

The Local Community Centre

Annual General Meeting

8th March 2022

1. Introduction

It is with great pleasure that I present this annual report, the second report in the history of The Local Community Centre.

This report, and our AGM, covers the operational period of 1st January 2021 to 31st December 2021.

The Charity's Trustees are:

- Stuart Davidson – Chairman
- Geoff O'Neill – Deputy Chairman
- Amanda Wilson – Treasurer
- Roger Fixter
- Richard Tory
- Helen Welbourn Cook
- Richard Barclay

Stuart Davidson

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Chairman
The Local Community Centre



2. The Local Community Centre

In April 2019, a group of like-minded people came together to identify how a neglected and under resourced asset, the building known as Pensioners' House, could be used for the benefit of all people living in Boston and the surrounding areas. The concept of The Local Community Centre was born.

A committee was created and work began on securing charitable status.

In October 2019 the Charity Commission granted charitable status to The Local Community Centre (Charity number 1185735) and steps were taken to transfer ownership of the building and its fixtures, together with its financial assets to the new charity.

Whilst the Centre enjoyed the patronage of a couple of groups from the very start, more pressing matters occupied the trustees. A lack of investment and neglect had impacted some of the very basic but essential fittings in the Centre. For example, there was no hot water available at the toilet sinks and simple, but legally required actions, such as PAT testing of electrical goods and servicing of firefighting appliances had not been undertaken.

The committee has worked hard to address outstanding issues to ensure that those who book the Centre could undertake their group's activities knowing the environment is safe.

Today, groups using the Centre include:

- Lincolnshire Sensory Society
- Safer Places,
- A Movement to Music class
- The Butterfly Hospice
- The NHS
- Age UK
- Boston Big Local
- A Qi Gong exercise class

- The Friendship Group
- A Book Club
- One You Lincs
- A Christian Church Group

3. Impact of COVID-19

COVID-19 restrictions had a significant impact on our income as it did during 2020.

COVID-19 impacted the fortunes of the Centre in a number of ways.

Being unable to accept bookings for the Centre from groups immediately removed the Centre's income. Extensive work had been undertaken to identify formal targets for the trustees, in terms of bookings that were required to ensure the viability of the Centre, and these quickly became irrelevant. Notwithstanding the loss of the Centre's income, the trustees still had to pay for utilities such as gas and electricity. In addition, ongoing issues needed to be addressed and that continued to place a major strain on the Centre's financial assets.

Uncertainty and concern, within the trustees and previous groups who had used the Centre, regarding some of the measures introduced to combat COVID-19 at various times meant that the Centre did not welcome groups back until the main restrictions were lifted in 2021.

4. Finances

The opening balance for the year was £14,513. Our closing balance was £18,871.

We received financial grants from Boston Borough Council as part of the Government's COVID-19 support programme. In addition, we received a grant from Councillor Yvonne Stevens and Councillor Martin Griggs as part of the council's Councillor Grant Scheme.

Financial support was also provided by Boston Big Local, ASDA and the Boston Town Area Committee.

There is no doubt in my mind that if we had not received this financial help, we would have had to close the charity permanently.

The various grants allowed us to carry out key maintenance projects. These included replacement of a significant area of the roof which leaked every time it rained, install an accessibility ramp at our emergency exit, provide hot water to the taps in the kitchen and install a dishwasher in the kitchen for use by the individual groups.

A total of £16,399 was spent on maintenance and repairs during the year.

A financial report will be uploaded to our online account with The Charity Commission.



5. Looking Forward

We continue to attract new groups to the Centre which demonstrates the success that the trustees have had in creating a model that appeals to all across our community. This gives the trustees a positive outlook for the future of the Centre and its viability for the coming years.

As the demand for bookings increases, the need for trustees to give up their time rises and we continue to look for more individuals who may want to join us as either a Trustee or Volunteer and help us drive the Centre forward for the benefit of the community.

If you feel that you could contribute to the work of the Centre, please contact us through our Facebook page.

