

# **FRECHEVILLE COMMUNITY CENTRE TRUSTEES' REPORT**

## **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

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The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the charitable trust deed and the Charities Act 2011.

### **Objectives and activities**

The objects are to maintain and promote, for the benefit of the area, the Frecheville Community Centre. The management committee aims to provide first class facilities at an affordable cost from the various rooms available for hire.

### **Achievements and performance**

In order to conform with regulations regarding music the Centre is registered and has to pay for both a PPL and PRS licence. We would hope for a reduction in their fee due to reduced door revenue in 2021.

Apart for the first two and a half months and a little during August and into October there has been no revenue from room hire due to Covid restrictions during 2020. There was some income from the pantomime albeit reduced and there will be no bar income which would be paid in January 2021.

The cost of heating and lighting continue to be major items of expenditure even while closed.

It was decided to take the opportunity with the Centre being closed for a prolonged period for a much-needed redecoration the main hall and foyer which has been well received by the existing uses and we believe has been a significant help in securing new hirers as we have started to be able to open up.

A great deal of effort has been put in in creating a Covid safe environment so that what activities could take place have been able to do so. This has also involved a tremendous amount of paperwork.

### **Financial review**

The statement of receipts and payments shows a net increase in funds of £4,772 (2019: £13,470). This includes a lottery grant of £10,000 which has been spent in 2021.

The effects of the pandemic on income have been significant. An application to the Council for financial help resulted in the 80% reduction in rates as a charity being increased to 100%.

A further application was made later in the year for the Government's financial aid to our sector. This fortunately was successful which has eased the financial burden somewhat.

A Lottery bid for £10,000 was also made later in the year. This all had to be spent as defined in the bid for a secure area for a pop-up café including services, security cameras and lighting and additional ventilation in the main hall. Due to the difficulties obtaining quotes etc. because of the pandemic the work was not started until January 2021 but was completed by the end of February.

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to maintain the next twelve months operating costs. The actual level of freely available unrestricted funds (which therefore excludes tangible fixed assets) at 31 December 2020 was £43,882 (2019: £40,029).

The designated fund represents monies received annually under covenant from First National Housing Trust. This money is set aside for the general benefit of the designated area of Frecheville.

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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.

Frecheville Community Centre's trustees recognise their responsibility in ensuring that the charity continues to provide a service of public benefit and to this end refer to Charity Commission guidelines on this matter.

#### **Structure, governance and management**

The charity was established by a charitable trust deed in January 1935. The constitution is set out in its governing document as adopted in January 1935 and revised in 1963 and 1982.

The trustees who served during the year were:

Mr A Hood  
Mr J P Newton  
Ms D Cousins (appointed 24/03/19)  
Ms M Watson (appointed 24/03/19)

The trustees are appointed by the members in general meeting and shall not be less than two or more than four in number.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

**Mr J P Newton**

Trustee  
12/05/21