

DMI COMMUNITY CENTRE

England & Wales · Charity number 1176755

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2018-01-19

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Activities

Objects: TO FURTHER OR BENEFIT THE RESIDENTS OF DENHOLME AND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD, WITHOUT DISTINCTION, BY ASSOCIATING TOGETHER THE RESIDENTS, THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES, VOLUNTARY AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS IN A COMMON EFFORT TO PROVIDE FACILITIES FOR THE SOCIAL WELFARE, EDUCATION, RECREATION AND LEISURE WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE OF THE RESIDENTS. THE TRUSTEES SHALL HAVE POWER TO MAINTAIN, MANAGE OR CO-OPERATE WITH ANY STATUTORY AUTHORITY IN THE MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF THE COMMUNITY CENTRE FOR ACTIVITIES PROMOTED BY THE CHARITY IN FURTHERANCE OF THE ABOVE OBJECTIVES.

Activities: We are a community centre providing rooms for hire by groups and individuals within the local area

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Bradford City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£77,808	£64,463	-	-
2024-03-31	£84,212	£72,040	-	-
2023-03-31	£39,198	£42,468	-	-
2022-03-31	£64,016	£84,489	-	-
2021-03-31	£56,510	£38,464	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Shane Hollingdrake	Chair	2022-01-26
ANNE SHERRIFF		2019-01-28
Christine Young		2023-07-19
GARETH JOHN DAVIES		2018-02-13
John Young		2023-07-19
Josephine MacDonald		2024-08-12

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Accounts

Denholme Community Centre : Annual Review 2024-25

Overview of the Year

This year has seen the Centre continue to develop and widen the range of activities on offer. Our regular groups and activities continue and thrive for the most part, but we have been able to add widen our appeal and attract several new users.

The community centre continues to provide accommodation for a community-run library offering a valued service to families in our village. The library offers activities for children, as well as a welcoming space for people to drop in. We also have a thriving Book Club meeting monthly, and a writers' group meeting weekly. Each year the writers' group publishes collections of poetry and prose which are for sale on Amazon.

The year has seen some staff changes. As well as a local volunteer/trustee filling the role of Centre Coordinator, we have also appointed a caretaker. Volunteers remain the heart of our 'staff team', providing catering, centre maintenance, events management and financial management.

The Trustees remain stable and committed, and offer invaluable expertise in forward planning, finance, fundraising and events management. Under their guidance, we have continued to extend and strengthen building on our five-star food hygiene rating which enables us to offer food and drinks to support our activities. Our alcohol licence has proved popular, and sales of food and drink have become a key element in our revenue.

We continue to fund raise for a replacement boiler, though we have made progress and are exploring all available funding streams.

Our new upstairs tenant, an established local children's dance school who moved in in February 2024, has been a valuable asset as well as a key element in our revenue stream.

Challenges certainly remain, especially in terms of revenue from room hire, but the centre remains committed to offering a high level of service and opportunity to local people. We recognise our crucial role in reducing loneliness and enhancing social contact between residents.

Community Involvement and Communication

Many activities taking place within the community centre are community led and rely on the resources of local volunteers. We pride ourselves on our communication with, and support for, these volunteers and, where possible, we act promptly on the feedback that they give us.

Over the last year, we have continued to build links we have with other groups in the village. We have provided facilities, free of charge, to the Neighbourhood Watch group, who operate a contact point where people can report police and council issues. We have also

worked with the Children's Gala committee, and we participated in the 2024 Gala where we held a fundraising tombola.

We have also maintained links with local businesses; the Coop, the pharmacy and the post office as well as the local restaurant who provide the meals for our Lunch Club.

Followers to our dedicated Facebook page continue to rise. Along with our contributions to other local social media channels, this enables us to keep the local community informed of our activities. We post regular promotional material advertising our programme of activities (usually a dozen or more posts a week) and welcome comments, suggestions and feedback through these channels. And for those who prefer more traditional methods, we have leaflets, noticeboards and an open door where they can come and share their thoughts with us.

Making A Difference

Denholme has one of the highest proportions of elderly residents within the whole of the Bradford MDC area and thus a large number of our regular activities and groups have evolved to support older people. The Lunch Club offers what can be a rare opportunity to meet and socialise with others. In response to requests from users we have sought to open during bank holidays to help people feel less isolated from their peers.

Opening as a "Warm Space" last year as part of the government backed scheme also enabled us to reach out to isolated individuals and families, and we have developed this into a regular Wednesday morning breakfast event. This is extremely popular, a valued social event offering drinks, toast, crumpets and breakfast sandwiches at a low cost

Although our services to the elderly are vital, during the course of the year our expanded events programme has enabled us to appeal to other demographic groups. In part this has been in response to the need to diversify our income, but we also want to ensure we attract new user groups to the centre, who may not previously have participated.

New Activities

We worked with the Town Council to provide a lively Christmas event in 2024 where we were able to sell alcohol as well as other refreshments such as hot chocolate, mince pies, mulled wine and other festive food.

