

Trustees Report

Annual General Meeting of 1st November 2024

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Charity Commission and accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's Royal Charter 4 January 1912, the Charities Act 2011 and 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016)".

Objectives and activities

The running of a local youth organisation, namely the Town's Scout Group and management of the Scout building which is also one of the Town's community facilities. The Trustees confirm that they have had due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit when preparing the activities for the year and believe that this is at the centre of what they provide throughout their activities.

Achievements and performance

We continue to make progress recovering from the effects of Covid. Good progress has been building on the recovery programme that the committee put in place once the restrictions that Covid placed on organisations were lifted. The Committee has endeavoured to keep any increases to booking rates as modest and considerate as possible but the inevitable impact of the recent high inflation period has necessitated some increased in fees.

The Committee has reviewed staffing arrangements and have staffed the Centre with Centre Manager and a part time cleaner, a salaried relief manager covering for holiday and unavoidable absences. Volunteer help is arranged as and when

necessary. Staffing will continue to be kept under review, matching staffing levels to demand. The committee acknowledge that the dedication of staff in the past twelve months has contributed to the success of our recovery programme.

Scout, Cub and Beaver meetings have taken place over the last 12 months, and we currently have approximately 50 children, from age 6 to 14, we offer as full a range of scouting activities as possible. Our fund raising activities are limited due to a lack of volunteers although some activity has taken place in cooperation with local supermarkets with bag packing. Our traditional Scout Christmas Post took place in 2023.

Financial review

The requirement for free reserves for scouting activities is low and the charity therefore does not feel that significant free reserves are required, whilst endeavouring to maintain reserves covering at least 6 months operating costs on the community centre.

We continue to maintain a higher level of reserves than required and the committee is mindful that with the building approaching its 10th anniversary that there will be an increase in maintenance costs as equipment reaches the end of its useful, and safe, life. The committee has taken advantage of any appropriate grants that are available to maintain and improve the facilities for the benefit of the scouting activities and the community users. The charity has restricted reserves which relate to the Scout Headquarters and Community Centre. These are diminished each year as the property depreciates.

Bookings have steadily improved. The change of booking policy, implemented by the centre manager post pandemic to keep a full day per week free for short notice bookings continues to be successful and has contributed to an overall increase in the centres use. The relaxation of weekend booking policy continues to contribute to additional booking and increased income.

Changes introduced by the committee in the last year in matters relating to financial planning and undertaking more work in the preparation of accounting information has yielded a benefit in the information available to the committee together with a reduction in costs for professional services; this is in no small part due to the committee having the benefit of our treasurer, who has a professional accounting background.

The Charity is grateful for the continued assistance of its volunteers, who take on a number of roles, from Committee Members, Leaders and Assistant Leaders and Section Assistants and who give up their time free of charge to assist with the aims and activities of the Charity. We also give thanks to the Parents who give up their free time to help with the various activities that are run throughout the year. The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed, and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

Structure, governance and management.

The Charity is a registered unit of The Scout Association in the United Kingdom. The Council is required to be governed as per arrangements laid out in the prevailing version of the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association. New Trustees are appointed in accordance with the arrangements set out in the Policy, Organisation and Rules. The trustees who served during the year were :-

Vincent Howells	Chair
Myfanwy Shane Squibb	Secretary
Bronwen Poole(Dec'd)	Treasurer
Ian Thomson	Acting Treasurer
Farrell McManus	Group Scout Leader
Michael Poole	Committee Member

	Comm Centre 2022-23 £	Scouting 2022-23 £	Total 2022-23 £	Comm Centre 2023-24 £	Scouting 2023-24 £	Total 2023-24 £
Expenditure:						
Staff Costs	38202			36002		
Insurance	1698			1825	52	
Heat & Light	4812			5285		
Telephone	1023			1018		
Cleaning	361			410		
Printing & Stationery	30			58		
Rent						
Accounting & HR Services	3605			2433		
Waste Disposal				469		
Consumables and Equipment	5844			843		
Maintenance	3394			3274		
Scouting Activity		2776			1464	
Scout Capitation		5858			3233	
Scout Equipment/Tents					1284	
Other	1596			1456	424	
	<u>60565</u>	<u>8634</u>		<u>53073</u>	<u>6457</u>	
Income:						
Donations	220	410		50	1120	
Grants	4131					
Facilities hire	41537			51111		
Interest				411	42	
PV Panels	643			2024		
Scouting Activities		5540			4467	
Other	2094	877			961	
	<u>48625</u>	<u>6827</u>		<u>53596</u>	<u>6590</u>	
Net	<u>-11940</u>	<u>-1807</u>		<u>523</u>	<u>133</u>	
Brought Forward 01.04:						
Cash at bank	38476	24129	62605	27582	22322	49904
debtors			0			
Creditors			0			
	<u>38476</u>	<u>24129</u>	<u>62605</u>	<u>27582</u>	<u>22322</u>	<u>49904</u>
Difference for year	-11940	-1807	-13747	523	133	656
Carried Forward 31.03:	<u>26536</u>	<u>22322</u>	<u>48858</u>	<u>28105</u>	<u>22455</u>	<u>50560</u>
Represented by:						
Cash at bank	27582	22322	49904	28305	22455	50760
debtors	516					
Creditors	-1562		-1562	-200		-200
	<u>26536</u>	<u>22322</u>	<u>48858</u>	<u>28105</u>	<u>22455</u>	<u>50560</u>

1STCLIVE'S OWN SCOUT GROUP, WELSHPOOL

Independent examiner's report

TO THE TRUSTEES OF 1STCLIVE'S OWN SCOUT GROUP, WELSHPOOL

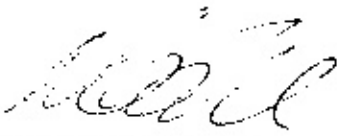
I report on the accounts of the for the year ended 31st March 2024 which are attached.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an independent examination rather than a full audit is sufficient insofar as the accounts have been prepared on a 'receipts and payments' basis reflecting the level of turnover for the year.

Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined the accounting records kept by the charity and the the accounts presented with those records and have sought explanations from the trustees as necessary. In my opinion, the accounts present a 'true and fair view'.



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