

FRIENDS OF PONTARDAWE ARTS CENTRE

England & Wales · Charity number 1181401

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2019-01-03

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN THE ARTS IN ALL ITS FORMS BY PROVIDING AND ASSISTING IN THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES AT PONTARDAWE ARTS CENTRE AS A CULTURAL, EDUCATIONAL AND RECREATIONAL CENTRE THROUGH THE ACTIVITIES OF THE FRIENDS, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY THE PROVISION OF VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES, PRACTICAL AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

Activities: Our aim is to support the artistic and community activities undertaken at Pontardawe Arts Centre. Promoting public interest and education in the arts by supporting and assisting the provision of facilities at the Centre. We seek to provide practical and financial support and volunteering opportunities for the Centre, an important cultural, educational and recreational community hub.

Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Neath Port Talbot

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£4,124	£9,171	-	-
2023-12-31	£2,052	£4,300	-	-
2022-12-31	£35,589	£520	-	-
2021-12-31	£1,394	£1,153	-	-
2020-12-31	£3,789	£2,500	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr GRANT LOGAN DUNCAN	Chair	2019-05-02
DAVID PHILIP LLOYD DAVIES LLB		2019-05-02
Heather Pudner		2020-07-01
JILL ALLISON WILLIAMS M.A.		2019-05-02
John Puzey		2021-06-10
Kathleen Ann Davies		2019-05-02
MARTIN BOWEN DAVIES M.ED.		2019-05-02

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Chair's Annual Report
2024

Summary

The year 2024-2025 has been marked by significant community engagement and development activities, despite limited access to the building due to the ongoing cinema development project. The Friends of Pontardawe Arts Centre have continued to play a pivotal role in supporting and advancing the Centre's initiatives. The overall context is we managed to support the Arts Centre whilst also reserving the bulk of our funding in case it was needed to support the new building activity. This should be near completion by the time we meet – an exciting back drop to your AGM.

Community Involvement and Activities

Working with the Art Centre we provided support to families in poverty including through the 'warm hub' initiative. Additionally, we have supported “Dan the DJ” with funding to facilitate his DJ development work with youth. The community's involvement in the Arts Centre's developments has remained strong.

Infrastructure and Development Projects

We successfully applied for funding to renew the artwork on the underpass providing access to the shops from Herbert Street. This project features an exciting new design from Fresh Creative, with active participation from young people and community groups in the design process. Many thanks are due to our Treasurer Kathleen for the skilful juggling needed to get this moving to the stage where work can now start (hopefully completed by the time you read this).

We donated funds to the Centre to purchase essential equipment, including a Tallescope (improves safe access to heights, in case you wondered!) and roving microphones.

Collaborations and Partnerships

We've worked with the Active Wales group who have an engaging social programme for older people who meet at the Centre. We have also become involved in NPT Culture and Heritage partnerships, presenting the Arts Centre to other groups and staying informed about cultural and heritage ideas within the borough.

Events and Membership

We had an “adventurous” fund raising night with a different style of music groups in “Nookee” and Mojo Jr. This brought in a different audience as well as our regular supporters and all had a fun time raising £650.

We have actively participated in various events, including the Heart of the Valley show, alongside the Film Club, to promote the Centre's work. Thanks to all who gave up their time.

Our overall membership remains stable at around 96 people – we aim to grow and the investment in the new facilities will be a good opportunity to do so.

Latest development

Although it's now into 2025 we have identified possible funds for a Social and Economic Benefit Study of the Arts Centre, something requested by them to support future development. If our application is successful, this will be completed this year.

Looking back to look forward

In 2018 we had a public survey with the Arts Centre. The feedback had recurrent themes :

- Bar – Improve the space / choices / opening hours
- Advertising and getting the message out on “What’s On” – including emails, social media, website, box office
- Car Parking
- Cinema offering and facilities
- The variety on offer – from matinee performances / classes / school holidays / Welsh / hire costs
- Improve fabric of building

2018 WHAT WILL MAKE YOU VISIT THE ARTS CENTRE MORE OFTEN?

Greater variety – of both performances and films – together with better advertising, is the dominant message. Some common issues are:

- Better car parking
- Better bar facilities (and generally improve the facility, including seats)
- A greater choice of films, including on the release date.
- Matinees / Saturday kids films or activities
- More comedy
- More adult classes
- More Welsh events

The 2025 AGM will be an opportunity to reflect on the great progress on most of these: the new investment was informed by such thinking. Your voice does matter and has made a difference!

