

Treasurers Report for the PDCC February 19th 2024

Accounting year Oct 1st 2022-30th September 2023

I`ve now been the treasurer of the PDCC for a whole year. I don`t have an accounting background so, to get the accounts ready for this AGM, I had to learn basic accounting and how to use a spreadsheet. I`ve even had to grasp the concept of double entry bookkeeping! So this year has been a sharp learning curve. This wouldn`t have been possible without the help and support of Graham Leigh, Nancy Hitchin and Jan Thorn. So a big thank you to them on my behalf.

As you will see from this years Financial Summary, our end balance is considerably less than at the end of 2021-2022. If you look at ` building repairs and maintenance` you get a clue as to why this is. As planned in 2021-2022, this year we completely refurbished all the toilets and sinks. This has put us in a good position to promote our weekly source of income-our regular hirers. It will hopefully also help to attract more weekend hirers . The income from the latter hirers has increased steadily over the year. Hire income overall is slightly up over the last financial year.

Our continuing popularity with hirers is in no small part due to the extreme cleanliness of the Centre, and the

welcoming environment, both down to our Centre Co-ordinator Jane Lockwood. I would like to thank her on behalf of all the PDCC Trustees.

Fundraising through our own organised events is a bit more variable. Although all events have made a profit, some seem less popular than previously, eg coffee mornings, and we will monitor this.

The Open Garage event proved popular, and the plant stall was a great success.

The Mini-Music Festival, which we have never held before, was a brilliant event attended by many from the village, and made a very good profit. It will be repeated this summer.

Seeming anomalies in this years figures, compared to last years, can be explained in the following ways-

- Turbine income- Last years figure of £12,378 proved to be the result of payments from 2021-2022 arriving late because of a disruption in meter reading, which is carried out by PDCC volunteers. 2021`s income was only £1,107. A normal years income seems to be between £6,000 and £6,5000. Meter reading is now regular and reliable.
- Water charges- It appears that we used a lot more water this year compared to last- £420 compared to £96. The reality is that the Water Company were only

charging £8 per month in 21-22, which was too low for our usage. This year the D.D. was changed to £38 per month, with the result that we now have £140 credit. Consequently, our D.D. has now been reduced to £6 per month. I will monitor this so it does not happen again.

To summarise, we have invested in the renovation of the building, which has placed us in a good position to attract hirers during 2024. Hopefully the re-surfaced car park, to be paid for out of 2023-2024 income and a grant , will help with this. We will continue to fundraise over the next few years to hopefully replace this years expenditure.

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