We opened the centre to the community on Remembrance Day 2024 with pie and peas and hot drinks for sale.

Since the end of last year we have been planning a lively and diverse programme of social events, mainly to take place at weekends when the centre tended to be underused. This is no longer the case, with events filling most of the spots. These include farmers markets and indoor car boot sales, seasonal events such as Valentine's Day, spring sales, Mothers' Day afternoon tea, pumpkin carving, Halloween Night, a Christmas Market and a children's

Christmas card competition, as well as Bingo, Quiz Nights, a community café, Ladies Nights, and afternoon tea-dances.

We have also worked hard to promote the Centre as an attractive venue for hire, for events such as birthday parties and wedding anniversaries.

In the coming year we intend to build on this success by extending the range of activities offered. Much of this will be experimental, but early signs are good. Our volunteers are qualified in food hygiene so we are able to offer a range of catering options to support events. The ideas under consideration include:

- More seasonal events such as Easter and Christmas, Halloween, Christmas wreath-making
- Music, e.g. Northern Soul, themed discos, Reggae Night
- Continue to support events linked to the wider community activity, e.g. summer party at the Gala, social event on Remembrance Day, Christmas lights switch on in collaboration with Denholme Town Council
- Celebrate national events, e.g.
- Psychic Night
- Cocktail Night
- Private hires for birthday parties, weddings, even funerals

The Challenges

Once again, and in common with all our users and other public sector providers, the centre has been affected by rising running costs, in particular the cost of heating and lighting. Our energy bills have been better controlled this year due to a much more detailed understanding of our ongoing costs and negotiating better tariffs with suppliers. Even so, we have an old building and maintenance costs are inevitably high.

Securing sufficient revenue will always be a challenge, but we have plans to diversify our earned income. We had hoped to bring in £1000 a month from earned income in 2024-25, but have achieved around £1800, well in excess of our expectations. We are optimistic and confident in our approach, and hope to be less reliant on grants, though we will continue to explore potential sources of external funding to help offset one-off costs.

The Trustees are particularly grateful for the financial support provided by Denholme Town Council, who awarded us a grant of £10,000 in March 2025 to help with running costs.

Conclusion and Future Plans

- a) We will further boost income by increasing the range of activities on offer at the centre. In particular, we aim to set up a Denholme Lottery, a way of attracting regular monthly income.
- b) We will continue to seek to attract new trustees to join our team to enhance our existing skill set, with a particular emphasis on fundraising

- c) One of our main priorities remains the pressing need to identify funding for a new boiler, without which the Centre will struggle to operate in the long term.
- d) We will look to control cleaning and caretaking costs by paying a local person or a trustee to perform these duties.

We have always welcomed suggestions from residents regarding the sorts of new activities they would welcome in the Centre, and this will continue. Specifically, we will further improve the attractiveness of our centre as a venue for hire as well as enhancing our own events, by making full use of our popular bar as we see this as having huge income-earning potential. We will consider the financial prospects of hiring dedicated bar staff.

We aim to produce a Denholme Directory to promote our own activities as well as those in the wider community, possibly funded by advertising

Our financial situation remains precarious, but we are confident that the measures we have already put in place to understand and control our costs, and our plans to increase earned income in the coming year will enable us to successfully navigate our way through the challenges. Times are hard, and this won't change, but the community centre is needed now as never before, and we are determined to ensure the centre remains viable and sustainable for future generations. We cannot insulate ourselves from the impacts of external cost increases, but we have developed a track record of reacting appropriately, imaginatively, and in a timely manner to maintain a solid foundation for the future.

DMI Community Centre - Year End Accounts
1st April 2024 - 31st March 2025
Profit & Loss Account

2024/25 Income

	2024/2025	2023/2024
Commercial Rents	£ 18,083.00	£ 13,451.00
Community Rents	£ 19,103.00	£ 17,940.00
Casual Rents	£ 2,699.00	£ 2,328.00
Grants & Support	£ 12,400.00	£ 44,629.00
Big Lottery		£ 22,000.00
Bradford Council	£ 2,000.00	
Business/DTC	£ 10,000.00	£ 20,000.00
Other	£ 4,460.00	£ 2,629.00
Events Income	£ 4,641.00	
Bar Profits	£ 13,954.00	
Miscellaneous	£ 6,928.00	£ 5,864.00
<u>Total Income</u>	<u>£ 77,808.00</u>	<u>£ 84,212.00</u>