The work of Trustees and Committee

Thank-you to all my fellow Trustees and Committee Members. We are a team.

We have two “silent” Trustees in David Davies and John Puzey (silent in that they don't regularly attend meetings). This is a useful role to have as it gives us some “independent” voices to refer to if needed who aren't embroiled in our meetings. It is John and David's “turn” to seek re-election – I hope you can join with the Committee in supporting them.

Team's change and it's right and proper to recognise retiring Committee members, Martin Davies and Malcolm Bubb. Malcolm's knowledge and contacts are legendary, thanks Mal, you helped us focus on our core values. Martin Davies who is also retiring from the Committee after July's magical music night which he is running (have you got your ticket?!). Martin has been with us from the start – thank you Martin for all you've done. I'll miss your wisdom, quietly and effectively expressed.

We have welcomed new members to the Friends organisation and new committee members from all parts of the Valley, bringing diverse skills and enthusiasm to our team.

Finally, a huge thanks to the staff of Pontardawe Arts Centre who, through Merv's leadership, have kept the “play on the stage” during a time of upheaval. Their team is changing too – in welcoming new people, Lizzie and Chris are off to new pastures. Thank you from all of us and best wishes for your future.

Friends of Pontardawe Arts Centre
Statement of Financial Activity
January 1st, 2024 — December 31st,2024

01/01/2024		BANK OPENING BALANCE	30,820.48
 INCOME			
Membership Fees			
Income ongoing throughout the year (membership 104)			1032.00
 Fundraising			
14/03/2024	Nookee Friends Event Night		
	Raffle	138.00	
	Ticket Sale Cash	210.00	
	Ticket Sales box office	852.67	
09/09/2024	Heart of the Valley Show		
	Raffle	82.00	
Fundraising Total			1282.67
 DONATIONS			
18/06/2024	Anon		40.00
 AWEL Wind Turbine Co-operative			
13/06/2024	Interest from shares held		1000.00
 MISCELLANEOUS			
06/06/2024	Unison Donation for Active Wales Group		50.00
11/06/2024	Active Wales Group Donation for camera		100.00
18/06/2024	Refund of a payment made in error by bank*		619.00
TOTAL INCOME			£4123.67
 EXPENDITURE			
29/01/2024	Mess up the Mess		660.19
22/03/2024	Band Payment Nookee		400.00
22/03/2024	Band Payment MOJO Jnr		150.00
25/03/2024	FOPAC Grant Payment to DC Docherty (Dan the DJ)		804.00
04/06/2024	Donation to PAC to buy Tallescope		5,431.00
18/06/2024	Donation to PAC to buy Theatre Equipment		619.00
09/07/2024	Heart of the Valley Show. Table Hire		48.00
02/09/2024	Bea Ella. T Shirts with logo		70.00
18/11/2024	Bea Ella. Extra T Shirts with logo		120.00
19/12/2024	Donation to Pantry Food Bank Pontardawe		100.00
 MISCELLANEOUS			
18/06/2024	Payment made in error by bank (payment made twice)*		619.00
08/07/2024	Payment to Active Wales to buy a camera		150.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE			9,171.19
 DIFFERENCE BETWEEN INCOME & EXPENDITURE			-5,047.52

ASSETS

31/12/2024	BANK CLOSING BALANCE	25,772.96
OTHER ASSETS	Shares in AWEL wind Farm Co-Operative (Nominal Value as shares cannot be sold)	1.00
TOTAL OF ASSETS		25,773.96

* £619 was paid out of our account twice to PAC on the 18/06/2024. Only one payment was scheduled to be made to pay for theatre equipment. However, two payments were made. This was an error made by the bank and was rectified by an immediate reimbursement to our account by PAC.

Presented at FOPAC AGM Wednesday 11th June 2025

I verify that to the best of my knowledge these are an accurate set of accounts for year ending 31st December 2024.

Kathleen Davies, Treasurer Friends of Pontardawe Arts Centre.

Date.....

Signed.....

