

Charity Number: 1011698

SETTINGTON AND DOWNSVIEW COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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TRUSTEES REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

The Trustees are pleased to present their report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2023.

ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity registration number:	1011698
Principle address	The Community Centre Stonecross Lea Chatham Kent ME5 0BL
Trustees	D Tutt Chairman M Fletcher Vice Chairman Secretary A Osborne Treasurer
Accountants	Alfur Accountancy Limited 18 Motney Hill Road Rainham, Kent ME8 7TZ
Bankers	Lloyds Bank Victoria, London (online)

GOVERNANCE

Governing Document

The Charity is an unincorporated association governed by its constitution adopted on 11th December 1973 and amended in April 2003.

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TRUSTEES REPORT (CONTINUED)

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Appointment of trustees

A Council is elected annually by members at the annual general meeting. The Council may co-opt further members who also retire annually. The Council consists of:

- Representatives of local statutory authorities and local voluntary organisations.
- A representative of persons under the age of eighteen living in the area.
- A representative of well-wishers anywhere.
- Honorary officers of the charity
- Persons employed by or seconded to the charity

Training of trustees

Trustees are aware of the need to remain up to date with their responsibilities and current developments in the charity sector.

Organisation and decisions

The policy and general management of the charity is directed by the council. Their primary function is to ensure that the community centre is used to achieve the charity's objectives. They meet not less than four times a year.

Risk Management

The major risks to which the charity is exposed, as identified by the trustees, have been reviewed and systems or procedures have been established to manage those risks.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives

The objectives of the charity are to:

- Promote the benefit of the inhabitants of the local estates and surrounding areas without distinction of sex, political, religious or other opinions by associating voluntary organisations and inhabitants in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for said inhabitants
- Establish a community centre and maintain and manage such a centre for activities promoted by the charity and its constituent bodies in furtherance of the above objects.

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Aims and activities

To achieve these objectives the charity has built a community centre which is used by a variety of local organisations for a differing range of activities.

The council take all reasonable precautions to ensure that the community centre is well maintained and safe for all to use.

Major risk

There are currently no major risks to the charity

Plans for the future

The council aim to continue the usage of the facility by a range of clubs and organisations which meet the necessary criteria. The council will continue to encourage the social usage by providing social events for all local residents that meet the necessary criteria. The council intend to proceed with improvements to the building in order to modernise and make the facilities more aesthetically pleasing.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Review of the financial position

The income from use of the hall in 2023 stands at £25,916. This was thanks in part to several grants made available due to the pandemic.

Charitable expenditure on the community centre was £22,760, due in part to improvements made on the centre to modernise and bring in line with current legislations as well as making sure the hall was compliant with all legislation regarding the ongoing Covid pandemic. At the end of 2023 there has been an increase in general undesignated funds to £54,661.

Reserves policy

The trustees have determined the level of income reserves which it is appropriate to maintain in order to meet its needs effectively as one year's costs of providing the community centre. This is in the region of £25,000. The association had this level of funds at the year end.

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TRUSTEES REPORT (CONTINUED)

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Trustees responsibilities

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the trustees should follow best practice and:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable Accounting Standards and Statements of Recommended Practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity, and which enable them to ascertain the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with applicable law and the government document. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees on

and signed on their behalf.

Deborah Tutt

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D. Tutt

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

Reporting on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023 set out on page 6.

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 audit is not required (under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011) and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145 of the 2011 Act)
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS STATEMENT

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act.

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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