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Clerk to the Trustees: David J Martin

### **TRUSTEES REPORT FOR 2021-22 – METHUEN HALL TRUST**

#### **Trustees**

Councillors S Abbott, P Anstey, H Belcher, L Bray, A Brown, A Crockford, T Ellis, N Farmer, R Hopkinson, M Jackson, D Jarman, L Jefferson, R LeVar, S Moysey, G Sanders, M Wakeman, A White and C Woodward

**Charity Registration Number**      222278

**Bank**      Lloyds TSB, High Street, Corsham, Wiltshire

**Solicitor**      Goughs, Pickwick Road, Corsham, Wiltshire

**Auditor**      Mr S Pollard – Managing Director, Auditing Solutions Ltd, Clackerbrook Farm, 46 The Common, Bromham, Chippenham, Wiltshire, SN15 2JJ

The charity was set up as a Trust Deed in 1897 and the Councillors of Corsham Parish Council, now Town Council, are automatically Trustees for the time of their office as Councillor. The objective of the trust is *“to provide a hall to serve as a Parish Meeting place and for usage by local groups”*.

This report relates to the financial year 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022. As the building is a public building it complies fully with access under the Disability Discrimination Act.

The Trustees took the decision to provide a range of levels of charging for use of the building. The first is Charity Rate and is applicable to other registered Charities and local non-profit making groups. The Standard/Commercial Rate covers functions by individuals and businesses hiring the building.

The number of bookings during 2021/22 were :

Local Charity Rate      - 35

Standard Rate/Commercial Rate      - 62

Block Bookings receive a discount. The administrative details of the charity are dealt with through the Town Council offices.

Enclosed with this report is a copy of the audited accounts for the relevant financial year, and the independent examiners report.

The Town Council makes an annual grant to the Trust which is paid in instalments during the year. The grant for 2021-22 was £61,815. The increase in the grant for this period was due to the Covid Pandemic and the loss of income for the Methuen Hall Trust due to the Town Hall being closed to hirers.

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**THE METHUEN HALL TRUST**

**Accounts**

**Year Ending 31 March 2022**

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## **Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of the Methuen Hall Trust**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022, which are set out on pages 3 and 4

### **Respective responsibilities of the trustee and examiner**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts: you consider that the audit requirements of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply.

It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43 (7)(b) of the Act, whether any particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of Independent examiners report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissions. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an opinion on the view given by the accounts.

### **Independent examiners statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
  - a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
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Have not been met; or

- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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***Methuen Hall Trust*****Income and Expenditure Account****For the year ended 31st March 2022**

	<b><u>2022</u></b>	<b><u>2021</u></b>
<b>Income</b>		
Lettings	£6,923	£2,112
Grants received- Corsham Town Council	£61,815	£27,488
	<b>£68,738</b>	<b>£29,600</b>
<b>Less : Expenditure</b>		
Security	£215	£0
Cleaning and Refuse collection	£5,070	£4,564
Business rates	£490	£0
Electricity	£3,052	£2,436
Gas	£2,156	£2,083
Water charges	£401	£389
Insurance	£2,500	£2,790
Advertising	£592	£736
General Maintenance	£39,300	£5,508
Service contracts	£5,437	£6,423
Performing rights	£70	£126
Audit examination	£150	£150
Miscellaneous equipment/improvements	£4,482	£5,870
Miscellaneous expenses	£29	£70
Caretaker consumables	£287	£190
	<b>£64,231</b>	<b>£31,334</b>
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	£4,507	-£1,734
General Balance brought forward	£1,584	£3,318
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# **Methuen Hall Trust**

## **Balance Sheet**

As at 31st March 2022

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Debtors and recoverable VAT	£2,131	£771
Cash at bank	£4,730	£1,135
	<u>£6,861</u>	<u>£1,906</u>
 Less: Current liabilities		
Creditors and accruals	£771	£322
	<u>£6,090</u>	<u>£1,584</u>
 Represented by:		
General Fund Balance	<u>£6,090</u>	<u>£1,584</u>

Approved for and on behalf of The Methuen Hall Trust

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Dated 13/6/2022

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I have examined the books and records of The Methuen Trust and certify that the attached Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet are in accordance therewith.

Independent Examiner..... Dated 1/6/2022

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