

Thornton Village Community Centre

Financial Statements for the year ended 05 April 2021

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Report of the trustees for the year ended 05 April 2021

The trustees present their annual report and audited financial statements for the year ended 05 April 2021 and confirm they comply with the charities act 1993, as amended by the charities act 2006, the trust deed and the charities SORP 2005.

Nothing in our constitution shall authorise an application of the property of the CIO for purposes which are not charitable in accordance with section 7 of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 or section 2 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.]

References and Administrative information

Charity Name Thornton Village Community Centre

Charity registration number 1184543

Principal office Market street, Thornton, Bradford, BD13 3HW

Board of trustees

Suzanne Becky

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Structure, Governance and management

Governing Document

Thornton Village Community Centre is constituted as a CIO registered with the charity commission in July 2019 under charity number 1184543. It is governed by our constitution and trustees who are the only voting members within the charity, last updated 23/07/2020.

Organisational Structure

The charity trustees shall manage the affairs of the CIO and may for that purpose exercise all the powers of the CIO. It is the duty of each charity trustee : (a) to exercise his or her powers and to perform his or her functions in his or her capacity as a trustee of the CIO in the way he or she decides in good faith would be most likely to further the purposes of the CIO; and (b) to exercise, in the performance of those functions, such care and skill as is reasonable in the circumstances having regard in particular to: (i) any special knowledge or experience that he or she has or holds himself or herself out as having; and, (ii) if he or she acts as a charity trustee of the CIO in the course of a business or profession, to any special knowledge or experience that it is reasonable to expect of a person acting in the course of that kind of business or profession.

The trustees meet together as a body monthly and are responsible for all decisions taken in relation to running the Community Centre.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Every charity trustee must be a natural person. (b) No individual may be appointed as a charity trustee of the CIO: • if he or she is under the age of 16 years; or • if he or she would automatically cease to hold office under the provisions of clause. (c) No one is entitled to act as a charity trustee whether on appointment or on any reappointment until he or she has expressly acknowledged, in whatever way the charity trustees decide, his or her acceptance of the office of charity trustee. (d) At least one of the trustees of the CIO must be 18 years of age or over. If there is no trustee aged at least 18 years, the remaining trustees may only act to call a meeting of the charity trustees, or appoint a new charity trustee.

The existing trustees are responsible for the recruitment of new trustees at our annual general meeting which is open to the public who can vote in members also.

Induction and training of trustees

The charity trustees will make available to each new charity trustee, on or before his or her first appointment: (a) copy of this constitution and any amendments made to it; and (b) a copy of the CIO's latest Trustees' Annual Report and statement of accounts.

Initially new trustees will work under an existing trustee on activities and projects run by the charity, after satisfactory feedback from existing trustees they are then given lead on future tasks and projects, reporting progress at trustee meetings.

Risk Management

We have appointed a risk manager for the charity and they identify the major risks by each activity and project. These are reviewed at each meeting if necessary and filed with copies available in our site office and online. We have all the relevant insurance and annual certificates regarding the centre which are reviewed yearly.

Objectives and activities

To Promote the health and wellbeing through exercise, nutrition, and dietary education; for the residents of the area and to work together as a community, irrespective of age, gender, ethnicity, ability, religion or political views.

To develop local educational opportunities for the people of Thornton District, especially those who are disadvantaged.

To develop and promote cross cultural learning for residents of Thornton and District.

To promote Thornton & surrounding district as a self-help area throughout the Bradford

Work with groups of a similar nature and exchange information, advice and knowledge with them, including cooperation with other voluntary bodies, charities, statutory and non-statutory organisations to achieve our objects.

To promote the employability skills in the community through training, business and finance, to form closer working relationships amongst inner city community groups in Bradford. To develop & support the young / unemployed people in the community through mentoring and training for employment opportunities.

Our objectives

To provide opportunities and promote the objects of the association

to raise funds and open a bank account

to obtain or lease equipment and premises

to appoint trustees to hold property

to employ staff and recruit volunteers

to network and form partnerships with other organisations and agencies

and to do all such other lawful things as are necessary to further the objects of the organisation.

Strategies

Our main goal is to keep the community centre going for use to future generations who have not until recently since we took over as a committee been able to use these facilities as the centre had been underutilised for years.

To further or benefit the residents of Thornton, Bradford, West Yorkshire and the neighbourhood, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation, health and fitness, welfare and leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents. In furtherance of these objects but not otherwise, the trustees shall have power: To establish or secure the establishment of a community centre and to maintain or manage or co-operate with any statutory authority in the maintenance and management of such a centre for activities promoted by the charity in furtherance of the above objects.

Volunteers

Volunteers are an important resource for our centre. Volunteers get involved in most of our organised events and projects. We have over 20 regular volunteers who give their time regularly we encourage local community residents to get involved and share their skills with others.

Activities and achievements

The charity carries out a wide range of activities which the trustees consider how they can provide a benefit to both residents in Thornton and surrounding areas who attend the centre or the various groups that we partner with in the village of Thornton and beyond.

Our main community hall provides a wide variety of regular classes ranging from exercise to art clubs. Our hall and meeting rooms are available for use by local groups and organisations. This year we were lucky to gain a new contract with a counselling group, who train people to become counsellors and they are providing one to one counselling for local residents at a reduced cost. We also host surgeries with local councillors and MP's. we also hire out rooms for Birthday parties and events. We currently have 9 regular groups holding classes at the centre and we have a library which is run by volunteers through the local central library service. We also work closely with the local gp practice and practise champions. And have just worked on a project with the local primary schools on a food plus easter project which was very successful. We also work with local police and youth services to help with anti-social behaviour and crime in our village.

Financial review

Reserve's policy

The trustees have reviewed the reserves of the charity. Our policy is to hold enough funds to meet 6 months operating costs, as this our second year we estimate we need £15,000 in reserves. This can be adjusted as the year progresses and we have a better understanding of our outgoings.

Principal funding sources

The charities main source of income is through rental agreements with our 11 groups and through funding application from various sources due to covid restrictions for part of 2021 we had to close the premises so relied on government funding to keep us afloat.

Plans for future periods

The charity is still looking to invest in a new boiler system as it is coming to the end of life, some of our cash reserves will be held for this purpose, this is considered as a long-term project. Also upgrading the centre with new lighting, decorating and general upkeep. We currently spend around £4,000 a year on these projects. We also have in reserve £450.00 for annual Christmas tree festival which we will be in our second year of organising.

We do intend to maintain our existing range of community activities and long term want to expand and open either a coffee shop or café, so we can become self-sustaining and not rely on funding all the time to keep us going.

Statement of Trustees responsibilities

The duty of the Management Committee will be to carry out the objects, provide the management and control the affairs of the Organisation. The trustees will also be responsible for preparing the annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom generally accepted accounting practice).

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity (accounts and reports) regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees for the purpose of charity law who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 2.

Approved by the trustees and signed on its behalf by:

Frances Soames (Chair)

05/08/2021

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Statement of Financial Activities

For the year end 05 APRIL 2021

Total Funds 2021

£

Total Turnover 55,899.03

Total outgoing costs 25,048.64

The statement of financial Activities includes all gains and losses in the year. All incoming and outgoing.