

# **Freemantle and Shirley Community Centre Trustees Report and Financial Report**

## **Year Ending March 2024**

### **Summary**

Freemantle and Shirley Community Centre (FSCC charity number 1180431) manages and owns Freemantle Community Centre in Southampton. It was founded in June 2019 to transfer ownership of the community centre from Southampton City Council via Community Asset Transfer. There was a delay in transferring operations to the new entity from Freemantle and Shirley Community Association (FSCA), charity number 1091900, but this was finalised in March 2024 when FSCA was wound up and all assets and liabilities were passed to FSCC.

### **Report of the trustees**

#### **1. Introduction**

The legal requirement for the trustees' annual report is found in section 162 of the Charities Act 2011. The Act provides that the charity trustees of a charity must prepare in respect of each financial year of the charity an annual report containing:

and

(a) such a report by the trustees on the activities of the charity during that year,

(b) such other information relating to the charity or to its trustees or officers as may be prescribed by regulations made by the Secretary of State

#### **2. Reference and Administrative Details of the Charity, its Trustees and Advisers**

(a) The name of the charity is Freemantle and Shirley Community Centre, FSCC

(b) The FSCC is a registered charity number 1184031.

(c) The address is: Freemantle Community Centre,  
Randolph Street,  
Shirley,  
Southampton.  
SO15 3HE

(d) The following Trustees served, unless otherwise indicated, for the full year to 30 April 2024:

- Barrie Worth – Chair, Treasurer
- Amanda Webb – Secretary
- Barrie Tilley – Vice Chair
- Kris Gupta
- Terry Winidbank
- Gwyneth Baker

(e) The Trust has no employees but engages the services of a consulting company which deals with maintaining and cleaning the building

(f) Other relevant organisations are:

- Nine Hazelnuts Technology – Consultant
- Natwest Bank
- Accountant SHC Accounting Services Ltd

### 3. Structure

FSCC is a CIO association with an annual membership fee of £1. The governing constitution can be found on our website

Trustees are elected at the Annual General Meeting, by member vote, but can also be co-opted by the existing trustees throughout the year.

### 4. Objectives

FSCC objective is to support the local community and activities conducive to local benefit. FSCC maintains and manages the community centre and the outdoor multi use games area. The centre has rooms of various sizes to rent out, including a sensory room. These rooms are rented out to local groups on a regular basis and one off hires for parties and meetings.

A multi-use games area is also attached to the centre opened daily it is locked at night in order to reduce anti-social behaviour disturbing local residents

### 5. Activities

The end of residence in the building by AgeUK in June 2023 caused the Trustees to diversify income sources.

FSCC continued with the contract, originally started by FSCA in February 2023, with Nine Hazelnut Technology to manage and maintain the centre.

Southampton Careers Association continues to rent one of our rooms weekdays as provision for elderly locals.

As well as hiring out the centre to various local groups including theatre, exercise, children, education and religious groups, the centre runs a successful lunch club for the over 55s and a toddler playgroup with the help of volunteers.

The MUGA is well used by local youths and dog walkers (especially older residents) Choices College has selected the centre to act as one of its educational hubs.

### 6. Achievements

Despite the loss of Southampton AGEUK, and not being able to find anyone to take over the office space, the trustees decided to turn this area into another room to hire out; the cost of which was recouped within the first 4 months.

Hiring has increased this past year, with the centre being very busy.

The contract with Nine Hazelnut Technology has benefit the centre with them being on top of issues and keeping the centre running

### 7. Financial Review

During the financial year, following the establishment of banking facilities for Freemantle and Shirley Community Centre, the new charity, operations and invoicing was transferred across from Freemantle and Shirley Community Association and that organisation was formally closed at the end of the financial year with all remaining assets being transferred at that time.

Turnover for FSCC does not therefore reflect a full 12 months income or costs but the following major expenses were incurred during that period

Item	Cost
New CCTV	£3,974
Boiler room	£7,032
New cooker and associated electricals	£3,874
Enclosure of Albion	£1,085
<b>Total</b>	<b>£15,965</b>

Subcontracting costs represent the fees paid to Nine Hazelnuts Technology, a company controlled by Martin Ryan, who took on responsibility for cleaning the building and providing a presence during the working week that was not dependent on Trustees, these costs compare favourably to the £16k that was spent on cleaning alone 2019-20.

There was a £50 increase in funds carried forward. The target for reserves remains at 6 months running costs but are not likely to be reached in the next couple of years.

#### 8. Future Plans

The trustees are working with the Big Solar Company to look at putting Solar panels on our roof to help offset energy costs. At the end of March 2024, we **were** waiting for permission from Southampton City Council.

#### 9. Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.  
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees



Barrie Worth – Chair




Amanda Webb – Secretary

#### 10. Accounts

	<b><u>2023-24</u></b>
Hiring Fees - long term	£13,712
Hiring Fees - short term	£13,668
Long Term hire of Florence	£4,485
Symphony	£1,360
Other income including grants	£507
Transfer from FSCA	£14,802
Interest	£96
Cafe	
<b><u>Total Income</u></b>	<b><u>£48,630</u></b>
Centre manager/caretaker	
Kitchen staff	
Grants/Donations	
Capital Expenditure	£4,381

Subcontracting/Consultancy	£7,800
Event costs	0
<b>Other Cost Subtotal</b>	<b>£12,181</b>
<b><u>Running Costs</u></b>	
Gas	£3,272
Electricity	£1,799
Water	£230
Cleaning	£640
Rates	£0
Phone/Internet	£300
Printing and other office costs	£826
Insurance	£2,043
Maintainance	£5,456
Domestic Costs (e.g. chairs, tables..)	£36
Legal costs	£436
Cafe gross costs	
	<b>£15,038</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>£27,219</b>
<b>Excess of Income over expenditure</b>	<b><u>£21,411</u></b>
<b>Reserves carried forward</b>	<b><u>£21,411</u></b>

## 11. Independent Examiners Report

 <b>CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES</b>		<b>Independent examiner's report on the accounts</b>	
<b>Section A Independent Examiner's Report</b>			
<b>Report to the trustees</b>	FREEMANTLE AND SHIRLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE		
<b>On accounts for the year ended</b>	31 MARCH 2024	<b>Charity no (if any)</b>	1184031
<b>Set out on pages</b>			
<b>Responsibilities and basis of report</b>	<p>I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 MARCH 2024.</p> <p>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").</p> <p>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.</p>		
<b>Independent examiner's statement</b>	<p>[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of (if any): ]</p>		
<b>Address:</b>	MAPLE HOUSE, HIGH STREET POTTERS BAR HERTS EN6 5BS		
<b>Section B Disclosure</b>			
<p>Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).</p>			
<p>Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 300px; width: 100%;"></div>		