2024/25 Expenditure

Professional Fees & Licences	£ 5,848.00	£ 14,431.00
Buildings Insurance	£ 1,642.00	
Registration/Membership Fees	£ 150.00	£ 2,273.00
Staff Costs	£ 4,056.00	£ 12,158.00
Building Expenses	£ 58,615.00	£ 57,609.00
Cleaning	£ 2,862.00	£ 4,043.00
Other Services	£ 2,238.00	£ 2,143.00
Consumables	£ 3,987.00	£ 7,560.00
Maintenance	£ 6,300.00	£ 5,808.00
Security	£ 578.00	£ 420.00
Gas & Electric	£ 41,390.00	£ 36,303.00
Water	£ 871.00	£ 943.00
Internet	£ 389.00	£ 389.00
<u>Total Expenditure</u>	<u>£ 64,463.00</u>	<u>£ 72,040.00</u>
Profit/Loss in the year	£ 13,345.00	£ 12,172.00

DMI Community Centre - Year End Accounts
1st April 2024 - 31st March 2025
Balance Sheet

Opening Balance	£ 44,562.00	£ 32,390.00
Total Income	£ 84,212.00	£ 84,212.00
Total Expenditure	£ 64,463.00	£ 72,040.00
Closing Balance	£ 64,311.00	£ 44,562.00

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Denholme Community Centre : Annual Review 2023-24

Overview of the Year

This year has seen a marked shift in the range of activities on offer at the centre. Our regular groups and activities continue and thrive for the most part, but we have been able to add several new opportunities. With the closure of other social facilities such as the Conservative Club and a local pub, the availability of community meeting and leisure space at the heart of our community is even more vital.

The centre was fully up and running following the Covid outbreak by March 2023, which is when we introduced the first of our regular weekend events, a Farmers' Market.

The community centre continues to provide accommodation for a community-run library offering a valued service to families in our village. We also have a thriving Book Club meeting monthly, and a writers' group meeting weekly. Each year the writers' group publishes collections of poetry and prose which are for sale on Amazon.

The year has seen some staff changes. We were forced to let the centre coordinator go as we simply could not sustain a full-time post after the Lottery funding ended, but the role is now fulfilled by a local volunteer/trustee, and the centre has thrived under this 'new management'.

There have been some changes at trustee level. Two long-standing trustees were forced to step down for health reasons and we were sorry to lose their experience and expertise, though we wish them well in their retirement. We were able to recruit three new trustees who bring new perspectives and energy to the centre, as well as invaluable expertise in fundraising and event management. Under their guidance, we have massively extended our events programme, starting with the fundamental basics such as achieving a five-star food hygiene rating enabling us to offer food and drinks to support our activities. We have become licenced for alcohol, making our social events even more popular. We have also appointed a qualified accountant to act as financial adviser to lead our budgeting and financial planning. As a result, we have been able to exercise detailed oversight and control of our finances on a daily basis.

Another cost-control measure has been the introduction of sensor-controlled lighting in communal areas. We continue to fund raise for a replacement boiler.

Our regular upstairs tenant gave notice just before Christmas 2023 and vacated the premises in January. We were able to identify a new tenant very quickly, an established local children's dance school, who moved in in March, so the loss of revenue was minimised. This change offered an opportunity to improve the facilities upstairs by installing a separate toilet. We were also able to negotiate a fair rent with an itemised contribution to utilities costs to take account of real and known costs.

Despite our increased control of our financial situation, challenges remain, especially in terms of revenue from room hire, but the centre remains committed to offering a high level

of service and opportunity to local people. We recognise our crucial role in reducing loneliness and enhancing social contact between residents.

Community Involvement and Communication

Many activities taking place within the community centre are community led and rely on the resources of local volunteers. We pride ourselves on our communication with, and support for, these volunteers and, where possible, we act promptly on the feedback that they give us.

Over the last year, we have continued to build links we have with other groups in the village. We have provided facilities, free of charge, to the Neighbourhood Watch group, who operate a contact point where people can report police and council issues, and to the local church, who host a weekly coffee morning providing low-level secular support and befriending to some of the most vulnerable members of the community who may be reluctant to participate in a more structured activity. We have also worked with the Children's Gala committee, and we participated in the 2023 Gala where we held a fundraising tombola.

We have also maintained links with local businesses; the Coop, the pharmacy and the post office as well as the local restaurant who provide the meals for our Lunch Club.

Followers to our dedicated Facebook page rose from 400 to 1000 in the course of the year. Along with our contributions to other local social media channels, this enables us to keep the local community informed of our activities. We post regular promotional material advertising our programme of activities (usually a dozen or more posts a week) and welcome comments, suggestions and feedback through these channels. For older people who may be less comfortable using the internet, we have a computer drop-in session to assist them to get online safely. And for those who prefer more traditional methods, we have leaflets, noticeboards and an open door where they can come and share their thoughts with us.

Making A Difference

Denholme has one of the highest proportions of elderly residents within the whole of the Bradford MDC area and thus a large number of our regular activities and groups have evolved to support older people. The Lunch Club offers what can be a rare opportunity to meet and socialise with others. In response to requests from users we have sought to open during bank holidays to help people feel less isolated from their peers.