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01/01/2023	BANK OPENING BALANCE	33,068.48
INCOME		
Membership Fees	Income ongoing throughout the year (membership 91)	892.00
AWEL Wind Turbine Co-operative		
18/06/2023	Interest from shares held	1000.00
Fundraising		0.00
Donations	Sioned Williams £50 Anon £10 Rose Williams £100 Donation in memory of Randall P Williams	160.00
	TOTAL INCOME	£2,052.00
EXPENDITURE		
01/06/2023	Mess up the Mess, J. Adams via NPT. (This money has now been used as a donation to a multicultural event held at PAC by The African Community Centre, Swansea on 16/03/2023)	250.00
19/07/2023	Mynydd Y Bettws Grant repayment, Volunteer role cancelled due to the covid pandemic restrictions	4000.00
10/08/2023	Heart of the Valley Show. Table Hire	50.00
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	4,300.00
	DIFFERENCE BETWEEN INCOME & EXPENDITURE	-£2,248.00
ASSETS		
31/12/2023	BANK CLOSING BALANCE	30,820.48
OTHER ASSETS	Shares in AWEL wind Farm Co-Operative (Nominal Value as shares cannot be sold)	1.00
TOTAL OF ASSETS		30,821.48

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Kathleen Davies, Treasurer Friends of Pontardawe Arts Centre.

Date:.....

Signed:.....

AGM 2023

Friends of Pontardawe Arts Centre

Arts Centre 7pm

22nd June 2023

Present

Grant Duncan Mike Fuller Malcolm Bubb x Bacon Jamie x Sonia Reynolds Arthur Threlfall
Huw Pudner Jill Williams

Apologies

Martin Davies Heather Middleton Kathleen Davies Leanne Vaughan Phillis Sandra Kenny
John Puzey

Minute of the last meeting

These were agreed as a true record seconded by Heather Pudner. There were no matters arising.

Chairs report

Grant spoke to his annual report

Accounts

The accounts prepared by the treasurer were approved and agreed to.

Election of trustees

Kathleen Davies and Heather Pudner stood down and were proposed and reelected. John Puzey stood down as a committee member but will remain as a trustee.

Q and A

Thanks were expressed by Jill committee members for the work carried out during the year on behalf of the organisation. Grant thanked the centre staff and Merve for their work during the year.

A leaflet to be inserted into the CATS programmes was suggested. Jill will write and produce it . Other marketing suggested included, Local magazines in Carmarthenshire, Clydach, Ystradgynlais and Pontardawe.

The meeting closed at 730.

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Chair's report.

2022/23 has a year of both making progress and treading water a wee bit. Much to celebrate with a feeling there's more to be done once the new investment has started.

How do we work?

We operate both as a 'Committee' [who do the work] and as Trustees who are the formal custodians of the Charity. That is, not all Committee members are Trustees, the latter are charged with "governance" - such as this AGM and formally submitting accounts to you and to the Charity Commission. I say this as we are a formal Charity, with roles and responsibilities - accountable to you, the 98 members.

It is important to recognise the work of the committee - done on a voluntary basis and in their own time. We meet at least monthly with work progressing in between meetings. I particularly say thanks to Martin Davies who has been Vice-Chair and provided much welcome cover when I've not been able to attend. John Puzey is standing down as a regular member of the committee - thanks John for your valued input.

What have we been doing?

A common goal we have with the great team which run the Arts Centre is to help broaden the reach of the Arts Centre and, in particular, to help disadvantaged groups access its services. We provided funds which subsidised tickets for some groups and to help develop the centre as a "warm hub". We also made funds available to subsidise groups / classes struggling since the pandemic - these weren't called on as the Council provided funds.

We've run one successful Friends Music night with the Willis Soul Band. It made a "profit" of £672. A few words covers a lot of work by the organisers! Thanks to all who helped organise this and particularly to Huw Pudner who is just great at selling tickets! Every one had a good time.

Other activities include supporting the Pontardawe Old Age Group's Christmas Charity Concert including a donation of £100; running a table at the Heart of the Valley Show in September. The volunteer project run by Mess up the Mess, which we funded, was continued and is something we need to look at again.

Myndd y Betws windfarm provided funds a few years ago which we used to supply a sound desk for the studio. They came to see that recently (an audit on the quiet) to gain reassurance it was put to good use. They were very happy with the Arts Centre and what 'The Friends' have achieved.

We are in the process of setting up with PAC a local Art project: more of this on the night of the AGM!

A key activity is promoting the Arts Centre - including within Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council. They are developing a Culture and Heritage Strategy - we've actively engaged in the consultation used to inform it. We've had an early meeting with the new Director of Culture to make sure he knows the importance of this venue. Heather and Kathleen in particular engage actively with the Volunteer groups in Neath who are working collectively on the strategy.

