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**1. Drigg & Carleton Community Fund (DCCF) Project Funding;**

The DCCF is managed by the trustees of the registered Drigg Charity, with £53,045 annual funding provided by the NDA, via the Copeland Community Fund. A DCCF Projects Sub-Committee is charged with reviewing project applications, and presenting those projects which are considered to meet the acceptance criteria to the main Charity Committee, which comprises trustees (who are members of the Parish Council) and independent trustees.

During the Financial Year 2023/24 the following (see Table 1) annually repeating, ongoing or new project areas were considered and potentially required expenditure of funds.

**Table 1**

Administration of the Charity
Community Events
Village maintenance
Specific, individual project applications (as detailed).

Administration of the Charity:

A total of £1,800.77 was spent on administration and publicising the fund against a budget set at £5,500.

This included expenditure of £191.00 for insurance for liabilities and audit and bank fees.

This included £200.00 for the website as well as software costs, used in communicating the work of the fund to the community, including via the community's parish website.

Community Events:

Of the normally expected Community Events or activities, three took place and were supported by the Fund with a total expenditure of £1,700.00:

- a contribution of towards a Bonfire Night event of £400.00
- a contribution to the annual Drigg & Carleton Gala of £1,000.00

Village Maintenance:

A total of £216.00 was spent on planting of tubs and baskets and maintenance of these through the year, along with bulb and wildflower seed planting.

An amount of £3,151.00 was spent on grass cutting of communal parish verges, banks and selected hedges through the 2023/24 growing season. This compared to the original budget of £6,000.00 but included extra, approved hedge cutting work.

Specific Individual Community Awards and Projects:

A number of new applications for funding from the DCCF were brought forward and considered by the trustees.

As in the previous year, each new application was assessed by the DCCF Projects Sub-Committee against pre-determined criteria. This assessment includes checking compliance with the NDA socio-economic vision/policy. A check is also applied to establish whether alternative or additional funding routes have or could be sought.

The applicants are then informed of the Committee's decision in writing and they are requested to sign to accept any conditions attached to an award before any funding is released. Once a project is approved and progressing, the Drigg Charity Trustees continue to oversee progress and Financial spend on a regular basis.

A list of the approved projects, with a total award payment of £10,427.85 is given below, with a more detailed description of the purpose and benefits achieved.

i) Contribution to the Drigg and Carleton Community Bursary Fund; A contribution of £5,000 was made to the Bursary Fund to underpin the continued availability of the bursary scheme.

The pledge and ring fence of funds was in addition to a £2,500 contribution from Nuclear Waste Services who have supported the scheme since its inception. The fund is used to improve access to education or vocational and skills training for members of the local community.

ii) Drigg Young Farmers; Trustees agreed a payment of £1,000.00 towards the cost of tug-o-war boots;

iii) Drigg church yard grass cutting; Trustees agreed an award of £1,248.00 which covered 2022 and 2023.

iv) Drigg Village Hall; There was an award of £1,414.98 towards the purchase of new wheeled folding / flip top tables, making it easier for hall users to move and store them

v) Warm Hub; The trustees agreed to make an award of £800.00 towards the costs of this well supported weekly event through the winter months

- vi) Planters for the Village Hall; An award was made for new planter tubs for £712.87. These are made from a recycled material, and are low maintenance.
- vii) Coronation; To celebrate the King Charles coronation, the trustees awarded £252.00 towards coronation mugs for children in the parish.

**2. Changes to Management Processes;**

There have been no significant changes to the management processes during the year, although the processes are continually under review.

**3. Publicity;**

The arrangements for publicising and acknowledging the source of funding from Copeland Community Fund have continued as described in previous reports, though with the addition of more explicit conditions for acknowledgement of the sponsorship at events or, on publicity material. Additional signs and banners for use at events are also made available to event organisers.

**4. Good News Stories and Case Studies;**

Benefit to members of the community:

The Community Events organised for the Bonfire and the Gala have all contributed to the benefit of the wider community, as opportunities for all ages across the community to come together.

