

Dunkirk and Old Lenton Community Association
(Registered charity, number 522269)
Financial statements
for the year ended 30 September 2023

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**Dunkirk and Old Lenton Community Association
Trustees' annual report
for the year ended 30 September 2023**

Full name Dunkirk and Old Lenton Community Association

Other names by which the charity is known DOLCA, Dunkirk Community Centre

Registered charity number 522269

Principal address

The Old School, Montpelier Road, Dunkirk, Nottingham, NG7 2JW

Trustees

Helen Randle, Chair

Paul Moore

Ruth Poole, Treasurer

Elizabeth McGuirk

Deborah Ramage, Secretary

Janet Turton, until 29/11/22

Independent examiner

John O'Brien, employee of Community Accounting Plus, Units 1 & 2 North West, 41 Talbot Street, Nottingham, NG1 5GL

Governance and management

The charity is operated under the rules of its constitution adopted 17 December 1971 and most recently amended 27th November 2008.

Trustees are elected (at the AGM) and/or co-opted under the terms of the constitution, having been recruited from volunteers, user groups and the local community.

Objectives and activities

The objects of the charity include;

- to promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Dunkirk and Old Lenton and the neighbourhood without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race, physical and mental disabilities or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said inhabitants and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations 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 the said inhabitants;
- to establish or secure the establishment of a Community Centre and to maintain and manage the same (whether alone or in co-operation with any local authority or other person or body) in furtherance of these objectives.
- to promote such other charitable purposes as may from time to time be determined.

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Public benefit statement

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit

Trustees manage the centre, employ staff to ensure its smooth running, manage resources and funds sufficient to run the centre to provide facilities for the whole community. The aim is to provide opportunities for training, sporting activities, leisure time activities and to promote education of all kinds for all age groups.

The centre has been a popular focus for the community, providing opportunities for leisure time activities, festival celebrations, training, educational facilities and as a meeting place for all, whatever age group, whatever interests. We normally host a wide variety of activities, cultural, social, religious and fitness, and also maintain a place for local people to celebrate their lives. We are gradually getting back to pre-Covid numbers.

Summary of the main achievements during the period

Last year we were very pleased just to have survived. This year more activities/groups have returned and our diary is looking better. The Centre has begun to recover following closure for the Pandemic. Groups and training courses were returning but the Centre was still quiet on weekdays. Our quarterly returns looked fairly healthy and our bank balance stabilised. UHDN Play scheme returned for two main holiday periods; First Aid training for educational and community groups increased; Alcoholics Anonymous are still with us. Other Sunday Church groups continued meeting together with activities for children (dance and karate); Coffee mornings re-commenced in September 2021 but have not seen much growth. We held several Quiz Nights during the year and took part in the Lenton Fun Day at Lenton Rec. We have seen an increase in community bookings for parties/events/cultural gatherings which is healthy.

ROBYN'S WORLD - At the October 2022 meeting, trustees agreed for us to run a new project, a Role Play Centre for under 5s. Research showed a lack of appropriate facilities in this area. Many children were born in 'Lock-down' and lacked opportunities to mix with other children. Many parents and carers were also looking for groups to attend.

A grant was sourced from the Local Councillor's Fund to buy the initial equipment and set-up. Storage was provided for this group to ensure the hall's availability when other groups use the Centre. The Role Play Centre launched at the end of November 2022, using the name Robyn's World, offering two sessions a day, 4, 5 or 6 days a week.

Further funding was applied for to increase the variety of activities on offer and grants were received from East Midlands Airport for 'ride-on' vehicles and from Thomas Farr; a Nottingham based Charity, to buy sensory and outdoor equipment allowing the group to still meet alongside the University Hospital Day Nursery who use the Centre during longer school holidays.

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Robyn's World has gone from strength to strength with around 5000 people attending the sessions during the first year.

	£
Opening balance at 01/10/2022	0
Receipts	17824
Payments	<u>(17262)</u>
Closing balance at 30/09/2023	<u>562</u>

Financial review

Our position at the start of the year was still worrying as room hire was slow to pick up. It has shown considerable improvement throughout the year. Our income has increased, mainly due to us raising the cost of room hire from Oct 2022 and staff costs were slightly reduced. Robyn's World meant many more people using the centre, some of them hiring space for their own activities. In future, rising costs, particularly gas/electricity are causing concern and grants from the local authority and/or local councillors are unlikely in future.

The charity's policy on reserves

Three months running costs to ensure ability to pay any liabilities in case of closure or major difficulties.

Risk analysis

We continue to keep a very close watch on our funds, reviewing the situation at every meeting, to ensure enough funds would be available for costs, but gas and electricity prices remain a cause for concern.

