

Management Committee Report for AGM 2024

A submission has been made to the Land Registry to gift ownership of the property to the charity Skelmanthorpe Youth Club, from the two registered trustees previously of Skelmanthorpe Youth and Boys Club. Expedited assessment has been requested, as otherwise there is a wait of 18 months for a decision, due to a backlog at the Land Registry.

The intention once the property is settled is to proceed with conversion to a CIO, as voted for previously.

The internal water damage from Storm Babet was settled via an insurance claim, and repairs carried out. Externally the centre funded patch repairs to the roof parapet.

The MUGA refurbishment (funded by One Community) was successfully completed, and has been used by user groups including Navigators and Youth Fitness, and also for community use on a Monday (this option gives free access to small groups of individuals).

The centre bid successfully for the One Community Climate Change Fund, beginning with an energy audit (carried out by Groundworks). Works are underway to convert all lighting to LED. Cavity wall insulation is due to be fitted in November, which should reduce energy costs and make the hall a more comfortable temperature in winter. We also have a survey booked to assess suitability for PV, as recommended by the energy audit. That fund also included plans to fit the bike hoops (currently in the container) – a site needs to be agreed for these, and for the water butt.

The centre ran sessions for Carers Support funded by the Health Inequalities funding, and is also hosting monthly Grief Café sessions that developed from that same funding pot. It has become a host site for Digital Drop-ins run by Crosland Moor Community Learning Centre, offering digital support and online safety advice.

The café is used three days a week by a sole trader, Olive Mae's, and a community café offer is available Mondays and Fridays when volunteers are available. Monday's volunteers are also hosting a Baby and Toddler playspace.

Through a successful funding bid with WYCA Safer Communities Fund the centre has run several self-defence courses for women and girls, and hosted a Friday evening youth club, with sessions for two different age groups, run by Ultimate Sport – the funding for this continues until March.

The centre continues to work with the Bridge Hub Coordinator, hosting community events such as the Families Together Fair. It is also the storage point for a Community Games Library, with games available for a nominal fee for any community group or private individual to borrow for community use.

We hosted meetings for the Place Standard Engagement process Chat to Shat, working in

conjunction with Kirklees officers to find out local views on Skelmanthorpe as a whole. We have tried to support efforts to respond to some of the requests from residents, organising two community litter picks, and a Volunteer Taster Day.

Volunteer capacity continues to be a challenge for the centre itself, and recruitment of volunteers is a priority for the coming year.

The website has now launched, which should help to support that recruitment.

The launch of the website will also enable us to further promote our venue to new groups. We have seen a growth in numbers of people using the centre over the past year, with existing and new groups offering a range of activities to members across our community.

In addition to long-standing Yoga and Zumba classes, Northern Pilates now delivers two sessions per week from our popular Studio space. Tang Soo Do Denby Dale has recently moved on to new premises, having outgrown the space needed for their family group, but will be returning to us for occasional competition preparation sessions. The martial arts remain well represented, thanks to a range of classes offered by Extreme Impact.

As well as the Youth Club and toddler play sessions, the Youth Fitness Hub and Navigators offer a wide range of activities for children and young people and we are delighted to have recently welcomed a music-based group for young people - Trad Tykes.

Recently, the U3A bowling group has rejoined for their winter practice and Emley Ladies rounders team have booked the Hall for the duration of the winter months.

We would love to encourage more one-off, larger scale events at the Community Centre; having now successfully hosted a number of competition nights for Huddersfield Circle of Magicians and, more recently, a night of Mediumship, we are hopeful that the website will help us promote Skelmanthorpe Community Centre as a multi purpose venue that can be hired for parties, conferences, entertainment nights and more.

Management Accounts

05-Apr-24

Statement of Financial Activities as at 5th April 2024

| | Year £ | Month £ |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------|
| <u>INCOME:</u> | | |
| Restricted Funds | 4,816.00 | £401.33 |
| Regular Room Hire | 7,890.06 | £657.51 |
| One-off Room Hire | 1,794.50 | £149.54 |
| Grants | 71,230.00 | £5,935.83 |
| Café | 436.99 | £36.42 |
| Other Donations | 1,400.01 | £116.67 |
| | <u>87,567.56</u> | £7,297.30 |
| <u>EXPENDITURE:</u> | | |
| Website | -200.00 | -£16.67 |
| Property cost | -40,368.97 | -£3,364.08 |
| Insurance | -2,174.83 | -£181.24 |
| Cleaning | -224.55 | -£18.71 |
| Equipment | -2,822.41 | -£235.20 |
| Business Rates | -137.00 | -£11.42 |
| Refuse Collection | -644.80 | -£53.73 |
| Utilities | -14,828.13 | -£1,235.68 |
| Delivery of funded projects | -617.98 | -£51.50 |
| Café costs | -50.60 | -£4.22 |
| Volunteer Expenses | -64.00 | -£5.33 |
| Licences | -493.00 | -£41.08 |
| | <u>-62,626.27</u> | -£5,218.86 |
| EXCESS INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE | <u><u>24,941.29</u></u> | £2,078.44 |
| Reserves B/F | 8,360.07 | |
| Surplus / (Deficit) for the Year | <u>24,941.29</u> | |
| Reserves C/F | <u><u>33,301.36</u></u> | |

Independent Examination by:



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Date: 08/01/24