Benefits to local amenities:

- Improved appearance of the Parish: routine cutting of communal grass verges; the provision of floral tubs and baskets. The Planting for Pollinators scheme run by Cumberland Council will also be supplemented by a DCCF project to plant wildflowers in the village verges. In summary, this year we have spent £18,195.62 from the DCCF.

**5. Future plans for the charity;**

i) Community Led Plan:

The Community Led Plan launched in 2016, is regularly reviewed and maintained as a 'live' document and is used to guide the future work planned and undertaken by the Parish Council and its partners. The Plan was reviewed at a publicised event in May 2023, open to members of the public, and has been revised with comments received.

ii) Web Site:

The community web site is used to enhance awareness and communication for the community; and further improvements to improve transparency, publicity and feedback and regularly reviewed.

iii) Newsletter:

With the demise of the local Tethera (3 parish) newsletter, Drigg & Carleton are looking to create and sustain their own newsletter, to help communicate with members of the community who do not have access to the internet. This will be delivered free to all of the community.

iv) Drigg Village Hall:

Further repair and improvement is planned to the Village Hall, a prime asset in the Parish, to include new storage facilities and access to a currently unused attic space; a retractable stair is being considered.

v) There are plans for a built-in cinema system, to support the current popular pop-up cinema nights, which uses borrowed equipment that takes a couple of hours to set up each time.

vi) Plans are being developed do improve the layout at the outside of the Hall, with a protected walkway for people with disabilities. The possible inclusion of electric vehicle charge facilities, as well as pathway links to neighbouring parishes, uses for potential additional land such as a games and play area, picnic areas and environmental improvements such a further planting, along with 're-wilding' schemes.

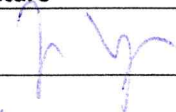

Parts of the above are currently speculative plans, which will require more detailed planning and consideration. Whilst some are being firmed up for possible execution in 2024-2025.

**6. Financial Statements**

An annual statement of accounts is routinely prepared and available.

**7. Audit Certificate**

A letter from our accountant, will confirm that a satisfactory audit of the annual accounts of the Drigg Charity has taken place, and this will be made available.

	Name	Charity Role	Signature	Date
Author	John Jennings	Vice-Chair		13/05/24
Approver	Chris Gigg	Chair		13/05/24

# Drigg Charity Fund Financial Statement 1st April 2023 until 31st March 2024

## Income

	2023 - 2024	2022 - 2023
<b>Drigg Society</b>		
Roof refund from CCF	£ -	£ 4,292.50
Cambridge & Counties (31 day notice) Interest	£ 709.71	£ 295.47
Cambridge & Counties (95 day notice) Interest	£ 1,149.56	£ 500.07
Shawbrooks Interest on CF Bond	£ 462.43	£ 459.72
Cumberland Building Society Interest	£ 4,182.87	£ 1,684.71

## Total added to Society Account

£ 6,504.57 £ 7,232.47

## Drigg Bursary Fund

LLWR donation to Bursary	£ 2,500.00	£ 2,500.00
Community Fund Donation to Bursary	£ 5,000.00	£ 5,000.00

## Total Drigg Bursary Fund

£ 7,500.00 £ 7,500.00

## Drigg Community Fund

Drigg Community Fund Allocation	£ 53,045.00	£ 53,045.00
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## Total Community Fund

£ 53,045.00 £ 53,045.00

## TOTAL CHARITY INCOME

£ 67,049.57 £ 67,777.47

## Balance 31st March 2023

Bank Accounts	2023	2022
Cumberland Society Savings Account	£ 21,185.15	£ 19,500.44
NatWest Society Account	£ 41,261.11	£ 36,773.07
Shawbrooks Bank Society Account	£ 3,378.48	£ 2,918.76
Cumberland Bursary Fund	£ 5,228.04	£ 5,228.04
NatWest Bursary Account	£ 2,576.93	£ 4,596.93
Shawbrooks Bank Community Fund Acc	£ 75,000.00	£ 75,000.00
Cambridge & Counties Community Fund Acc	£ 85,000.00	£ 85,000.00
Cumberland Community Fund Acc	£ 85,000.00	£ 85,000.00
NatWest Community Fund Acc	£ 114,982.32	£ 95,145.68
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 433,612.03</b>	<b>£ 409,162.92</b>