Of course a strategy is only a road map of choices to get to a destination. Our main goal is a secure and thriving Arts Centre. One frustration is the time it is taking to start the new Cinema / refurbishment work. It's close we understand - it's been close for a while! So fingers crossed 23/24 is when it all happens. IF we need to campaign for greater speed/resolution we will do so - the time is not yet though.

Linked to this: what we haven't done - deliberately and for debate - is spend a lot of our financial reserves which stand at over £30000. We took a decision in previous AGMs to keep the bulk of the money "intact" in case it can support the new Cinema/investment. This remains the case - for now. We are developing ideas to invest in other activities - e.g. Health and the Pontardawe Arts Centre.

We're also grateful to the Arts Centre Team for the help they give to these nights and widely for all the work they do. Post Covid attendance numbers are recovering well, there's a good programme of events and activities, a refreshed website and comms system. Well done team!

Thanks to you for continuing to support the Arts Centre by being a Friend.

Stay safe, stay well.

Grant L. Duncan (Chair)

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Friends of Pontardawe Arts Centre Trustees Report 2021

Governance

The Friends are a registered Charity - Reg No 1181401.

1/3 trustees are to be [re]elected at AGM. If required Trustees can be co-opted during the year.

Purpose

To advance education of the public in the arts in all its forms by providing and assisting in the provision of facilities at Pontardawe Arts Centre as a cultural, educational, and recreational Centre through the activities of the Friends, in particular but not exclusively by the provision of volunteering opportunities, practical and financial support. The activities referred to have been undertaken with the public benefit of the local and wider community in mind.

Summary Report

This report finds the Arts Centre and ourselves in an important period of “transition” . In and out of Covid19 and managing around the various important controls resulted in it being quite a disruptive period. We continue to meet and work with the Art Centre Team to help advise them and think about how best to support the Arts Centre and its “new” team led by Merion Gittins.

Hopefully you'll have read the article Martin Davies wrote from the Friends in the local community magazine. This was to help with publicity and introduce the new team just when the centre was reopening.

We have also met with the Chief Executive of Neath Port Talbot County Council and her senior team. We gained assurances about the new Cinema investment and ancillary works. We're a little frustrated at the lack of progress but understanding of the pressures. We had been holding back a major part of our savings to help make a contribution to this. In discussion it is clear our money may be better used in other ways – directly supporting users (old and new) versus infrastructure. The exception is we are in discussion with the Art Centre about the possibility of contributing towards a “work of art” which is needed to gain the Art Council's investment in the new Cinema. More to come on this!

We generated various ideas to support groups to come back to the Art Centre and “disadvantaged” users. Specifically, we subsidised some classes to help them get started. Other ideas we had – such as subsidising tickets for disadvantaged people to help them attend shows – the Art Centre were able to build on and access Neath Port Talbot funds. Team work in action!

Taking this all into account, our funds ended the year approximately the same as the previous year with a closing balance of just over £30,000. You'll see the major items on the Treasurer's Report. One item (Food Pantry donation) is a transaction carried forward from Xmas 2019. We still benefit from great support from AWEL wind Farm Co-operative who “allocated” us £20000 in shares: we can't sell these so that's why

you see a nominal value of £1 on the accounts. What we do get, and are very grateful for, is an annual payment of “interest” on these shares of £1000. This comes in “tranches” which might not reflect our financial reporting year; hence it looks lower than the previous year’s income. Overall, the story is a healthy financial base: the task is to agree how to use it to best effect. Your views matter.

Our “formal” membership is relatively stable – we’ve gone down ten members to 89 over the period. We’ve kept members updated (with more to do of course) over the year with news items.

I mentioned change. Thanks to David Davies who is not seeking re-election as a Trustee. David is a founding member of the Friends and we’ll miss him. One of your committee members is sadly leaving us, emigrating to another part of Wales – thanks Ian for your work.

One third of Trustees stand down at every AGM and can seek re-election. So, this year you will have the opportunity to decide on two Trustees who are seeking re-election – Grant Duncan and Martin Davies.