Opening as a "Warm Space" as part of the government backed scheme also enabled us to reach out to isolated individuals and families. We worked with the church in the village to ensure that the provision we were both offering did not overlap. Offering free hot drinks and snacks, wifi and charging facilities meant that users could make the most of our space and keep their own heating costs down.

We also offer a weekly Friday coffee morning with free toast and a hot drink, and a Rural Crafters session

Although our services to the elderly are vital, during the course of the year we have made a conscious and concerted effort to reach out to other demographic groups. In part this is in response to the need to diversify our income, but we also want to ensure we attract new user groups to the centre. Our Zumba class, Slimming World and yoga have proved popular and have attracted users to the Centre who may not previously have participated.

New Activities

We offered a lively Christmas event in 2023 where we were, for the first time, able to sell alcohol as well as other refreshments such as hot chocolate, mince pies, mulled wine and other festive food.

We opened the centre to the community on Remembrance Day 2023 with pie and peas and hot drinks for sale.

We ran an Easter Egg hunt around the village for local children

Since Christmas 2023 we have been planning a lively programme of social events, mainly to take place at weekends when the centre still tends to be underused. The first of these took place on 15 March 2023. 70 people attended and takings were £1900, a massive and welcome boost to our income in the year. We aim to build on this early success by ensuring the farmers' markets and indoor car boot sales become established as regular monthly events, hopefully attracting input from local businesses.

We aim to develop plans to greatly extend the range of activities offered. Much of this will be experimental, but early signs are good. The ideas under consideration include:

- Seasonal events such as Easter and Christmas, Halloween, Christmas wreath-making
- Music, e.g. Northern Soul, themed discos, Reggae Night
- Events linked to the wider community activity, e.g. summer party at the Gala, social event on Remembrance Day, Christmas lights switch on in collaboration with Denholme Town Council
- Celebrate national events, e.g. World Cup Final
- Psychic Night
- Cocktail Night
- Private hires for birthday parties, weddings, even funerals

The Challenges

In common with all our users and other public sector providers, the centre has been affected by rising running costs, in particular the cost of heating and lighting. Our energy bills have been better controlled this year due to a much more detailed understanding of our ongoing costs and negotiating better tariffs with suppliers. Even so, we have an old building and maintenance costs are inevitably high.

Securing sufficient revenue will always be a challenge, but we have plans to diversify our earned income and be less reliant of grants, though we will continue to explore potential sources of external funding to help offset one-off costs. We hope to bring in at least an additional £1000 a month from events during the course of the coming year. We will also review the price of alcohol served in the centre to remain competitive but maximise our earning potential.

Conclusion and Future Plans

Financial Controls

- a) We will further boost income by increasing the range of activities on offer at the centre. Weekly events will be introduced to open the centre at weekends, including those outlined above.
- b) We will continue to seek to attract new trustees to join our team to enhance our existing skill set, with a particular emphasis on fundraising
- c) One of our main priorities remains to pressing need to identify funding for a new boiler, without which the Centre will struggle to operate in the long term.
- d) We have reduced our staffing budget already, but we will look to save on cleaning and caretaking costs by paying a local person or a trustee to perform these duties.

Understanding Our Community

We will continue to welcome suggestions from residents regarding the sorts of new activities they would welcome in the Centre. Specifically, we will further improve the attractiveness of our centre as a venue for hire as well as enhancing our own events, as well as security, by installing a proper bar from which to serve alcohol

We aim to conduct a biennial survey to ensure that we keep up to date with what residents want. We also want to conduct a communications audit to ensure that we are reaching all residents. As part of this, we will be starting a Centre Users Group to formalise the feedback from our users and particularly our volunteers.

Our financial situation remains precarious, but we are confident that the measures we have already put in place and our plans for the coming year will enable us to successfully navigate our way through the challenges. Times are hard, but the community centre is needed now as never before, and we are determined to ensure the centre remains viable and sustainable for future generations. We cannot insulate ourselves from the impacts of external cost increases, but we have developed a track record of reacting appropriately and in a timely manner to maintain a solid foundation for the future.

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1st April 2023 - 31st March 2024
Profit & Loss Account

2023/24 Total Income

	2023/24	2022/23
Commercial Rents	£ 13,451	£ 12,195
Community Rents	£ 17,940	£ 11,762
Casual Rents	£ 2,328	£ 212
Grants & Support	£ 44,629	£ 12,100
Big Lottery	£ 22,000	£ 10,850
Coop Pot		
Wind Farm		
Bradford Council		£ 1,250
Business/DTC Grant	£ 20,000	
Other	£ 2,629	
Miscellaneous	£ 5,864	£ 2,929
<u>Total Income</u>	<u>£ 84,212</u>	<u>£ 39,198</u>

