

Freemantle and Shirley Community Centre Trustees Report and Financial Report

Year Ending March 2025

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 enable the transfer ownership of the community centre from Southampton City Council via Community Asset Transfer to the local community. 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. This is the first full year of 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:

- (a) such a report by the trustees on the activities of the charity during that year, and
- (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 31 March 2025:

- Barrie Worth – Chair, Treasurer
- Amanda Webb – Secretary
- Barrie Tilley – Vice Chair
- Kris Gupta
- Terry Winidbank
- Gwyneth Baker: 1 April 2024 to 9 September 2024(AGM)
- Helen Davies 9 September 2024(AGM) to 31 March 2025
- Magda D Van Mewre 9 September 2024(AGM) to 31 March 2025

(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 to local groups on a regular basis and one-off hires for parties and meetings.

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

5. Activities

FSCC continued with the contract with Nine Hazelnut Technology to manage and maintain the centre.

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

Choices College, an NHS provider of post 16 education to young adults with autism, uses the centre as one of their regional hubs.

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)

6. Achievements

2024-2025 was the first full operating year for FSCC and saw an excess of income over expenditure of £12,867.

Our new room Albion, created from the office space previously used by Southampton AGEUK now has many groups using it, one being Choices College who have confirmed (post year end) a further year's contract.

Having been delayed by questions raised by Southampton City Councils estates department which retains a buy-back option on the centre, the installation of Solar Panels by the Big Solar Coop had taken place since the year end. £2,700 of legal and survey costs were incurred and are shown in 2024-5 accounts

Nine Hazelnuts Technology have continued with maintaining and cleaning the building, which has progressed well.

7. Financial Review

The first full year of operation under FSCC saw an increase of nearly £13,000 in retained funds carried forward but comparisons with previous years are difficult because 2023/24 operations were split between FSCA and FSCC. Reserve policy to be amended from "6 months of expenses" to include provision of a sinking fund of £25,000 to enable the purchase of the newly installed solar panels in 2030.

Therefore the target reserves for that date are £65k.

8. Future Plans

There will be continued work to update the fabric of the building as it approaches 20 years since its rebuild.

Opening the cafe to make full use of the kitchen facility remains a goal when finances allow.


The solar panels installed since the year end by the Big Solar Coop can be purchased by FSCC after 5 years at a depreciated value. A sinking fund is to be established to ensure that there are sufficient funds in June 2030 when this option becomes operational.

9. Declaration

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

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Barrie Worth', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Barrie Worth – Chair

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Amanda Webb', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Amanda Webb – Secretary

10.Accounts

FSCC Accounts for the years ended 31st March			
	FSCC 2024-2025	FSCC 2024-2025	Deviation
	Budget	Actual	
Hiring Fees - long term	£45,140	£39,684	£ (5,456)
Hiring Fees - short term	£20,000	£19,878	£ (122)
Long Term hire of Florence	£20,220	£20,544	£ 324
Symphony	£3,800	£4,900	£ 1,100
Other income including grants	£0	£3,003	£ 3,003
Transfer from FSCA	£228		£ (228)
Interest		£307	£ 307
Total Income	£89,388	£88,316	£ (1,072)
Centre manager/caretaker	£25,272	0	£ (25,272)
Kitchen staff		0	£ -
Grants/Donations	£0		£ -
Capital Expenditure	£9,000	£2,340	£ (6,660)
Subcontracting/Consultancy	£1,200	£18,000	£ 16,800
Event costs	£0	0	£ -
Other Cost Subtotal	£35,472	£20,340	£ (15,132)
Running Costs			£ -
Gas	£14,000	£18,450	£ 4,450
Electricity	£12,000	£13,278	£ 1,278
Water	£1,200	£1,262	£ 62
Cleaning	£2,000	£2,170	£ 170
Rates	£485	£411	£ (74)
Phone/Internet	£864	£720	£ (144)
Printing and other office costs	£400	£1,583	£ 1,183

Insurance	£3,200	£2,234	£ (966)
Maintenance	£15,000	£6,295	£ (8,705)
Domestic Costs (e.g. chairs, tables..)	£6,000	£5,637	£ (363)
Legal costs	£2,000	£3,070	£ 1,070
Cafe gross costs		0	£ -
	£57,149	£55,110	£ (2,039)
Total Expenses	£92,621	£75,450	£ (17,171)
Excess of Income over expenditure	-£3,233	£12,866	£ 16,099
Reserves carried forward	£18,159	£34,258	

11. Independent Examiners Report



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

FREEMANTLE AND SHIRLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE

On accounts for the year
ended

31st March 2015

Charity no
(if any)

1184031

Set out on pages

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

Responsibilities and
basis of report

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").

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

[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 applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

S. Mansour

Date:

10 September 2015

Name:

Simon Mansour

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

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