

Potton Hall for All - Registered Charity No: 1158751

Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2023.

The Charity was registered on 2nd October 2014 as a CIO and this is our report for the 12 month period ended 31st December 2023. The Trustees confirm that this complies with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 and our Constitution.

Our Aims

Our aim is to build and run a self financing multi-functional community Hall for the people of Potton and surrounding villages.

Our Objectives

To identify sources of funding which will enable us to build the hall and to work with other local bodies, both statutory and voluntary to leverage this.

Review of Activities and Achievements

During 2023 we have been working with Potton Town Council, our partner in providing the community building for the people of Potton, and our chosen building contractor, Watson and Cox, to design a hall which can be built for the funds available.

In August Watson and Cox submitted a design which meets our requirements and can be built for the £1.7Million which we have promised to the project. On this basis we were able to show Central Bedfordshire Council that we have an affordable design and they have agreed that the Section 106 money which has been allocated to the project can be released.

Potton Town Council have also received borrowing approval from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities to take a loan through the Public Works Loan Board.

Other funders have made good on their pledges.

The rest of the year has been spent going through the designs to ensure that the design is complete and satisfactory to reduce the risk of overspend once building commences. We expect to be in a position to sign the contract early in 2024 and starting building in the first quarter of the year.

We have run a number of successful events which enhance community engagement in the project and raise funds towards it. These included an Easter Bunny Trail, a Quiz night and a Murder Mystery Night run with Potton Playhouse and Potton Scout Group. We also provided teas at the Community Orchard Apple Day and participated in the Coronation Celebrations, Seasonal Markets and Christmas Lights Switch on organised by Potton Town Council.

The Friends of Potton Hall for All group has been active in these events.

Further funding applications are being prepared to pay for parts of the build and to enhance it after completion.

We are working closely with Pottton Town Council and Central Bedfordshire Council who are offering support for the project.

The Trustees

We have 5 Trustees who are very active in the local community, one of whom is nominated by Pottton Town Council. They are supported by a number of smaller support committees. The Trustees have taken the commission's public benefit guidance into account when making any decision to which it is relevant.

Income and Expenditure

Income	Sum of Income	Expenditure	Sum of Expenditure
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Donation	1019 ✓	Advertising	18.00
Fundraising Income	7705.37 ✓	Fundraising Costs	3806.22
Donation (conditional)	25000 ✓	Insurance	230.8
		Bank Charges	124.69
		Fees	5500 ✓

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01/04/2022 Opening Balance	32388.14 ✓	Current Account (Not Conditional)	18801.21
Income	33724.37 ✓	Petty Cash	381.59 ✓
Expenditure	9679.71 ✓	current account (Conditional)	37250

31/03/2023 Closing Balance	56432.80	31/03/2023 Closing Balance	56432.80
		Conditional	37250
		Available	19182.80

Difference	Outstanding	0.00
closing balances		
End of year Profit Loss 2021-22		24044.66

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