2023/24 Total Expenditure

Professional Fees & Licences	£ 2,273	£ 1,564
Building Insurance		
Registration/Membership		
Fees	£ 2,273	£ 1,564
Consultancy		
Staff Costs (funded primarily from Lottery Grant)	£ 12,158	£ 11,970
Building Expenses	£ 57,609	£ 28,934
Utilities		£ (3,502)
Cleaning	£ 4,043	£ 6,446
Other Services	£ 2,143	£ 4,005
Consumables	£ 7,560	£ 180
Maintenance	£ 5,808	£ 6,900
Security	£ 420	£ 960
Electric	£ 9,895	£ 6,353
Gas	£ 26,408	£ 6,268
Water	£ 943	£ 937
Internet	£ 389	£ 389
Donations	£ -	£ -
<u>Total Expenditure</u>	<u>£ 72,040</u>	<u>£ 42,468</u>
Profit/Loss in the Year	£ 12,172	-£ 3,270

DMI Community Centre - Year End Accounts
1st April 2023 - 31st March 2024
Balance Sheet

	2023/24	2022/23
Opening Balance	£ 32,390	£ 35,660
Total Income	£ 84,212	£ 39,198
Total Expenditure	<u>£ (72,040)</u>	<u>£ (42,468)</u>
Closing Balance	<u><u>£ 44,562</u></u>	<u><u>£ 32,390</u></u>

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

DMI Community Centre

On accounts for the year ended

31st March 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1176755

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

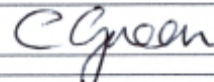
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:



Date:

27/01/2025

Name:

Christopher Green

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

MICB

Address:

Lawnlads Bungalow, Station Road, Denholme, Bradford, BD13 4BS.

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

Charity no (if any)	31 st March 2024	On accounts for the year ended
		Set out on pages
		Responsibilities and basis of report
		Independent examiner's statement
		Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):
		Address:
		Signed:
		Name:
		Date:

27/01/2025

Lawnlands Bunglow, Station Road, Denholme, Bradford, BD13 4BS

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Denholme Community Centre : Annual Review 2022-23

Overview of the Year

This year has seen the community centre slowly but surely return to what has become normal operations following the Covid pandemic. Most of our regular groups and activities have been resumed but with numbers somewhat depleted in some cases. Other groups, however, have thrived. For example, our Lunch Group has nearly doubled in numbers during 2023.

The community centre provides accommodation for a community-run library which continues to offer a valued service to families in our village. We also have a thriving Book Club meeting monthly, and a writers' group meeting weekly. The writers' group has recently published collections of poetry and prose which are for sale on Amazon.

Along with the rest of the nation we were delighted to celebrate the Jubilee, offering local families an opportunity to come together and enjoy free entertainment. Events such as this help to promote community cohesion and cement the community centre's place at the heart of village life.

Despite reduced income through loss of room hire revenue, the centre continues to offer a high level of service and opportunity to local people. The centre plays a crucial role in reducing loneliness and enhancing social contact between residents.

Community Involvement and Communication

The majority of activities which take place within the community centre are community led and use the resources of local volunteers. We pride ourselves on our communication with, and support for, these volunteers and, where possible, we act promptly on the feedback that they give us.

Over the last year, we have further strengthened the links we have with other groups in the village. We have provided facilities, free of charge, to the Neighbourhood Watch group, who operate a contact point where people can report police and council issues, and to the local church, who host a weekly coffee morning providing low-level secular support and befriending to some of the most vulnerable members of the community who may be reluctant to participate in a more structured activity. We have also worked with the Children's Gala committee, and we used the 2022 Gala as an opportunity to ask individual members of the community what they wanted to see in the community centre.

We have also developed links with local businesses; the Coop, the pharmacy and the post office as well as the local restaurant who provide the meals for our Lunch Club.

Our dedicated Facebook page, as well as our contributions to other local social media channels, mean that we can keep the local community informed of our activities. We welcome comments, suggestions and feedback through these channels. For older people

who may be less comfortable using the internet, we have a computer drop-in session to assist them to get online safely. And for those who prefer more traditional methods, we have leaflets, noticeboards and an open door where they can come and share their thoughts with us.

Making A Difference

Denholme has one of the highest proportions of elderly residents within the whole of the Bradford MDC area and thus a large number of our activities and groups are designed to support older people. Two of our best-attended groups, the Lunch Club and the Elders Network, offer what can be a rare opportunity to meet and socialise with others. In response to requests from users we have sought to open during bank holidays to help people feel less isolated from their peers.

Opening as a “Warm Space” as part of the government backed scheme also enabled us to reach out to isolated individuals and families. We worked with the church in the village to ensure that the provision we were both offering did not overlap. Offering free hot drinks and snacks, wifi and charging facilities meant that users could make the most of our space and keep their own heating costs down.

Although our services to the elderly are vital, we have also tried to make sure that we are reaching other age groups and so have started an additional couple of groups in the evenings, a more suitable time for working people or those with daytime childcare responsibilities. Our Zumba class and our Book Club have both proved very popular and have attracted users to the Centre who may not previously have participated.

