

Fishburn
Youth & Community Centre

Trustees Annual Report 2024

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Butterwick Road, Fishburn, TS21 4ED

Charity Number: 1165240

Trustees

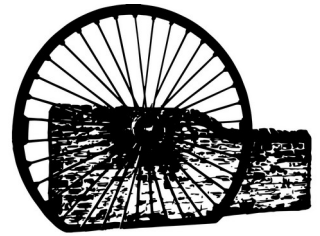
Chairman: Michael Parkin

Secretary: Fay Irvine

Treasurer: John Irvine

Trustees: Ann Hewitt

Michele Barker



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Structure

The site consists of two fully accessible buildings, a Community Centre and Youth Centre, Trustees have responsibility over both the maintenance and development of the services provided.

The Community Centre building is owed by CISWO (formally NCB – Miners Welfare Hall), and held in trust by DCC for the benefit of the community. Whilst the Community Centre and Youth Centre are overseen by the Management Committee the day to day running, development and fundraising is carried out by the Centre Manager, this member of staff has just been awarded the BBC Radio Tees 'Make a Difference' Fundraiser of the Year for 2024. The Committee also employ a Cleaner, 2 Kitchen Staff, an Events Co-ordinator and a Delivery Driver In addition to this FYCC employs 5 x Youth Service staff

Activities and Objectives

The Centre boasts a variety of activities to include: Art Group, Youth Dance and Drama, Taekwondo, Clubbercise, Yogalates, Sew Creative, Lunch Club, Craft Club, Gentle Exercise, Latin in Line, Walking Football, Friendly Fixers, Yoga a Walking Group, Cardiac Rehab plus a number of social groups many of which are designed to address the issues around loneliness and isolation particularly in the elderly.

FYCC is also available for private hire for social events such as Christenings, Weddings and other Celebrations, the space can also be used as a consultation and training venue with bookings from organisations such as; NHS, Wellbeing for Life and Fishburn Parish Council.

The former mining village of Fishburn is generally an area of economic deprivation, the main objective of FYCC remains: To further or benefit the residents of Fishburn and the neighbourhood, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of 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

Achievements and Performance

The main objectives this year has been to continue to further enhance the opportunities available to the local community. With the cost of living crisis having such a dramatic affect we registered FYCC as a Welcome Space; the introduction of hot soup and a roll, hot drinks in a warm friendly environment proved so successful that we took the decision to continue the service. We have been fortunate enough to have been awarded a number of grants enabling us to meet the needs of our service users and continue many of our projects. Our designated youth service continues to operate three evenings per week for children aged 8-16 years. We are delighted to have been awarded a grant from the National Lottery Community Fund, safeguarding 4 staff roles for a 3 year period (taking us to April 2028). We are particularly delighted to announce that after much fundraising we were able to add an extension to the main building, this has allowed us to install a professional catering kitchen plus a new bar and cellar, each element providing the opportunity to increase revenue the aim being to help the organisation to become self-funding, ensuring the long term sustainability of the service for the benefit of the local community.

Financial Information

FYCC operates a reserves policy to cover essential maintenance. The building is insured to hold £5000 in cash on site. Annual accounts are independently audited in line with charity guidelines.

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Financial Activities

January - December 2023

	TOTAL
Income	
Bar Income	7,751.66
Food Income	22,191.00
Fundraising	3,239.66
Grants	238,498.90
Refund	1,242.05
Room Hire	18,582.40
Total Income	£291,505.67
Cost of Sales	
Bar Stock	3,843.49
Lottery Soup Expenses	109.09
Lunch Club Expenses	10,551.06
Take Away Packaging	1,340.13
Total Cost of Sales	£15,843.77
TOTAL	£275,661.90
Expenditures	
Advertising/Promotional	250.00
Bank charges	214.65
Christmas Fayre	343.36
Cleaning	838.60
Community Christmas Dinner	156.09
Computer Costs	728.26
Craft Club Expenses	1,207.87
Electric	15,639.47
Employer Pension Liability	1,004.90
Events/Entertainment Expenses	1,560.55
Gas	18,336.02
Insurances	2,080.50
Ladies Club Expenses	741.73
Office/General Administrative Expenses	521.07
Other Professional Services	1,883.19
Phone Costs	803.76
Repair and maintenance	69,110.39
Subscriptions	1,220.42
Travel and Accommodation	96.00
Van Expenses	1,312.61
Van Fuel	999.04
Wages Expense	70,480.40
Water	1,721.86
Youth Club Expenses	4,801.16
Total Expenditures	£196,051.90
NET OPERATING INCOME	£79,610.00

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	TOTAL
Other Income	
Interest Earned	1,539.39
Total Other Income	£1,539.39
NET OTHER INCOME	£1,539.39
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	£81,149.39

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12th August 2024

Dear Chair and Trustees,

Re. Fishburn Youth and Community Centre

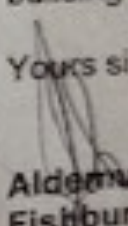
May I thank you for asking me to examine your accounts and records for the previous year's activity. From the outset I can confirm I found no issues to raise with yourselves. All papers, bank statements were provided, and I saw no issues to report. Indeed, I found the books and record easy to inspect and follow. Thanks must go to Mrs. L. Watson and her team.

If I may comment on the accounts and areas for you to focus on:

- a. Although on the face of it you made a surplus of £81,149 it must be noted this is closely linked to the grants you obtained
- b. Great success by yourselves and staff has resulted in grants of £238,488.90. A sum you must be applauded for.
- c. To note you have 2 accounts with over £85,000 in them above this protected level.
- d. Your wages will of course be an issue you monitor closely of £70,480.
- e. Utilities are obviously off concern to yourselves and us all, at £33975.49 and this needs monitoring as the cost will rise again this year
- f. Congratulations need to go to staff for the excellent room hire figure of £18,582.40. Along with fundraising of £3239.66. The appointment of the event manger will hopefully this year and in future increase this figure.
- g. Major repairs and development must be highlighted, and credit given to yourselves.

I wish you all well and on what I have seen from this examination and from using the building I am sure continued success and development of the Centre will follow.

Yours sincerely,


Alderman John Robinson RMN, RGN, CPN CERT, DMS, FETC, JP
Fishburn Parish Clerk