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SNODLAND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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The following accounts have approved by the Trustees on

24th May 2023

and signed on their behalf by:

**Chris Howick
Secretary**

ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

I certify that the accounts overleaf show a true and fair view of the Snodland Community Association's affairs for the year ended 31st March 2023 and the Balance Sheet as at that date and are in accordance with the books and records for that year. All funds are unrestricted.



T.G.Aylward FAIA FMAAT

Snodland Community Association —Treasurer's Report — Year to 31st March 2023

The Association's accounts to 31st March 2023 are herewith presented. As usual, the accounts have been independently prepared and scrutinised by Mr. T. Aylward, accountant of Boughton Monchelsea, Maidstone. The last financial year was the first to be completely unaffected by the coronavirus pandemic with the result that the community centre was able at last to operate at pre-covid levels. Given the continued success of the Centre, it might be surprising therefore that the surplus for the Association over the year decreased to £1,148 compared to £15,397 in the previous year. One of the reasons was that over the year the Centre did not receive any government Covid grants, whilst another factor was that a considerable sum was spent on maintenance and improvements, which will be explained more fully below.

Fundraising: despite a Christmas quiz and Musical Night being arranged, just £1,269 was added to the funds, which was a drop of £591 compared to the previous year. Three music events and a quiz have been planned from May until the end of this year and along with wrestling shows every two months as well as a boxing show in May where extra funds are raised by the provision of refreshments and a bar, it is hoped to see this figure increase considerably. For events like the music nights to be good fundraisers, it is important that members support them actively by either spreading the word to others, buying tickets themselves or offering prizes for the raffles. Many thanks as ever to those volunteers, who plan and organise these activities.

Centre Operation: the amount of money raised from hall hire increased considerably last year and totalled £56,098, which was an increase of £21,218 on the previous year and which comfortably, beat the takings of £51,541 in 2019-20, the last proper year before the pandemic. Most of the clubs and groups have returned and while a few have folded, they have been replaced by new ones. The Centre continues to offer a wide programme of activities during the week, as was amply demonstrated in the brochure that was circulated around the town earlier in the year.

The fees raised from one-off events, such as parties, were also healthy. Children's parties in particular continue to be very popular in both halls. Hirers are coming from farther afield and with the opening of the bridge, more are hiring from Wouldham and the Peter's Pit estate. Feedback is always very positive. Adult parties on the other hand are still not as popular as they were before Covid, which has meant that bar takings over the period have been limited. Again, the decision has been taken again not to charge the *Downsview Bar Company* its annual rent of £5,000. Hopefully this will change over the next year. Finally, the bar installed a *SumUp* card reader during the year, which was made possible by the arrival of broadband in the Centre at last.

The hire fees being charged for the Centre have not been increased and have remained the same since 2019. However, with rising costs, it is felt that the time has come to review the fees to ensure that they are realistic for maintaining a sizeable building, whilst ensuring they do not discourage use of the premises. One factor in this has been the increase of the wages paid to all community centre staff to £10.50 per hour in April 2023.

Increased usage also understandably saw electricity costs increasing from £6,743 to £9,788 over the year. We continue to benefit from a contract that came into force in February 2022 and whilst it is at a higher rate than was being paid before, it is fixed for three years and hopefully will protect the Association from the very high increases now being imposed. As electricity continues to be a major consumer of the Association's funds, all users are reminded that they should be vigilant and avoid wasting it wherever possible.

Without wishing to tempt fate, it is pleasing to note that the Centre did not suffer as much vandalism as it did in the previous year. The most significant example this year was when a gang of youths entered the two outside toilets attached to the building on carnival day, broke a broom handle and then used it to make numerous holes and dents in the walls and ceilings. The work of a couple of volunteers restored the toilets at little cost, but the Association has informed Snodland Town Council that in future these toilets must be kept shut on carnival day if they are not to be supervised.

The muddle concerning water & sewerage costs appears to have been sorted. *Business Stream*, which deals with sewerage disposal recognised at last that it had been overcharging the Association via direct debit and that the Centre was too much in credit. It did not offer a refund, but it looks unlikely we shall be paying a bill for some time to come, as we are still £1,548 in credit (April 2023).

As was noted above, a considerable figure has been spent on maintenance and improvements over the last year, which was an increase of £22,107. Apart from the usual repairs due to the wear and tear on the building, £2,050 was spent on replacing the guttering and flashings at the front of the Centre facing the field. As well as this, the main hall floor was renovated for the first time in five years at a cost of £4,794. The Centre was praised for how well the floor is maintained and our thanks are due to Simon White, who cleans it so thoroughly every Sunday morning.

The major expense, however, has been the conversion of the original changing rooms into an office and additional storage for the Centre. Whilst the structural alterations have been completed, the decoration and finishing touches are still in progress. The work, which has been completed by a mix of professionals and volunteers, has cost around £12k, but because it has been largely project-managed from within, the cost has been reduced considerably.

Downsview bar accounts are available for the year ending 2022.