The Challenges

In common with all our users and other public sector providers, the centre has been massively affected by rising running costs, in particular the cost of heating and lighting. Our energy bills have soared by over £20,000 per year and we have needed to take decisive action to address this. The financial challenges are further exacerbated as we have an old building and therefore maintenance costs are high.

Our response has been:

- a) To minimise fuel costs by effectively controlling consumption and switching to a cheaper provider.
- b) Trustees closely monitor our financial situation on a month-by-month basis and make necessary adjustments in a timely manner.
- c) We have raised our room hire charges to remain in line with other local facilities, whilst being mindful of the vulnerabilities of many of our users.
- d) We are actively exploring potential sources of external funding to help meet one-off repairs costs.

Conclusion and Future Plans

Financial Controls:

- a) We will better control costs by appointing a qualified financial manager to lead our budgeting and financial forecasting.
- b) We will boost income by increasing the range of activities on offer at the centre. Weekly events will be introduced to open the centre at weekends, including Farmers' Markets, car boot sales, seasonal events, e.g. wreath-making and other specialist markets.
- c) We will improve the attractiveness of our centre as a venue for hire as well as enhancing our own events by applying for an alcohol licence.
- d) We will recruit new trustees to join our team, who bring specific skills in fundraising and events management.
- e) One of our main priorities is to identify funding for a new boiler, without which the Centre will struggle to operate in the long term.

Residents have given us suggestions of the sorts of new activities they would welcome in the Centre. These include film nights, yoga/Pilates classes, art and singing groups. Over the next year, we aim to explore how these can be provided at an affordable cost – to us and to the participants.

We aim to conduct a biennial survey to ensure that we keep up to date with what residents want. We also want to conduct a communications audit to ensure that we are reaching all residents. As part of this, we will be starting a Centre Users Group to formalise the feedback from our users and particularly our volunteers.

Our financial situation remains precarious, but we are confident that the measures we have already put in place and our plans for the coming year will enable us to successfully navigate our way through the crisis. Times are hard, but the community centre is needed now as never before, and we are determined to ensure the centre remains viable and sustainable for future generations. We cannot insulate ourselves from the impacts of external cost increases, but we can react appropriately and in a timely manner to maintain a solid foundation for the future.

DMI Community Centre – Year End Accounts 1 April 2023 – 31 March 2023

2022/2023 Total Income

	<u>2022/2023</u>	<u>2021/2022</u>
Commercial rents	£12,195	£8,155
Community Rents	£11,762	£8,805
Casual Rents	£212	£60
Grants and Support	£12,100	£38,380
Big Lottery	£10,850	£21,550
Coop Pot	£0	£1,070
Wind Farm	£0	£0
Bradford Council	£1,250	£0
Business/DTC Grant	£0	£15,760
Other	£0	£0
Miscellaneous	£2,929	£8,616
<u>Total Income</u>	<u>£39,198</u>	<u>£64,016</u>

2021/2022 Total Expenditure

Professional Fees and Licences	£1,564	£1,877
Building Insurance Registration/membership fees	£1,564	£1,877
Consultancy		
Staff Costs (funded primarily from Lottery Grant)	£11,970	£12,296
Building Expenses	£28,934	£69,811
Utilities	-£3,502	£1,823
Cleaning	£6,446	£4,228
Other Services	£4,005	£2,785
Consumables	£180	£116

Maintenance	£6,900	£54,320
Security	£960	£1,491
Electric	£6,353	£2,053
Gas	£6,268	£2,160
Water	£937	£446
Internet	£389	£389
Donations	£0	£505
<u>Total Expenditure</u>	<u>£42,468</u>	<u>£84,489</u>
Profit/Loss in the year	-£3,270	-£20,473

DMI COMMUNITY CENTRE - BALANCE SHEET

1ST APRIL 2022 TO 31ST MARCH 2023

	2022/2023	<u>2021/2022</u>
Opening Balance	£35,660	£56,133
Total Income	£39,198	£64,016
Total Expenditure	<u>-£42,468</u>	<u>-£84,489</u>
Closing Balance	<u><u>£32,390</u></u>	<u><u>£35,660</u></u>

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DMI COMMUNITY CENTRE

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Finance

It has been a difficult year as the DMI community centre has emerged from lockdown.

Adhering to national and local government guidelines, the building was closed for most of the start of the year, meaning that no activities could take place and there was, therefore, no income from room hire. The funding provided by National Lottery enabled the building to remain in a useable condition, allowing for a speedy reopening, and to provide facilities for Denholme Assist, the local organisation set up to help support the residents of the village during the pandemic. We were also able to continue to employ the Community Coordinator who, in addition to her normal duties, worked with Denholme Assist and in particular, helped establish the Befriending scheme.

Income from room bookings has been depleted, but we have been in receipt of grants, and in total our income exceeded that of the previous year. Our expenditure was also increased, in the main because we took advantage of the enforced closure to undertake improvements and modernisation to the building.

We showed a deficit of £20,000 over the year as a result of these one-off costs.

