

Lowes Barn Community Project CIO

Registered Charity Number: 1192101

Trustees Annual Report for 2nd November 2020 to 30th September 2021

The Lowes Barn Community Project (LBCP) CIO was entered on the Register of Charities by the Charity Commission on 2nd November 2020.

Objectives and Activities

The objects of the LBCP CIO as set out in the Constitution are:

- 1) To further or benefit the INHABITANTS of DURHAM CITY SOUTH WEST (including NEVILLE'S CROSS, CROSSGATE MOOR, MERRYOAKS, SHERATON PARK, MOUNT OSWALD and STONEBRIDGE) and the neighbourhood THEREOF, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said INHABITANTS 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 and leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the INHABITANTS.
- 2) 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 object.

The LBCP CIO was established to continue the aims of the unregistered small charity Lowes Barn Community Project (LBCP) in order to facilitate the development of the community centre (Object 2) which is a pre-requisite to delivering Object 1 for the benefit of the community.

The establishment of the LBCP CIO and transfer of assets to the LBCP CIO was a key element of the LBCP's growth strategy. The LBCP small charity turnover limit (>£5K) was exceeded in 2021 due to charges for community centre design work and planning application submission costs, and the unregistered small charity structure provided no limitation on the liability of Trustees. The LBCP unregistered charity documented its intention to formally wind down and transfer its assets to the LBCP (association model) CIO at its AGM on 4th November 2020, subject to completion of the appropriate transfer process.

The LBCP CIO has the same objectives as the LBCP unregistered charity, and 6 of the Trustees of the LBCP unregistered charity are also founding Trustees of the LBCP CIO. The membership of the LBCP will become the membership of the LBCP CIO.

In its first year, the Trustees of the LBCP CIO have focused on establishing the CIO, applying to the Charity Commission for an S105 order to transfer the assets from the LBCP unregistered charity (as required due to the potential conflict of interest), and managing the transition from the LBCP unregistered charity to the LBCP CIO.

In the second year, the focus will be on establishing a bank account for the LBCP CIO, completing the asset transfer from the LBCP unregistered charity to the LBCP CIO, and taking over all activities of the LBCP unregistered charity. The main focus will be on securing additional funding to enable the build of the community centre to start in early 2022. The LBCP CIO will also prepare for the opening of the community centre by establishing policies and procedures, engaging with stakeholders and the membership, and developing a programme of healthy recreation and well-being activities for all, as well as ensuring activities and services are provided for identified communities of need.

Establishment of the CIO

An inaugural Trustees meeting of the LBCP CIO was held on 31 March 2021 to appoint officers and Trustees.

The LBCP CIO applied to the Charity Commission to formally transfer the assets from the LBCP unregistered small charity to the LBCP CIO through a S105 order which was granted on 15th June 2021.

Note: The transfer of assets did not take place during this reporting period as a bank account could not be established due to administrative issues and delays at Lloyds Bank.

Financial Review

The Lowes Barn Community Project CIO was financially dormant from 2nd November 2020 to 30th September 2021. There were no receipts and no payments. The LBCP had no assets or liabilities and made no investments.

Despite strenuous efforts (see note above), the Treasurer was not able to establish a new bank account for the LBCP CIO during this reporting period. The transfer of assets from the LBCP did not take place and no financial transactions of any kind were made by the LBCP CIO.

During this reporting period all financial transactions, fundraising and other activities continued to be carried out under the LBCP unregistered charity.

Achievements and Performance

The LBCP CIO applied for a grant of £43,759 in support of the community centre project from Durham County Council (DCC) Section 106 Community Funds in May 2021. Funds were allocated in July 2021, but as of 30th September 2021 no funds had been drawn down. Funds can only be drawn down against invoices submitted to DCC once the build of the community centre commences.

The LBCP CIO was involved in discussions with DCC to agree the contract terms of the Ground Lease for the land at the Lowes Barn Recreation Ground on which the community centre will be built.

Structure, Governance and Management

The governing document of the CIO is the LBCP CIO Constitution (associate member CIO model).

The elected Officers of the LBCP CIO are:

- Chair – Dr Jennifer Thompson
- Treasurer – Mrs Suzanne McGoay
- Secretary – Mrs Suzanne McGoay

The Trustees during the reporting period are:

- Mr Stephen Ashfield
- Mr Chris Everett
- Mr Will Greeves
- Mrs Claire Murray Kemp
- Ms Clare Tellez

None of the Trustees retired during the reporting period.

The process for the appointment of Trustees is set out in the LBCP CIO Constitution. At the first AGM all the current Trustees will retire and the membership will re-elect the charity Trustees. At subsequent AGMs, 1/3 of the Trustees will retire (by lot if necessary). Trustees may be reappointed after retirement, but after a period of 3 years there must be an interval of one year before reappointment.

There were no corporate Trustees appointed or serving during the reporting period.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Lowes Barn Community Project CIO
Other name the charity uses	LBCP CIO
Registered charity number	1192101
Charity's principal address	28 Geoffrey Avenue, Durham, DH1 4PF

Declarations

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Name	Dr Jennifer Thompson	Mrs Suzanne McGoay
Position	Chair	Treasurer and Secretary
Signature	<i>Jennifer Thompson</i>	<i>S. McGoay</i>
Date	<i>27th July 2022</i>	<i>27th July 2022</i>

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These accounts have been prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with the requirements for a non-company charity (CIO) which has a gross income of £250,000 or less during the financial year.

First year accounts		2 nd Nov 2020 to 30 th Sept 2021	
		This year	Last year
Receipts (In)		£0.00	
Totals		£0.00	
Payments (Out)		£0.00	
Totals		£0.00	
Surplus or Deficit for the year		£0.00	
Balances brought forward		£0.00	
Balances in hand at year end	Bank (Note 1)	£0.00	
	Cash	£0.00	
Totals		£0.00	

Note 1: The Lowes Barn Community Project CIO does not have a bank account and has not had a bank account at any time from incorporation to the end of the financial year 30th Sept 2021.

Assets and Liabilities Statement: In addition to the above cash balances the Lowes Barn Community Project CIO has assets to the value of £0.00. The value of all other monetary assets, investment assets, assets retained for the charity's own use is £0.00. The value of liabilities is £0.00.

For the financial year in question the Lowes Barn Community Project CIO is entitled to exemption from independent examination as its gross income is below £25,000.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with requirements of the Charity Commission for England and Wales as it applies to a CIO.

Prepared by:	Suzanne McGoay	Signature:	<i>S. McGoay</i>
	Treasurer	Date:	30-7-22

Reviewer's Certificate: The above statements agree with the records and vouchers of the financial year ended 30th Sept 2021.

Reviewed by:	<i>Paul Rowe</i> FCCA	Signature:	<i>Paul Rowe</i>
		Date:	30 JULY 2022