Summary: It has been pleasing to see how strongly the Community Centre has performed over the last year and how it continues to fulfil its vital role in the community. The Association remains financially viable with sufficient funds to meet all future commitments. As was highlighted last year, the Association does need more volunteers to keep the Centre's costs to a minimum. Whilst this year's pamphlet drop did provide some new volunteers, there is still a need for more. Failure to do so may result in having to employ more staff, which would seriously affect the finances of the Association, or possibly even the viability of the Association itself.

Chris Howick (*Treasurer*)

Snodland Community Association
Income & Expenditure Account
For the year ended 31 March 2023

			2023 £	2022 £
Income	Deposit account Interest	80	-	
	Fundraising	1,269	1,860	
	Gifts & Donations	917	226	
	Grants - Tonbridge & Malling	-	13,987	
	Hall Hire	56,098	34,880	
	Membership Fees	905	784	
			59,270	51,737
Expenses	Accountancy Fees	(733)	(630)	
	Business Rates	-	(57)	
	Caretaker Wages	(1,380)	(1,440)	
	Cleaning & Laundry	(8,766)	(8,807)	
	Depreciation	(1,931)	(4,803)	
	Electricity	(9,788)	(6,743)	
	Housekeeping	(2,692)	(2,374)	
	Insurances & Licences	(2,939)	(3,040)	
	Printing, Stationery & postage	(661)	(58)	
	Repairs & Renewals	(27,440)	(5,333)	
	Sundries PNET	(79)	-	
	Water/Sewage	(1,712)	(3,054)	
			(58,121)	(36,340)
Excess to Fund			1,148	15,397

Snodland Community Association
Balance Sheet
As at 31 March 2023

			2023 £		2022 £
Fixed assets	Depreciation	(48,029)		(46,098)	
	Equipment	48,029		48,029	
		<u>-</u>		<u>1,931</u>	
			-		1,931
Debtors	Downsview account	35,693		35,693	
	Prepayments	2,162		1,959	
		<u>37,855</u>		<u>37,651</u>	
Bank	Building Society account 2	17,393		17,313	
	Current a/c	69,630		65,614	
		<u>87,023</u>		<u>82,927</u>	
			124,878		120,578
Creditors	Accruals	(2,679)		(1,837)	
	Deferred Income	(1,727)		(1,349)	
		<u>(4,406)</u>		<u>(3,186)</u>	
			(4,406)		(3,186)
Net assets			<u>120,472</u>		<u>119,324</u>
			£		£
General Fund	Accumulated Fund B/Fwd	119,324		103,927	
	Excess to Fund	1,148		15,397	
		<u>120,472</u>		<u>119,324</u>	
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General Fund			<u>120,472</u>		<u>119,324</u>

SNODLAND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2023**

<u>Variance Analysis</u>	£	£
2021/22 Excess of Income over Expenditure		15397
INCOME		
Higher booking fees	21218	
Higher membership Fees	121	
Lower Grants	-13987	
Equal Rents	0	
Equal payphone	0	
Higher Interest received	80	
Higher gifts & Donations	692	
Lower Fundraising	-591	
TOTAL		7533
EXPENDITURE		
Lower Caretaker wages	60	
Higher Services	-1703	
Lower Rates	57	
Lower Insurance	101	
Lower Cleaning	41	
Higher Housekeeping	-318	
Higher Repairs & Maintenance	-22107	
Equal Legal expenses	0	
Higher Audit & Accountancy	-103	
Higher Stationery	-603	
Equal Advertising	0	
Higher Sundries PNET	-79	
Lower Depreciation	2872	
TOTAL		-21782
2022/23 Excess of Income over Expenditure		£ 1148



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Snodland Community Association

No (if any)

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
01/04/2022

To

Period end date
31/03/2023

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Interest	80	-	-	80	-
Fundraising	1,269	-	-	1,269	1,860
Gifts & Donations	917	-	-	917	226
Hall hire	56,098	-	-	56,098	34,880
Membership Fees	905	-	-	905	784
Grants - Tonbridge & Malling	-	-	-	-	13,987
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	59,269	-	-	59,269	51,737
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	59,269	-	-	59,269	51,737
A3 Payments					
Accountancy fees	733	-	-	733	630
Business Rates	-	-	-	-	58
Caretaker Wages	1,380	-	-	1,380	1,440
Cleaning & Laundry	8,766	-	-	8,766	8,807
Depreciation	1,931	-	-	1,931	4,803
Electricity	9,788	-	-	9,788	6,743
Housekeeping	2,692	-	-	2,692	2,374
Insurances & Licences	2,939	-	-	2,939	3,040
Printing Stationery & postage	661	-	-	661	58
Repairs & Maintenance	27,440	-	-	27,440	5,333
Sundries PNET	79	-	-	79	-
Water/Sewage	1,712	-	-	1,712	3,054
Sub total	58,121	-	-	58,121	36,340
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	58,121	-	-	58,121	36,340
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,148	-	-	1,148	15,397
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	1,148	-	-	1,148	15,397

f assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Total cash funds	-	-	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
Bank Accounts	87,023	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
Debtors	37855	-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
Accruals	2679	-	
Deferred Income	1727	-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
C. J. Howick	Mr.C.J.Howick	24/05/2023