

Trustee's Report

For the year ended 31 March 2022

The Trustees present their report for the year ended 31 March 2022

Introduction

Following the turbulence imposed by the pandemic in 2021 and the difficulties in people gathering subsequently, it was a difficult time for the Castle Caereinion Recreation Association. The Trustee's then publicised using Social Media and let it be known generally that they would all be standing down, and they subsequently resigned *en masse* at the Annual General Meeting held in May. Thankfully sufficient individuals volunteered to take over and a new committee was formed, albeit with absolutely no knowledge or experience of being Trustees of a charity.

Achievements

A chair, Treasurer and a Secretary were elected, and a small number of others volunteered that they would be happy to act as Trustees. Research into the Constitution showed that it was in desperate need of updating and this work was undertaken by the Secretary; with the assistance of the Powys Association of Voluntary Organisations the constitution is now ready to be presented to the Community at an EGM for a vote to be taken on its adoption. It has been agreed in Committee that this should coincide with the AGM in May.

The newly appointed Treasurer forged ahead with updating how the CCRA took care of its money and initiated the use of telephone banking and is currently organising Internet banking. This activity has been somewhat inhibited by the Banks no longer operating specialist accounts for Charitable Trusts.

Then, in August the foundations of the CCRA were rocked by the closure of the village school; to which the village hall is physically attached and was the major source of income of the CCRA renting the hall, its storerooms and other facilities to the school. The school closure has inevitably led to a period of inertia as no official body, either Powys County Council or The Church In Wales, which owns the School Building has given no indication of what their plans may be.

Fortunately, the CCRA was the beneficiary of a very generous bequest from a longstanding inhabitant of the village and stalwart of the village Community Council. This money has enabled the Committee to take on certain liabilities and try and improve the facility, for example with the introduction of Business Wi Fi to attract potential users and to obtain quotes for the replacement of wooden framed windows and doors which are rotten with uPVC. There are also plans to invest some of the money to provide an income to replace that lost from Powys County Council.

The local groups which use the Hall have returned following the pandemic, but they are rightly worried that costs for them are going to increase, as we look to raising charges to cover the heightened energy costs inherent in the present cost of living crisis.

Financial Review

As we look to the start of a new financial year, bookings are returning and with the closure of the school we are now able to take bookings during the day.

The charity is grateful for the continued assistance of its volunteers and paid Caretaker who all assist with the aims and activities of the Charity.

Structure, Governance and Management

As a result of the rewrite of the Constitution it was agreed, on advice from PAVO that the structure of the Committee was unwieldy, that the number of Trustee's needed to be reduced. There are now seven elected Trustees:

Chair – Kate Hamer Treasurer – Lucy Mason Secretary – Bob Whiteoak

Members – Sian Whiteoak, Karen Jones, Paul Roberts, Debbie Roberts

Three of the Trustees are also Community Councillors and we are encouraged that the CCRA relationship with the Village Council can only be improved.

Summary

The Committee believes that we are making slow and steady progress, but are aware that there is still work to be done; but from a standing start we have built on our enthusiasm and should have all the requirements of the Charity Commission in place by the time of our AGM in May and the vote to accept the new constitution. We stand ready to engage with the Diocese of the Church in Wales regarding the attached school building and the impact of their plans on our village hall.

Signed electronically by the Secretary

Bob Whiteoak

Castle Caereinion Recreation Association

Registered Charity 510862

Report for year 1st APRIL 2021 TO 31st MARCH 2022

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT				
OPERATIONAL				
INCOME	£		£	£
Hall Hire	2,130.00	CASH AT BANK	At 1 April	At 31 Mch
Community Council Grant	2,287.50			
Fund Raising Income	1,479.91	Current Account	8,874.50	9,960.84
Affiliation Fees	30.00	Money Manager	81,216.10	121,222.70
Donations	720.00			
Interest	8.60			
Castle News	100.00	TOTALS	£ 90,090.60	£ 125,183.54
School Payments	4,362.00			
100 Club	372.00	Unpresented cheques		283.60
Grant - Powys CC	-	To be banked		
Estate of Michael Rogers	40,000.00	TOTAL		£ 124,899.94
OPERATING INCOME	£ 51,490.01			
EXPENDITURE				
		Capital Funds unavailable as expenditure		
Building Maintenance	773.35	Castle News		
Ground Maintenance	4,683.13	Total		650.00
Caretaker	5,344.04			
Materials	-	Available Funds		£ 124,249.94
Administration	166.01			
Insurance	905.86			
Publicity	-			
Licences	200.00			
Fund Raising Costs	377.41			
Castle News	-			
Oil	1,014.29			
Gas & Water	209.74			
Electricity	996.54			
Donations	871.50	Unpaid invoices	£ 285.00	
100 Club	814.00			
Bank Charges	41.20			
OPERATING COSTS	£ 16,397.07			
SURPLUS/DEFICIT	£ 35,092.94			
Operational Funds	£ 124,249.94		-£ 650.00	
The Receipts & Payments Account for the year ending 31st March 2022 as set out above are as approved by the Trustees.				
Name	Signature	Date		
Ann Jones	A. E. Jones	10/5/22		
Accountants Report				
In accordance with the instructions given to me I have examined, without carrying out an audit the foregoing account and can confirm its correctness.				
Name	Signature	Date		
MARY JAMES	M. A. James	2/5/22		