



The 3rd Annual report of Devon Centocow Link CIO

Registered Charity No 1183269

1st April 2021 – 31st March 2022

Name of Charity: **Devon Centocow Link**

It was registered as a charity on 7th May 2019

Devon Centocow Link (DCL) is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation whose only voting members are its charity trustees ('Foundation' model constitution)

Number: Registered Charity No. **1183269**.

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Trustees:

Jane B Habermehl,	Chair
Stephen P White,	Secretary
Diane L Bishop,	Trustee/Signatory (resigned November 2022)
Esther Hannah,	Trustee / Signatory
Mark Richards.	Treasurer (from November 2021)

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A sketch of Centocow Mission Church by Jane Habermehl made during her visit in October 2019.

Summary of Objects

The prevention or relief of poverty in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa and in particular but not exclusively in the Centocow area of KwaZulu-Natal by providing or assisting in the provision of education, training, healthcare projects and all the necessary support designed to enable individuals to generate a sustainable income and be self-sufficient.

Summary

We were off to a sound start financially but the Covid pandemic which had interrupted plans from March 2020 still dominated events during the last financial year. Many events cancelled but Steve's trip to Centocow successfully coincided with the distribution of porridge for the pre-schools. The WLTP Water Project had a successful year overcoming many of the barriers imposed by Covid in creative ways. The year ended with a successful exhibition at the International Women's Day event in Exeter.

**The Impact of Covid**

At the start of the financial year we were still in grips of the Covid Pandemic.

With a healthy bank balance but with Pre-schools unable to function apart from topping up food parcels, much of the funding could not be utilised for training and the ISCA meetings were largely cancelled.

Funding

Our first efforts were to seek matched funding for First Aid training for Pre-school teachers and equipment, which at the time included PPE for the pre-schools. Our bid in April was unsuccessful as was our further bid in February 2022, but we decided we could not fund either training or equipment without funding both components so we try again.

WLTP Water project

Meanwhile the WITP project, having mastered the re-interpretation of their training to deal with Covid, was doing remarkably well. The financial year for them runs from October so our financial period included the end of the first year of Quaker Relief Grant which we secured for them for the year beginning October 2020 and their final report for that year was delivered in September 2021. Their new application for further funds in August 2021 was successful, which gave them the second year of funding from October of 2021

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“ The level of commitment and the energy was great. As facilitators we were impressed by the ability to absorb, engage and sharing of knowledge and, skills throughout the programme. Girls showed their leadership potential in many ways such as leading the groups in different activities and punctuality was never disregarded.

This workshop was a start and we are hoping that some girls as vulnerable as they are but will be able to resist the pressure of early marriages and choose to develop themselves.”

She reported that the girls' scientific exploration of their own environment was a great inspiration to them and they were beginning to have greater expectations for their future careers.

July 12 2021 and Food Parcels

In July, Prime Minister, Ramaposa declared a state of emergency in South Africa due to fighting and looting in response to the imprisonment of former president Jacob Zuma. On top of food shortages and unemployment caused by Covid this had a devastating effect on food supplies through out the province.

In August we had the news that the preschools may be eligible for some parcels of porridge from the Do More Foundation. We became involved in the organisational logistics of storing and distributing the food. This culminated with the happy event of Steve being finally allowed through the red tape of Covid restrictions to arrive in South Africa in September to help with the said distribution of the food, 1200 kg of porridge. This was to be followed by similar deliveries each month until April 22.

Many thanks for the input of Zimbili in communicating with and coordinating the creches and to Debbie Rowe for being the lead mediator between Kathy Pitout of the Do More foundation and the pre-schools.

Pierre from FLP stepped up to act as registered NPO for this donation and we gave him a donation towards their transport costs as well as the Pre-schools.

ISCA and pre-school registrations

Steve was also able to be present at a meeting with Sheila Gumede, the social worker who is helping the pre-schools during their process of registration. Our draft Constitution for ISCA was fleshed out with the legal requirements by Shela Gumede, This meeting between Steve, Sheila and Debbie is a huge step forward for the organisation to be a registered NPO.

International Womens Day 12th March

Finally free of Covid restrictions we were able to exhibit a DCL outreach stand at the International Women's Day event at the Phoenix Centre, Exeter on the 12th March. It was a very successful day in terms of the range of interesting and worthwhile conversations with students, teachers and generally interested onlookers. The overall focus was on the women in the community as teachers, the benefits of the Persona Doll Training and a particular focus on the WLTP. The aim was to re-focus our outreach on a shared interest between the KZN and Devon communities on empowering education and response to Climate Justice which start at a grass roots level.

At our Nov 26th AGM Di handed over the job of treasurer to Mark who was introduced via Whats App.

A big thank you to all the trustees



Chairperson

We are continuing to work with our 4 partner organisations;
FLP, ISCA, WLTP and Creighton Sunflower HELP

And are grateful for all their support and local knowledge that they bring to us.