NCC Communities Dept attended a meeting of Trustees in April 2023 to ask us to consider giving up our current building to help the city meet the rise in school places required. The site they offered us was deemed not suitable for us and we informed the Council of this. Whether this remains a threat to our future we do not know.

We were de-banked on 9th October 2023 by Barclays. Any payments that could be made beforehand were and others had to wait until our new account opened at the end of December.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed Helen Randle
Helen Randle, Trustee - Chair

Date 17.06.2024

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Dunkirk and Old Lenton Community Association for the year ended 30 September 2023

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Dunkirk and Old Lenton Community Association (the charity) for the year ended 30 September 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.


Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed



Date 18/06/2024

John O'Brien MSc, FCCA, FCIE

Employee of Community Accounting Plus

**Dunkirk and Old Lenton Community Association
Receipts & payments account
for the year ended 30 September 2023**

2022			2023
Total		Unrestricted	Restricted
Funds		Funds	Funds
£	Note	£	£
£		£	£
	Receipts		
8586	Grants & donations	5740	400
19105	Room hire & rents	36706	-
-	Quiz night	62	-
<u>27691</u>	Total receipts	<u>42508</u>	<u>400</u>
	Payments		
1030	Activities, events & hospitality	343	-
2737	Cleaning & hygiene	5080	-
63	Donations & gifts	45	-
25	Equipment & renewals	314	150
475	ICT support	2883	-
648	Independent examination fee	666	-
566	Insurance	583	-
1946	Premises maintenance & security	2550	400
48	Printing, postage & stationery	503	-
921	Telephone	-	-
8123	Utilities	12159	-
17217	Wages, NI & other payroll costs	15552	-
<u>33799</u>	Total payments	<u>40678</u>	<u>550</u>
(6108)	Net receipts/(payments)	1830	(150)
22352	Cash funds at start of this period	12436	3808
<u>16244</u>	Cash funds at end of this period	<u>14266</u>	<u>3658</u>
		<u>17924</u>	

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Statement of assets and liabilities
at 30 September 2023**

2022		Note	2023
£	Cash assets		£
16240	Bank accounts		17858
4	Cash in hand		66
<u>16244</u>			<u>17924</u>
	Other monetary assets		
2015	Debtors	4	-
-	Prepayments		1519
<u>2015</u>			<u>1519</u>
	Assets retained for the charity's own use		
	Chairs purchased November 2017, cost £1,210.		
	Defibrillator purchased July 2018, cost £1,320.		
	CCTV system purchased September 2018, cost £2,234.		
	Extractor purchased October 2018, cost £682.		
	General equipment.		
	Liabilities		
(1242)	Creditors	5	738
<u>(1283)</u>	Advance receipts - room hire & rents		-
<u>(2525)</u>			<u>738</u>

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed Ruth Poole
Ruth Poole, Trustee - Treasurer

Dated 14/6/2024

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Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 30 September 2023

1. Receipts & payments accounts

Receipts and payments accounts contain a summary of money received and money spent during the period and a list of assets and liabilities at the end of the period. Usually, cash received and cash spent will include transactions through bank accounts and cash in hand.

2. Grants & donations

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
Nottingham City Council	4050	-	4050
Nottingham City Council	-	400	400
Sundry grants & donations	1690	-	1690
	<u>5740</u>	<u>400</u>	<u>6140</u>

3. Funds analysis

	Opening balance	Receipts	(Payments)	Closing balance
	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds				
Chairs	1000	-	(150)	850
Consultation fund	2808	-	-	2808
Expellair	-	400	(400)	-
	<u>3808</u>	<u>400</u>	<u>(550)</u>	<u>3658</u>
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	12436	42508	(40678)	14266
	<u>12436</u>	<u>42508</u>	<u>(40678)</u>	<u>14266</u>

The Consultation fund is to support research into the process of converting the organisation to CIO status.

The Expellair fund was a grant from NCC towards the cost of a new extractor.

4. Debtors

	£
EDF - gas credit balance	1519
	<u>1519</u>

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5. Creditors

	£
Independent examination fee	<u>738</u>
	<u>738</u>

6. Premises & staff

The premises are provided by the local authority.

7. Trustees' remuneration

Trustees received no expenses, remuneration or benefits in this period.

8. Related party transactions

Helen Randle – during this period, Helen's son, Nicholas Randle was paid £517 in net wages for work as a part-time handyman.

9. Glossary of terms

Advance receipts: These are amounts received by the charity in the accounting period, for use in a future period.

Creditors: These are amounts owed by the charity, but not paid during the accounting period.

Debtors: These are amounts owed to the charity, but not received in the accounting period.

Prepayments: These are services that the charity has paid for in advance, but not used during the accounting period.

Restricted funds: These are funds given to the charity, subject to specific restrictions set by the donor, but still within the general objects of the charity.