Having held the post of Chairman of The Local Community Centre for 3 years I have decided to move on to pursue other interests. This will allow the trustees to appoint a new Chair and offer an opportunity for new ideas to be introduced to secure the long term future of the charity.

I wish the trustees every success in the future and thank them for their support over the past 3 years.

The Local Community Centre

Accounts

Financial Year 2021

The Local Community Centre Y/E 31/12/21																			
Income																			
Date	Deposit Number			Current Account	Petty Cash Account	Donations	Letting/ Booking	Grants	Fund Raising	Restricted Funds	Other	Petty Cash							
Balance Bfwd 01/01/21				14474.37	38.66														
08/02/2021		Boston Big Local	*	1,500.00						1,500.00			Ramp						
23/03/2021		Boston Borough Council	*	1,334.00				1,334.00											
30/03/2021		Boston Borough Council	*	238.21				238.21											
30/03/2021		Boston Borough Council	*	4,000.00				4,000.00											
30/03/2021		Boston Borough Council	*	4,097.00				4,097.00											
19/04/2021		Petty Cash	*		50.00							50.00							
27/04/2021		Boston Borough Council	*	8,000.00				8,000.00											
11/05/2021		Tinas Tributes	*	100.00			100.00												
11/05/2021		SuperStrikers	*	12.50			12.50												
12/05/2021		Tonic Health	*	14.00			14.00												
24/05/2021		Amazon	*	5.00							5.00		Amazon Smile						
07/06/2021		Tonic Health	*	50.00			50.00												
08/06/2021		Boston Borough Council	*	1,000.00						1,000.00			BTAC Plumbing						
24/06/2021		Church Group	*	28.00			28.00												
05/07/2021		Church Group	*	70.00			70.00												
12/07/2021		Church Group	*	28.00			28.00												
19/07/2021		Church Group	*	28.00			28.00												
20/07/2021		Tonic Health	*	50.00			50.00												
26/07/2021		Church Group	*	28.00			28.00												
26/07/2021		Boston Big Local	*	31.25			31.25												
02/08/2021		Church Group	*	28.00			28.00												
11/08/2021		Church Group	*	21.00			21.00												
16/08/2021		Church Group	*	21.00			21.00												
18/08/2021		Tonic Health	*	65.00			65.00												
19/08/2021		Lincs Sensory Ser	*	50.00			50.00												
24/08/2021		Petty Cash	*		91.18							91.18							
27/08/2021		Butterfly Hospice	*	25.00			25.00												
31/08/2021		Asda	*	320.00				320.00											
08/09/2021		Keep Active	*	12.50			12.50												
16/09/2021		Singing for Fun	*	100.00			100.00												
21/09/2021		Boston Borough Council	*	1,928.07				1,928.07											
12/10/2021		book club	*	14.00			14.00												
12/10/2021		Tabletop sale	*	25.00			25.00												
12/10/2021		U3A	*	25.00			25.00												
15/10/2021		Tonic Health	*	50.00			50.00												
18/10/2021		Church Group	*	21.00			21.00												
25/10/2021		Church Group	*	14.00			14.00												
29/10/2021		Butterfly Hospice	*	25.00			25.00												
01/11/2021		Movement to Music	*	50.00			50.00												
01/11/2021		Singing for Fun	*	100.00			100.00												
03/11/2021		Tonic Health	*	100.00			100.00												
04/11/2021		BBL	*	125.00			125.00												
04/11/2021			*	50.00			50.00												
15/11/2021		Lincs Sensory	*	50.00			50.00												
16/11/2021		Petty Cash	*		87.58							87.58							
26/11/2022		The Butterfly Hospice	*	25.00			25.00												
08/12/2022		BBL	*	31.25			31.25												
09/12/2022			*	10.00			10.00												
13/12/2022		Amazon	*	7.50							7.50								
13/12/2022		Tonic Health	*	168.75			168.75												
23/12/2021		The Butterfly Hospice	*	25.00			25.00	1of2											

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