Covid Recovery

The centre was closed until late in 2021. Many of our regular users, the majority of whom are elderly, chose not to resume their normal activity until early in 2022, but since then use of the premises has steadily increased. As well as existing users returning, several new groups and organisations use the building.

Community Involvement

The DMI is the centre of the community and works closely with other organisations within the village. The Trustees themselves are rooted within the community and, as individuals, organise, participate in or have links with most of the local networks.

The majority of activities which take place within the DMI are community led and use the resources of local volunteers.

In particular, we work closely with the local church who host a weekly coffee morning. This provides low-level support and befriending to some of the most vulnerable members of the community who may be reluctant to participate in a more structured activity.

One of our other partners is a local restaurant who provide, at a reduced cost, the meals for our Lunch Club.

A number of the activities which take place are aimed specifically at the elderly people within the community (Denholme has the highest proportion of elderly residents within the whole of the Bradford MDC area). The location of the nearby sheltered scheme, across the road from the DMI, means that there are no barriers to residents' participation. Many other elderly people live alone within the village and the central location of the DMI means it provides a convenient venue to meet others and to socialise.

We have a dedicated Facebook page, as well as contributing to other local social media channels, and during the pandemic, used this to keep residents up to date with any changes

and information. More recently, we have used this to encourage residents to tell us what activities they want to see.

Our Impact

During the past year we have been able to make to support the residents of Denholme by providing facilities for, and supporting, Denholme Assist. In particular, the DMI was used to store, pack and distribute items for the foodbank, and for the Xmas hampers and shoeboxes for needy families. Once facilities were reopened, the Lunch Club restarted, providing a nutritionally balanced meal and a social opportunity for principally elderly, single household residents.

Keeping the DMI functioning, although not open to the public until restrictions eased, also enabled the Library, who share the premises, to start a delivery service so that library users could still access reading materials.

And probably the biggest difference to people's lives was that we were able to facilitate a Covid Vaccination Centre, meaning that local residents did not have to travel to other population centres for their jab.

What we have learned

The pandemic has shown us that we need to be able to respond to changing circumstances and be agile, flexible and adaptable. We have had to change our ways of operating and the ways in which we meet and communicate with our users.

A lengthy period of total or partial closure showed that we need to maintain open channels of communication – where this did not happen, groups have not returned.

We have also learned that we need to work closely with our partners and, in particular, the town (parish) council who were able, with the local council, to provide additional resources to enable us to carry out works to make the entrance more welcoming and to increase the functionality of the internal spaces.

The Future

The next few years provide us with an opportunity to build upon our experience and provide a service which is even more responsive and meets the expectations and aspirations of all the village residents. To achieve this, we propose to carry out an extensive survey to identify what activities people want to see within the DMI.

We will also be working with the town council to enable the DMI to be used as an emergency planning hub, in cases of severe weather, prolonged power outages etc.

We also propose to investigate the feasibility of providing daily drop in / coffee and chat sessions.

In addition to these newer initiatives, we hope to be able to expand the day to day usage of the Centre by self-organised local groups and to bring back some of the activities which have, as yet, not returned following closure.

DMI COMMUNITY CENTRE - YEAR END ACCOUNTS

1ST APRIL 2021 TO 31ST MARCH 2022

2021/2022 Total Income

	2021/2022	<u>2020/2021</u>
Commercial rents	£8,155	£1,945
Community Rents	£8,805	£4,416
Casual Rents	£60	£255
Grants and Support	£38,380	£49,894
Big Lottery	£21,550	£17,310
Coop Pot	£1,070	£2,451
Wind Farm	£0	£0
BDMC Refunds	£0	£9,202
Business/DTC Grant	£15,760	£19,431
Other	£0	£1,500
Miscellaneous	£8,616	£0
<u>Total Income</u>	<u>£64,016</u>	<u>£56,510</u>

2021/2022 Total Expenditure

Professional Fees and Licences	£1,877	£1,029
Building Insurance	£1,877	£1,277
Registration/membership fees		£352
Consultancy		-£600

Staff Costs		£12,296	£10,123
Building Expenses		£69,811	£11,491
Utilities	£1,823		£0
Cleaning	£4,228		£1,173
Other Services	£2,785		£648
Consumables	£116		£350
Maintenance	£54,320		£3,151
Security	£1,491		£1,111
Electric	£2,053		£1,115
Gas	£2,160		£3,507
Water	£446		£371
Internet	£389		£65
Donations		£505	£0
Internal Sponsored Groups			£0
Projects			£15,821
Entrance/Reception			£15,821
Big Lottery			£22,465.21
CBMDC Funded			£0
Coop Funded			£0
<u>Total Expenditure</u>		<u>£84,489</u>	<u>£38,464</u>
Profit/Loss in the year		-£20,473	£18,046