We also welcome more people getting involved in doing things on the Committee, turning ideas into action. If interested, just drop us a line on pacfriends1@fopac.org

**Friends of Pontardawe Art centre
Statement of Financial Activity
January 1st 2021 – December 31st 2021**

01/01/2021
30,170.12

BANK OPENING BALANCE

INCOME

Membership Fees Income ongoing throughout the year (membership 89)
882.01

AWEL Wind Turbine Co-operative

18/06/2021 Interest from shares held 166.67

Fundraising
000.00

01/03/2021 Deposit of funds held for retirement collection
345.00

1393.68

INCOME

31563.80

TOTAL INCOME

EXPENDITURE

06/09/2021 Donation Pantry Food bank
100.00

13/10/2021 Support for groups using the art centre
(Groups unable to cover costs due to reduced number rules)
Age Disability Group: £300
Solar Dance Group:£408 708.00

13/10/2021 Payment of retirement collection
345.00

1153.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURE

ASSETS

31/12/2021
30,410.80

BANK CLOSING BALANCE

OTHER ASSETS Shares in AWEL wind Farm Co-Operative
1.00
(Nominal Value as shares cannot be sold)

TOTAL OF ASSETS
30,411.80

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Date:.....
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Signed:

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Achievements

3. We are in our third year and despite the impact of the corona virus pandemic on all our lives our charity has remained active and sustainable. Despite the closure of the arts centre in March 2020 we have continued to have monthly meetings by embracing zoom, fresh air chats and, as always, lots of time spent battling the challenges of the internet and technology at home.

4. Maintaining contact with members and supporter has been difficult during lockdown and remains a priority for the group. Regular newsletters have been distributed during the year. Membership has remained constant and we had 98 paid up members on 31st December 2020. The impact of covid and the closure of the arts centre has meant that opportunities for recruitment in a social setting during fund raising events and other art centre events has disappeared. Membership remains at £10 and through diligent hard work, by a small number of committee members, we have successfully transferred a great number of our cash paying members to standing order membership this year. This is a positive move in sustaining membership and future proofing our charity. The total income through membership was **£968**.

5. **Fundraising Events** These events have always proved very popular and are an ongoing means of increasing foot fall in the arts centre and a base for recruiting membership to our cause. The year started well with two events kicking off the social calendar. On 24 January a Folk Night was held and on 21 February the Stereo Hearts Fund Raising Event took place. The total income for these events was **£988.19** made up of ticket sales, raffle income, and donations. £20 of that income was from the Blues and Soul Benefit night held on 15th November 2019. All future social events were quickly cancelled when the arts centre closed in March. As well as the money raised for the Friends, these social events have also had a positive impact on the Arts Centre by increasing the bar takings on events nights

6. Preliminary work is under way to provide a cinema, enhanced circulation and bar areas – completion of this radical development is scheduled for mid-2022. The Friends group has established a strong working relationship with the Arts Centre team and the newly appointed Director, Meirion Gittins. Consideration will be given to assisting the Centre with refurbishments to existing areas when the new development is completed. The Friends committee were part of the consultation process when plans were being considered.

6. **Expenditure** — Very little expenditure has taken place this year. Other schemes we are supporting – including through funding – such as a developing volunteer scheme – have

also been suspended. Two payments have been made. The first one was a donation to the arts centre of **£250** for equipment. This was to pay for a drum kit, which has become the property of the arts centre and is available for user groups when classes take place. The second payment was for the sum of **£2000**. This was a donation from Tesco in 2019 and we used it to part fund the 'Mess up the Mess' project, which was based at the arts centre in 2019 and 2020. This arts based project, is run by an organisation aimed at engaging and encouraging younger people to use the arts centre and its facilities.

7. **£6000** of the money held in the bank will be paid to Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council to part fund a Volunteer Coordinator's salary and scheme we are supporting. This will be paid once the arts centre reopens and the role is filled.

Trustees and Committee work

8. During the year we have had– as is natural – some turnover. David Davies stepped down as Secretary, replaced by Heather Pudner who we co-opted as a Trustee, though David remains a Trustee. He was the drive behind many of our music nights and these skills will be exploited by ourselves again! Anthony Harland stepped down as a Trustee – thanks to him for his work since we started, including for our first Treasurer/Membership Secretary – we will take him up on his offer to continue to help us 'out-of-committee'. We also thank Sian Harris and Michelle Davidson for their contributions and who are also standing down as Trustees.

9. The Committee continued to meet regularly during the pandemic via Zoom and maintained contact with the retained staff in the Centre. We have welcomed the support/ and input of Ian Hancock and John Puzey. Carwyn Jones has maintained our social media presence.

Funds and Reserves

10. As Trustees we ensure funds are used to support the purposes of the Friends and (as part of that) the Business Plan of the Arts Centre. We took the decision last year to 'ring-fence' the bulk of the money we have raised to support the Cinema project and ancillary projects. This remains our policy and we will work with the Arts Centre to use it to best effect to support the Art Centre, for example in encouraging greater community use and access to the Arts Centre.