Quaker QPSW Relief Grant

In October 2020 we heard that we had been successful in securing a 3 year grant for WLTP from the UK Quaker QPSW Relief Grant

This has enabled WLTP to run a programme of workshops with teenagers from Centocow and neighbouring rural areas starting in



Extracts from the Women's Leadership Training Programme (WLTP) Annual Report for 2021

WLTP's strategy is to Train Girls and Women Leaders in communities to participate in Water issues in their areas. This includes Advocating for Access to Clean Water, Cleaning of Water Sources like streams and rivers and doing research on water quality and safety. During the first phase of the project in 2020, Girls embraced water and developed a slogan for themselves: 'Manzi sidingo mphelelisi wempilo.'

('We are nothing without Water.')

Centocow Water Task Team

In October 2021, the girls' Water Task Team, of fifteen teenage girls, embarked on training 40 more girls in Water Testing from four new schools in AmaKhuze Tribal Authority, Centocow. This was an exciting process because it was the first time that girls had taught their peers how to handle the basic scientific tools for water testing, explaining and analysing water issues on site, communicating their findings and planning action.



Occupants of cars passing by near the Umzimkhulu River saw the girls and young women and many community members wanted to know more about the programme. Some of the comments can be seen on <https://web.facebook.com/WLTPwaterproject>

Engaging Local Government on the "My Water My Right Campaign 2021"

WLTP's plan included engaging officials in the girls' rural municipalities during the 2021 Municipal election campaign. They approached Party Candidates in various Wards of the Harry Gwala District Municipality and Umzumbe in Ugu District Municipality using Zoom meetings. The girls participated in 2 online meetings with 8 Party Candidates from 2 major political parties (African National Congress and the Inkatha Freedom Party) and one new political party (ATM). 6 candidates from the Democratic Alliance and the Economic Freedom Fighters were unable to join due to network problems as a result of Eskom electricity blackouts. The girls and young women gathered in groups of 5-7, having chosen one spokesperson. They used cell phones or computer devices and rondavels in their Coordinators' homes.

Some candidates attended from their cars while on the election trail. The ATM candidate in Hlokozi had to use the WLTP staff member's Smart Phone, because she didn't have one herself.

WLTP used a Power-Point presentation to highlight its work in training Girls and Women Leaders in communities to participate in Water issues in their areas. In the second part of the meeting the girls and young women asked the Party Candidates what they would do if they won the election, to improve access to clean water for households and communities. The discussions went very well, and the Party Candidates outlined in a respectful manner what they promised to do.

Highlights of the Engagement

"Party candidates must not give excuses for not delivering on water claiming that it is the responsibility of the District Municipality. Water is one of the promises made to people, so it cannot be left hanging when people are demanding it." ANC Candidate

"We have not engaged with girls and water as a constituency, and we would like to learn more about it from you." ANC Candidate

"Climate Change affects people, and we would like to learn more about how it affects water in our areas," IFP Candidate.

"As I am in a new party, we have not looked into how water affects girls and young women. We are hoping to learn a lot from your work," Ms Ntombi Zelongwe ATM.

The girls' participation was excellent, and they asked questions fluently.

"I learnt about our environmental rights and how the SA Constitution can be used as a resource to enforce water access." Fundiswa Mcofama

"I learnt that the environment has rights too and I realise that if those rights were enforced people and animals would benefit in many ways. If water were respected and legislation enforced, we would not be suffering from contaminated water." Amanda Nqo Zulu.

"Despite the vastness of rural areas, Girls and young women can use technology to their advantage to be in one space with the Party Candidates during this lockdown period." Tusiwe Masuku.

Some of the Party Candidates spoke the language of water service delivery well, and one candidate had fetched water as a boy because they were boys only in their home, but all had no understanding of how lack of clean water affects girls, young women and women and how the lives of girls would change should water be easily accessible for them.

Planning the Way forward

During a workshop in December 2021, four girls reported on their engagements with political party candidates and all the girls revised their list of demands, after discovering that there was a lot they didn't know about the functions of the Municipal Water Committees. They made plans to use their Water Petition to engage the Water Committees. They also made plans to understand the Water situation outside their areas, having learnt about water problems in other areas within the KwaZulu Natal Province and beyond.

"We would like to run a water campaign with a petition attached to our statement and ask school learners to support us by signing the petition. We would like WLTP to help us draft the statement."

The Girls would like to have meetings with the newly elected councillors to discuss their strategies on water access. "If there are programmes for girls we want to assist in those programmes. If there are no programmes, we would like to be involved in initiating them." They want to share their skills and knowledge of water testing like Mini Sass, the Clarity Tube and the Riparian Audit and to do water sampling and testing in other areas.