DMI COMMUNITY CENTRE - BALANCE SHEET

1ST APRIL 2021 TO 31ST MARCH 2022

**2021/2022 Balance
Sheet**

**2020/2021 Balance
Sheet**

Opening Balance	£56,133	£38,088
Total Income	£64,016	£56,510
Total Expenditure	<u>-£84,489</u>	<u>£38,464</u>
Closing Balance	<u>£35,660</u>	<u>£56,134</u>
Bank Balance	£34,479	£55,984
Petty Cash	<u>£1,181</u>	<u>£148</u>
Closing Balance	<u>£35,660</u>	<u>£56,133</u>

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DMI COMMUNITY CENTRE

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DMI COMMUNITY CENTRE

CHARITY NO 1176755

AGM – MONDAY 26th APRIL 2021

7.00PM VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM

CHAIRS REPORT

This has been a very difficult year. As a result of the COVID pandemic the Community Centre has been closed for most of the year and all groups, apart from Slimming World for a short period, have cancelled their bookings. Similarly Mini Creations has been forced to closed, again apart from a short period last year.

The only group which has used the centre is Denholme Assist, which was created in response to the pandemic, and has used the reading room as a food store.

During the year we have taken on responsibility for the payment of our utility bills which had previously been covered by CBMDC. This transition has proved very problematic and taken many months to resolve due to the change of ownership of the building. In addition we have new arrangements for our fire and intruder alarm monitoring and serving with Tesla and 1st County.

Following a review of our cleaning arrangements we have appointed D&K cleaners as our weekly cleaning team although because of the shutdown the contract has not yet been activated.

Other work on the building included the 5 year electrical installation inspection required by our building insurers and a new platform as part of the front entrance upgrade has been built to allow level access to the right hand entrance.

The main project of the year was the new entrance and reception area which is in progress and should be completed by the end of April 2021.

Our rental income this year has been devastated with a loss of, in the region of, £17,000. Fortunately, following 2 appeals, we received a total of £19,431 in COVID related business support grants from Bradford Council. We also continued to receive funding through the big lottery which helped to cover our costs.

We also changed our bank from the Natwest to the Coop bank and received an incentive payment of £1,500

Finally, as you know, this is my last AGM as chair as we will shortly be moving out of the area. I would like to thank all the trustees and volunteers, both now and in the past, who have helped move the centre forward. I think I leave it in a healthy financial position and wish the trustees and the community of Denholme all the very best for the future.

Peter Foster

Chair – DMI Community Centre

26th April 2021

DMI COMMUNITY CENTRE - YEAR END ACCOUNTS**1ST APRIL 2020 TO 31ST MARCH 2021****2020/2021 Income**

	<u>2020/2021</u>		<u>2019/2020</u>
Commercial rents	£1,945		£10,280
Community Rents	£4,416		£9,143
Casual Rents	£255		£4,476
Grants and Support	£49,894		£23,379
Big Lottery	£17,310		£11,150
Coop Pot	£2,451		£1,949
Wind Farm	£0		£5,000
BDMC	£9,202		£3,105
Business Grants	£19,431		£0
Other (Bank Transfer bonus)	£1,500		£2,175
Miscellaneous	£0		£316
<u>Total Income</u>	<u>£56,510</u>		<u>£47,594</u>

2020/2021 Expenditure

Professional Fees and Licences		£1,029		£4,816
Building Insurance	£1,277		£1,400	
PL Insurance	£0		£394	
Registration/membership fees	£352		£443	
Consultancy (20/21 refund)	-£600		£2,579	
Staff Costs		£10,123		£13,252
Building Expenses		£11,491		£10,059
Cleaning	£1,173		£3,264	
Other Services	£648		£742	
Consumables/Misc	£350		£179	
Maintenance	£3,151		£5,874	
Security	£1,111		£0	
Electric	£1,115		£0	
Gas	£3,507		£0	
Water	£371		£0	
Internet	£65		£0	
Donations		£0		£1,150
Internal Sponsored Groups		£0		£909
Projects		£15,821		£27,450
Entrance/Reception	£15,821			
Big Lottery	£0		£22,080	
CBMDC Funded	£0		£3,105	
Coop Funded	£0		£2,265	
<u>Total Expenditure</u>		<u>£38,464</u>		<u>£57,636</u>
Profit/Loss in the year		£18,045		-£10,042

DMI COMMUNITY CENTRE - BALANCE SHEET

1ST APRIL 2020 TO 31ST MARCH 2021

2020/2021 Balance Sheet

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Total Expenditure	£38,464	£57,636
Closing Balance	£56,134	£38,088
Bank Balance	£55,984	£38,046
Petty Cash	£148	£42
Closing Balance	£56,133	£38,088

Notes

This has been a very difficult year with income from rents decimated since the building has been closed for the vast majority of the year - down from £23,899 to just £6616. Fortunately we were able to receive the COVID business grant totalling £19,431. The grant from the big lottery to cover some of our basic running costs was also most welcome. We also had to cover the cost of our utilities for the first time. The major revamping of our entrance and reception area has also commenced but some of the costs will be reflected in next years accounts.

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