

## **DMI Annual Report 2021-22**

### **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**

	<b>2021/2022</b>	<b><u>2020/2021</u></b>
<b>Commercial rents</b>	<b>£8,155</b>	<b>£1,945</b>
<b>Community Rents</b>	<b>£8,805</b>	<b>£4,416</b>
<b>Casual Rents</b>	<b>£60</b>	<b>£255</b>
<b>Grants and Support</b>	<b>£38,380</b>	<b>£49,894</b>
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
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	<b>£8,616</b>	<b>£0</b>
<b><u>Total Income</u></b>	<b><u>£64,016</u></b>	<b><u>£56,510</u></b>

**2021/2022 Total  
Expenditure**

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

<b>Staff Costs</b>	<b>£12,296</b>	<b>£10,123</b>
<b>Building Expenses</b>	<b>£69,811</b>	<b>£11,491</b>
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
<b>Donations</b>	<b>£505</b>	<b>£0</b>
<b>Internal Sponsored Groups</b>		<b>£0</b>
<b>Projects</b>		<b>£15,821</b>
Entrance/Reception		£15,821
Big Lottery		£22,465.21
CBMDC Funded		£0
Coop Funded		£0
<b><u>Total Expenditure</u></b>	<b><u>£84,489</u></b>	<b><u>£38,464</u></b>
<b>Profit/Loss in the year</b>	<b>-£20,473</b>	<b>£18,046</b>

**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>

## **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of DMI Community Centre**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the DMI Community Centre (the Trust) for the year ended 31st March 2022.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act;  
or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Signed:



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Date: 10/08/2022