.43
Memberships				69.00
Hire of Hall		300.00		3,000.50
Toddlers Admission				200.00
Function Admission				62.00
Tuck Shop Sales				131.06
Catering				730.84
Raffle/Tombola				105.00
Bingo				38.00
Prizes/Games				2.70
Donations				22.79
Function Cash Float				325.20
Darlington BS Interest gained				7.97
		741.50		5,667.49
<u>Expenditure</u>				
DCC Building Compliance Contract			811.96	
Building Costs/Maintenance			692.96	
Purchase of Tuck			98.61	
Catering			47.67	
Function Cash Float			325.20	
Cleaners Wages	149.26		1,536.66	
Cleaning Materials			39.91	
Materials and Equipment			204.00	
Stationery			2.99	
Audit of Accounts	60.00		60.00	
Broadband/Telephone			528.13	
Gas	283.54		600.00	
Electricity	100.93		745.80	
Water Rates	38.95		263.19	
Memberships/Fees/Subscriptions			356.00	
Fire Extinguisher			21.29	
Black Box Security - Alarm			153.78	
		632.68		6,488.15
Net Surplus/(Deficit)		108.82		- 820.66

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	2020	2019
	£	£
<u>Bank Accounts</u>		
Current Account (Statement Balance)	2,967.63	2,858.81
Unpresented Cheques	0.00	0.00
	2,967.63	2,858.81
Darlington Building Society	0.00	0.00
Total funds	2,967.63	2,858.81
<u>Equity</u>		
Reserves Brought Forward	2,858.81	3,679.47
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	108.82	- 820.66
Reserves Carried Forward	2,967.63	2,858.81