

Mancot Community Library Annual Report February 2021 - February 2022

Mancot Community Library (MCL) is a small CIO currently managed by 6 Trustees with a wide range of varying skills. There are also a number of dedicated volunteers who keep the library running smoothly on a day to day basis.

The primary purpose of the CIO is to provide a lending library with IT access. The library is ordinarily open 5 days a week at varying times to allow access to all parts of the community. The library is well stocked and the stock is continually updated to ensure we provide an up to date service. There are a number of PCs with internet access and printing, photocopying and scanning services. A number of 'classes/groups' take place in the library building which include a choir, photography, art, and knit and natter and are always looking to expand these further for the benefit of the community. The rooms within the building are also hired out to generate income. Rooms are also hired by local groups to hold various meetings.

Due to COVID-19 the library was closed for the majority of 2020 and following the further restrictions imposed in early 2021, the library was not operating as a library in March 2021. The library joined forces with 3 local councillors to become a Community Hub providing weekly care packages of food and toiletries to the most vulnerable in the community as well as those who were self-isolating or unwell due to COVID. The library operated in this capacity until June 2021, delivering in the region of 400 care packages to local residents. During this time, the library became part of the local Uniform Exchange. The Exchange accepts donations of local school uniform for others in the community to use free of charge.

Due to the library being closed for this period, we took the opportunity to increase our social media profile and look at alternative ways to engage with the community. During the Easter Holidays we would normally arrange activities in the library for children, but as we were not open we participated in the local councils Easter Walk Poster Competition. We also gave out Easter Eggs as part of the Hub Care Packages.

We made the decision to re-open in May 2021 for 2 days week which was very well received. However just prior to re-opening we were the victim of vandalism from Anti-Social Behaviour of local youths. Following a successful appeal for information, a local business donated and installed a full CCTV system for us free of charge. The offer was made due to the business owner appreciating what we provide to the community.

In September the Mobile Post Office Van (which had been attending the library since November 2020) increased to attending twice a week. The library also increased it's opening times to 3 days a week.

The decoupage class restarted in November 2021. And in the same month a Christmas Fair was held which raised over £500.00. Unfortunately the week after this the library sustained storm damage. Again, due to the links in the community a local joiner fixed the issue for us free of charge. The library has also become the meeting point for the monthly village litter picks organised by a local councillor.

In February 2022 a local resident took part in another Charitable Event, "A Grand Week in Wales" and donated his sponsorship to the library.

With the COVID-19 pandemic nearing an end lots of plans are being made for the next year to fully utilise the Community Library.

MANCOT COMMUNITY LIBRARY			
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the YEAR ENDING 28 FEBRUARY 2022			
INCOME			
Donation Tubs			
	Library	106.21	
	News and Booze	52.31	
	Vilage Store	130.00	
			288.52
Donations			
	Martin Davey	294.65	
	Paypal Gift Fund	108.45	
	Sue Friend	25.00	
	Pat/Anon	25.00	
			453.10
Fund Raising			
	Xmas Fayre	537.62	
	Open Day	190.50	
			728.12
Miscellaneous Sales (including printing, refreshments, books etc.)			70.28
Book Sales			
	Revival Books	183.96	
	Berwyn Books	50.00	
			233.96
Grants (Welsh Government)			2235.00
TOTAL INCOME			4008.98

EXPENDITURE				
Operating Costs				
	Insurance	1461.5		
	Gas	265.89		
	Telephone/Broadband	563.66		
	Electricity	198.34		
	Ink Cartridges	133.63		
	Misc. Repairs	53.96		
	Welsh Water	144.00		
	Security Alarm Service	61.80		
	Churches Fire Safety Certificate	7.20		
	Tableware	22.31		
			2912.29	
Other Expenses				
	New Doors	215.00		
	New Signs	85.57		
	Vacuum Cleaner	199.00		
			499.57	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE				3411.86

Excess Income/Expenditure		597.12	
Balance brought forward		8569.67	
Total Reserves c/fwd			9166.79
Reserves consist of:			
	Bank Current Account	9153.91	
	Petty Cash	12.88	
			9166.79