

Bradford On Avon Station Footbridge Canopy Project
Charity Number 1184339
Unaudited Accounts to 31st May 2022

Background

Third set of Accounts for CIO known as Bradford on Avon Station Footbridge Canopy Project to 31st May 2022.

The Trust was created on the 9th of July 2019. These are 12-month figures.

Accounts prepared by David Cowles BSc, ACIB, who considers them to be a fair and true reflection of the Charities financial position as of 31st May 2022.

Trustees Report

Introduction

Each year, the trustees of the charity are required to approve an annual report and accounts prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charity

Commission. This document, which must be made available to the public, covers the period 1st June 2021 to 31st May 2022. Its purpose is to review the charity's activities against the charity's aims and objectives. Specifically, it contains information regarding the charity's trustees and their appointment, constitution, and financial affairs. It also includes a statement of the charity's public benefit.

Charity name

The Bradford on Avon Station Footbridge Canopy Project

Charity registered no.

1184339

Trustees

The Trust's constitution, powers and the way it operates are set out in the constitution dated 9 July 2019, establishing the charity as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. The constitution stipulates a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 12 trustees.

The periods for which the first trustees will serve are specified in the constitution, as shown below:

David Moss, Chairman, 3 years

David Cowles, Treasurer, 4 years

Paige Balas, Secretary, 2 years

Graham Findley, 2 years resigned 5th April 2022

Peter Mann, 4 years

John Potter, 3 years

Peter Leach, 3 years

Patron

Lord Faulkner of Worcester has agreed to be Patron of the charity.

Offices

As it neither owns nor leases any premises, the charity has no office of its own. By courtesy of the Bradford on Avon Preservation Trust, the Trust's office at Silver Street House, Silver Street, Bradford on Avon, BA15 1LL, is used as the charity's postal address.

Objectives, public benefit and review of activity

As set out in its constitution, the purpose (“object”) of the charity is “The restoration and preservation for the public benefit of the canopy to the footbridge at Bradford on Avon railway station, a Grade II listed railway heritage site designed by Isambard Kingdom Brunel”.

Bradford on Avon’s Grade II listed railway station was built to the most elaborate of the standard designs used by Brunel, resembling a lodge or estate house of the period, but built with local Bath stone rather than the more commonly used bricks and mortar. The station is a rare reminder of the heyday of one of the Great Western Railway’s main lines. A few years ago, the station was restored to Great Western traditional colours of Light Stone and Dark Stone but although the footbridge was repaired and refurbished, it still lacks the original canopy, which was removed in the mid-1960s in the belief that this would reduce maintenance costs. The charity aims to replace the canopy to restore the station to its historical and original appearance, freely available to see for all interested in this aspect of our past.

A professional engineering report confirmed that the refurbished footbridge can easily take the weight of a new canopy. Network Rail support our project and have agreed to take on the long-term maintenance once the canopy is back in place. We have developed a Risk Register to help ensure the project runs smoothly.

Fund raising and project progress

There has been a great deal of preparatory work done during the last 6 years, including meeting and negotiating with Network Rail and First Great Western (latterly Great Western Railways) to obtain the assurances that money spent on design work would not be wasted. We have subsequently received a grant of £15,000 from Great Western Railway Ltd. to conduct the feasibility design work. This grant had been provided under the GWR Customer and Communities Improvement Fund (CCIF). It enabled us to commission Oxford Architects, an accredited company experienced in this sort of heritage work on Network Rail, to undertake the design work to GRIP 3 (concept design stage). GRIP is a Network Rail process (it means Governance for Railway Investment Projects) which breaks down a project into various stages. We have also received a significant donation from a local supporter which will help us move onto GRIP 6 (mobilisation stage - getting ready to start) when we are ready to. Oxford Architects have been assisted in their design work by independent engineering expert David Redfern, who has a track record on both national and heritage railways.

The Trustees spent considerable time reviewing and researching the materials for the steel and timber elements of the new canopy, focusing on balancing the key imperatives of ensuring maximum faithfulness to and replication of the original heritage structure, whilst at the same time meeting Network Rail Safety and Maintenance rules.

Lengthy research was done on sourcing corrugated steel that could be pressed to the original roof profile, and timber and paint that met Network Rail standards. Planning Permission Application which provides a solution acceptable to everyone, was approved on 31st March 2022.

We are now in the process of drawing up financial plan to enable us to complete Network Rail PACE (Project Acceleration in a Controlled Environment) Phase 2 Form A. (This used to be called GRIP 4) Form A gives Design Approval in principle. We are waiting the outcome of our application to the 2022 GWR Community Fund we continue to keep our Patron and Stakeholders fully informed and have established valuable support from the Severnside Community Rail Partnership who are keen on our project.

This report was approved by the trustees on 6th September 2022.

[signed] David Moss

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

Chairman

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Income and Expenditure	
Income	0.00
Expenditure	
Planning fee	262.00
Bank Charges	26.00
Total Expenditure	288.00
Excess of Expenditure over income	288.00

Balance Sheet 31 st May 2022	
Current Assets	
Cash	23,986.00
Liabilities	
Net current Assets	23,986.00
Total Assets	23,986.00
Reserves B/FWD 31 st MAY 2021	24,274.00
Net Expenditure	288.00
Total Reserves	23,986.00