

## **Easingwold Town Band CIO (Charity No 1194820)**

### **Trustees' Annual Report for the Year Ending July 31<sup>st</sup> 2024**

#### **Structure, Governance & Management**

The Band President is Mrs Kay Riley – a non-playing, but very supportive, prominent and well-respected former businesswoman and Easingwold resident.

As of July 31<sup>st</sup> 2024 the Band Trustees were as follows:- playing members William Cleghorn (Chair), Geoffrey Nield and Amanda Prosser; and independent trustees Rev. Charlotte Cranfield, Lorna Savage and Helen Sykes.

The Executive Committee of the Band consisted of Geoffrey Nield (chair & treasurer), Duncan Law (vice-chair), William Cleghorn, Rev David Senior (Secretary) and seven other Band members. Their responsibilities covered Musical Direction, Safeguarding, Health & Safety, Engagement Bookings, Music Library, Recruitment & Training.

#### **Administration**

The Trustees met four times during the year to review the work of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee met eight times during the year.

The Band's policies and procedures were constantly kept under review. The Executive Committee received no reports of incidents, or expressions of concern, in relation to Health & Safety or Safeguarding issues. Annual safety checks were carried out on all the portable electrical equipment. The gas heater received an annual service; the fire extinguisher was checked and serviced. Fire evacuation drills were held. Insurance cover was maintained on the Band's building, instruments and other property, public liability and Band members' and Trustees' indemnity.

At the Annual General Meeting, on October 30<sup>th</sup> 2023, the Treasurer's annual financial statement and Independent Examiner's reports were received and approved by the meeting. The accounts showed a deficit for the year of £532 (total income £7212. Total expenditure £7744). The Band's assets were listed as £75758 which included a CAF Bank Gold Savings account figure of £25598.

## **Musical Director**

Peter Andrews resigned as the Band musical director in June. Trial rehearsals were held with two candidates. With Band members' approval, terms were agreed with Peter Woodrow who was appointed to the post in July.

## **Musical activities**

During the year the Band played 3 formal concerts; at 5 local musical events; at a remembrance service in November; and carols at 5 pre-Christmas events. A small group from the Band visited 3 local primary schools, from which the Beginners' Group gained new recruits.

## **Looking Ahead**

In addition to a focus on filling vacant seats to bring the Band up to full strength, our new musical director Peter Woodrow is aiming to raise the Band's playing standard and its public profile by entering contests.

With an eye on its medium and long term future, the Band will continue to develop its training and recruitment activities.

Since the Band received planning approval for a new bandroom on its present site, it has become evident that the cost of construction of our architects' design is likely to be beyond our fundraising ability. A working group of Band members will be formed to review the design, construction methods and costs, with a view to achieving a substantial cost reduction without compromising planning approval. The Band will negotiate the purchase of a narrow strip of ground on the east side of its freehold property, and it will apply for adverse possession of a narrow strip of ground on the west side. These acquisitions will in due course facilitate construction without disturbance to the public. Funding for this preliminary work is being met by a donation. The Band will continue to husband its accumulated cash assets as potential match funding to support grant applications for its new bandroom project.

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## Income and Expenditure Aug 1<sup>st</sup> 2023 to July 31<sup>st</sup> 2024

INCOME	2023/2024	2022/2023
	£	£
Playing Fees/Collections	3355.39	2496.70
Donations	1160.00	2362.06
Membership Subscriptions	1105.00	1135.00
Bandroom Hire	855.00	292.50
Current Account Interest	13.16	0.25
Gold Savings Account Interest	598.39	13.01
Grants	0	250.00
Gift Aid	125.00	0
Leaving Present Collections	0	641.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7211.94</b>	<b>7190.52</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Stationery/Advertisements	0	51.90
Uniforms	384.22	0
Gifts (Flowers)	0	60.00
Instruments and Repairs	262.80	59.99
Buildings and Maintenance	245.42	267.62
Water and General Rates	289.15	221.95
Lighting and Heating	1113.19	465.56
Insurance	711.43	1127.35
Bank Charges	66.00	102.09
Music	367.20	133.00
M.D./Travelling Costs	929.50	677.55
Concert Expenses (inc P.A. System)	661.92	322.80
Band Registry/B.B. England Fees	215.45	284.36
Performing Rights	94.19	85.62
Training Band/Tutor Honorarium	2403.70	1943.80
1 to 1 Training Programme	0	130.20
Leaving Presents M.D.+ 2 Members	0	640.77
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7744.17</b>	<b>6574.56</b>

**Income less Expenditure      -£532.23      £615.96**

Signed

*G. Nield*

G.Nield (Treasurer) Sep 8<sup>th</sup> 2024

I have examined the accounts and associated documents and believe that they represent a true and fair view of the Band's accounts

Signed

*E. Dunnett*

Mrs E Dunnett (Inspector) October 8<sup>th</sup> 2024