Some of the girls insights into and comments about the topics covered during 2021:

Leadership development and Feminism

"I was introduced to patriarchy as a system that promotes male domination in decision making and power. I realised how patriarchal most institutions are like homes, schools, churches, and workplaces. In most families men are the head of the family, but most successful families are led by women." Fundiswa Mcofama

"We talked about patriarchy and realised that women have suffered in many ways. They have been denied being who they are, to use their gifts and strengths to contribute to developing the world. I can now relate better to WLTP's goal." Amanda Nqo Zulu

"Feminism makes me proud to be a woman. I realised how powerful women are if they are given a chance and support." Amahle Zulu

"I know women who are slowly dying emotionally in abusive relationships but believe that they were created to suffer like that. I wish I could help them, but they do not realise they are slaves." Fundiswa Mkhize

Code of conduct

"The Code of Conduct is based on the aim of the group. WLTP is an organisation that is interested in girls' and women's development, so our code of conduct protects women from colonisation and from living false lives." Amanda Nqo Zulu

"Some girls who decided that the Emthonjeni code of conduct was too difficult are now in trouble, like having a baby at an early age." Fundiswa Mkhize

"After learning about the dangers of using relaxers and their impact on my life, on the environment and more especially on water, I will stop using them and help my peers to understand their dangers." Ayanda Mthembu.

Addiction

"Learning about the impact of substance abuse in our community, in our families and in our bodies makes us decide never to use or abuse it to stay safe." Aphiwe Cele.

"I will be able to avoid substance abuse and deal with peer pressure so that I take good decisions about my life." Sphesihle Dlamini.

Climate Change and Agro-ecology

The girls talked about how to adapt to and mitigate climate change. They wrote points to be added to the existing Water Statement.

"Agro-ecology contributes to combating climate change. We should encourage people to have gardens and to stop using fossil fuel products." Thandokuhle Hlubi

"I was shocked that I contribute to climate change through what I eat, and wear. For example, when I travel to buy cabbages in Ixopo when my neighbour has cabbages in her garden, I contribute through unnecessary travel." Amanda Nqo Zulu

The impact of the Leadership Programme on Girls and Young Women

In Centocow, 20 girls have recruited more teenage girls to join the local meetings. There are now more than 40 teenage girls who are influencing 400 of their household members with their positive behaviour and education. The girls have been doing presentations related to what they have learnt in workshops to more than 800 Learners in two high school assemblies and with their 300 classmates in six different schools.

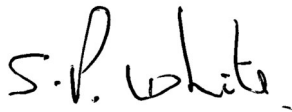
The Trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and are satisfied that all of the charity's work is for the public benefit, both in Devon and in South Africa.

The Trustees of the Charity are legally responsible for the overall management and control of Devon Centocow Link (DCL) and meet regularly.

The trustees' report and accounts were approved by a meeting on 18th November 2022 and signed on their behalf by



Jane Habermehl
Chair



Stephen White
Secretary

Devon Centocow Link CIO

Reg. Charity No: 1183269

Accounts for the period

1st April 2021—31st March 2022

These Accounts have been prepared on a Payments and Receipts Basis

Devon Centocow Link

Receipts and Payments Accounts 2021 - 2022

Receipts	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Last Year 2019-20
Donations	£ 645.00		£ 645.00	£ 1,446.00
Grant Funding	£ 500.00	£ 4,999.00	£ 5,499.00	£ 3,750.00
Fund Raising			£ -	£ -
Other	£ 352.00		£ 352.00	£ -
TOTALS	£ 1,497.00	£ 4,999.00	£ 6,496.00	£ 5,196.00
Payments				
Grants				
WLTP		£ 3,886.00	£ 3,886.00	£ 3,754.00
FLP		£ 738.00	£ 738.00	£ -
ISCA - Pre-Schools		£ 713.00	£ 713.00	£ -
Creighton Sunflower HELP	£ -		£ -	£ 1,289.00
Total Grants	£ -	£ 5,337.00	£ 5,337.00	£ 5,043.00
Admin				
Finance and Professional	£ 11.00		£ 11.00	£ 52.00
Insurance	£ 126.00		£ 126.00	£ 166.00
Publicity	£ -		£ -	£ -
Total Admin	£ 137.00	£ -	£ 137.00	£ 218.00
TOTALS	£ 137.00	£ 5,337.00	£ 5,474.00	£ 5,261.00
Net of Receipts / (Payments)	£ 1,360.00	-£ 338.00	£ 1,022.00	-£ 65.00
Transfers between funds	-£ 500.00	£ 500.00		
Cash Funds at last year end 2021	£ 673.00	£ -	£ 673.00	
Cash Funds at this year end 2022	£ 1,533.00	£ 162.00	£ 1,695.00	

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31st March 2022

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds
Cash Funds			
Cash at Bank	£ 1,153.00		£ 1,153.00
Wise acc Balance		£ 542.00	£ 542.00
Total Cash Funds	£ 1,153.00	£ 542.00	£ 1,695.00



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Devon Centocow Link

On accounts for the year
ended

31 March 2022

Charity no
(if any)

1183269

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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

Independent
examiner's statement

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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn 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: 21 Oct 22

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