Audit Check

500,661.60 £ 476,940.39

Internal Audit check by Mrs F Roberts

*Fiona Roberts*

## Expenditure

### Community Fund Administration

Insurances for Liabilities/Audit Fee	£ 191.00	£ 191.00
Secretary & Treasurer Fees	£ 1,244.77	£ 1,082.30
Publicity & Communication	£ 165.00	£ -
Website/Tetheral/Software	£ 200.00	£ 349.98
<b>Total Administration Costs</b>	<b>£ 1,800.77</b>	<b>£ 1,623.28</b>

### Community Events

Gala/Bonfire	£ 1,400.00	£ 1,150.00
Children's Christmas Party	£ 300.00	£ -
Platinum Jubilee Celebration	£ -	£ 3,853.69
<b>Total Community Events Costs</b>	<b>£ 1,700.00</b>	<b>£ 5,003.69</b>

### Village Maintenance

Parish Grass & Hedge Cutting	£ 3,151.00	£ 6,614.00
Clearing Village Hall Grounds	£ 900.00	£ -
Planting of Tubs and Watering / Bulbs / Wildflowers	£ 216.00	£ 519.11
<b>Total Village Maintenance</b>	<b>£ 4,267.00</b>	<b>£ 7,133.11</b>

### Community Awards

Church grass cutting (2022 and 2023)	£ 1,248.00	£ -
Flip top tables for Village Hall	£ 1,414.98	£ -
Warm Hub	£ 800.00	£ -
Tubs for Village Hall	£ 712.87	£ -
Bursary Fund	£ 5,000.00	£ 5,000.00
Drigg YF - Tug-o-War Boots/Coach to National Event	£ 1,000.00	£ 900.00
Coronation Mugs	£ 252.00	£ -
Gosforth Nursery (Wet weather, Additional needs)	£ -	£ 2,418.28
Village Hall Painting	£ -	£ 5,130.00
Village Hall Stairs - Structural Calcs	£ -	£ 500.00
Church Renovation	£ -	£ 5,500.00
<b>Total Community Awards</b>	<b>£ 10,427.85</b>	<b>£ 19,448.28</b>

## Drigg Community Fund Expenditure Total

OAPs Christmas Gifts (from Society A/c)	£ 799.00	£ 600.00
Bursary Awards to Applicants	£ 7,235.00	£ 9,520.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>£ 26,229.62</b>	<b>£ 43,328.36</b>

## Balance 31st March 2024

Bank Accounts	2024	2023
Cumberland Society Savings Account	£ 25,368.02	£ 21,185.15
NatWest Society Account	£ 42,321.38	£ 41,261.11
Shawbrooks Bank Society Account	£ 3,840.91	£ 3,378.48
Cumberland Bursary Fund	£ 5,228.04	£ 5,228.04
NatWest Bursary Account	£ 2,841.93	£ 2,576.93
Shawbrooks Bank Community Fund Acc	£ 75,000.00	£ 75,000.00
Cambridge & Counties Community Fund Acc	£ 85,000.00	£ 85,000.00
Cumberland Community Fund Acc	£ 85,000.00	£ 85,000.00
NatWest Community Fund Acc	£ 149,831.70	£ 114,982.32
<b>TOTAL AVAILABLE TO SPEND</b>	<b>£ 474,431.98</b>	<b>£ 433,612.03</b>

Audit Check

500,661.60 £ 476,940.39

Treasurer: K Warmoth

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**27<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

The Treasurer  
Drigg & Carleton Charity

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To Mrs Karen Warmoth

I have reviewed the Financial Statement of the Drigg & Carleton Charity for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024. The bookkeeping records have been well maintained and both timely and properly recorded to produce the Financial Statement.

The records for the accounting transactions reconcile with the bank statements and the payments have been substantiated with appropriated vouchers or invoices and recorded in the minutes of the charity.

Kind regards,



Fiona Roberts (AAT)