

Freemantle and Shirley Community Centre Trustees Report

Charity Number: 5130426

1st April 2020 - 31st March 2021

Freemantle and Shirley Community Centre (FSCC) was set to take over the activities of Freemantle and Shirley Community Association (FSCA), charity number: 1091900, and hold the freehold of the community centre itself. The Community Asset Transfer was completed at the end of 2019-20 reporting period the new charity was set up.

The community centre is located in the Freemantle and Shirley area of Southampton and provides low cost room hire to the local community, individuals and groups. It also rents office space to AgeUK Southampton and Southampton Careers Association (SCA) continues to rent one of rooms during the day Monday – Friday.

In addition to the rooms which are hired out, the centre has a sensory room which is also hired out for a reasonable rate to people with learning difficulties from within and around the Southampton area.

The transfer of activities from FSCA to FSCC was not able to progress this year due to the pandemic not least as a new charity might not have been eligible to apply for government grants notwithstanding the change in status did not represent a change in charitable objectives. Further due to the pandemic opening up a bank account has been problematic and not yet completed. FSCA therefore continues to operate as previously with only a change of holder of the freehold.

Current trustees for FSCC are all also trustees of FSCA, these are:

Terry Windibank - Chair
Martin Ryan - Treasurer
Amanda Webb - Secretary
Lawrence Ryan
Kris Gupta
Barrie Worth
Barrie Tilley

Currently the only activity of FSCC is to hold the freehold for the community centre which is subject to a pre-emption clause allowing Southampton City Council ("SCC") to repurchase at the transfer price of £4,000 should FSCC fail to fulfil its charitable objectives or seek to dispose of the asset in a way to which SCC disapproves. The transfer price for the community centre and associated costs were paid by FSCA.

The accounts for FSCA can be found on the charity commissions website