**Friends of Pontardawe Art centre
Statement of Financial Activity
January 1st 2020 — December 31st 2020**

01/01/2020		BANK OPENING BALANCE	28630.60
 INCOME			
Membership Fees	Income ongoing throughout the year		968.00
 AWEL Wind Turbine Co-operative			
	Interest from shares held		
	24/02/2020	1000.00	
	29/10/2020	833.33	
			1833.33
 Fundraising			
24/04/2020	Blues and Soul Benefit Night (outstanding 2019)	20.00	
24/01/2020	Folk Night	340.00	
21/02/2020	Stereo Hearts Fund Raising Event	195.00	
	Ticket Sales, raffle income, donations for all events	433.19	
			988.19
		TOTAL INCOME	3789.52
 EXPENDITURE			
09/01/2020	Match Funding for Mess Up The Mess Project(Tesco Grant)		2000.00
28/02/2020	Payment for equipment for Pontardawe Art centre (Drum Kit)		250.00
		TOTAL EXPENDITURE	2500.00
 ASSETS			
31/12/2020		BANK CLOSING BALANCE	30170.12
 OTHER ASSETS			
	Shares in AWEL wind Farm Co-Operative (Nominal Value as shares cannot be sold)		1.00
 CREDITORS			
	NPTCBC for part funding of PAC Volunteer Coordinator's salary (to be paid once the role is filled)		6000.00
TOTAL OF ASSETS			24171.12

I verify that to the best of my knowledge these are an accurate set of accounts for year ending 31st December 2020. Kathleen Davies, Treasurer Friends of Pontardawe Arts Centre.

Date:.....

Signed:.....

Statement of Financial Activity Year Ending 31st December 2020

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As a registered charity with the Charities Commission we are required to submit a Statement of Financial Activity: our accounts show what we have received and what we have paid out followed by a list of our assets. The accounts presented in this report will be submitted to the Charities Commission in our annual return next month.

Membership — Membership has remained constant this year and we had 98 paid up members on 31st December 2020. The impact of covid and the closure of the arts centre has meant that opportunities for recruitment in a social setting during fund raising events and other art centre events has disappeared. Membership remains at £10 and through diligent hard work, by a small number of committee members, we have successfully transferred a great number of our cash paying members to standing order membership this year. This is a positive move in sustaining membership and future proofing our charity. The total income through membership was **£968**.

Interest Income — As we are a community group, we hold nominal shares in AWEL Wind Farm Co-operative. We are paid 5% of the nominal value of £20,000 and we have received a total of £1833.33 in share interest over the year in two payments: £1000 on 24/02/2020 and **£833.33** on 29/10/2020.

Fundraising Events — These events have always proved very popular and are an ongoing means of increasing foot fall in the arts centre and a base for recruiting membership to our cause. The year started well with two events kicking off the social calendar. On 24th of January a Folk Night was held and on 21st of February the Stereo Hearts Fund Raising Event took place. The total income for these events was **£988.19** made up of ticket sales, raffle income, and donations. £20 of that income was from the Blues and Soul Benefit night held on 15th November 2019. All future social events were quickly cancelled when the arts centre closed in March. As well as the money raised for the Friends, these social events have also had a positive impact on the Arts Centre by increasing the bar takings on events nights.

Expenditure — Very little expenditure has taken place this year. Only two payments have been paid out of our account. The first one was a donation to the arts centre of **£250** for equipment. This was to pay for a drum kit, which has become the property of the arts centre but available for user groups when classes take place. The second payment was for the sum of **£2000**. This was a sum of money donated by Tesco in 2019 and was used to part fund the 'Mess up the Mess' project, which was based at the arts centre in 2019 and 2020. This arts based project, is run by an organisation aimed at engaging and encouraging younger people to use the arts centre and it's facilities.

Assets — Cash held in the bank on 31/12/2020 was **£30170.12**. Our **other assets** are shares in AWEL wind Farm Co-Operative with a nominal value of **£1**, as shares cannot be sold.

Creditors — **£6000** of the money held in the bank will be paid to NPTCBC to part fund a Volunteer Coordinator's salary, this will be paid once the arts centre reopens and the role is filled.

Total Assets held on 31/12/2020 are **£24171.12**

Kathleen Davies
FPAC Treasurer 27/04/2020