

RAY GRAY COMMUNITY CENTRE CIO

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 March 2020

Registered Charity Number 1162598

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The trustees are pleased to present their annual Trustees' Report, together with the financial statements for the year ended March 2020.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

Ray Gray Community Centre aka Ray Gray Centre

Registered Charity Number 1162598

Stotts Road, Walkergate, Newcastle upon Tyne NE6 4UD

Trustees

Nichola Park	Acting Chairperson
Sallyann Blaney	Secretary
Carol Park	Treasurer
David Scott	Trustee

Bankers

Lloyds Bank

Organisation

The organisation is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation - Foundation registered as a charity in July 2015 as a body corporate under part 11 of the Charities Act 2011. The charity has managed the centre since that time.

Trustees are recruited from the local area and include people who understand the activities within the centre. They have a wide range of skills and experiences and apply this in their respective areas of responsibility. Trustees can be appointed by the other Trustees or elected at the Annual General Meeting.

Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records and safeguarding the assets of the CIO. They have assessed the major risks, including those relating to operations and finances of the organisation. They are now satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate exposure to those risks.

Objectives and activities

The centre has provided many and varied services/facilities/activities to the local residents in a safe, warm and welcoming environment for many years.. We have not, as yet, been able to provide activities ourselves due to the interrupted operation of the centre, but are definitely hoping to proceed with this in the coming year.

We aim for a common effort to advance education and provide facilities in the interests of social welfare and recreational leisure time. We are committed to providing an inclusive and welcoming environment for all members of the community, our trustees, clients, volunteers and subcontractors. We will continue our efforts to increase hire availability which will in turn provide funds which will be used for the benefit of the community and to improve the facility and contents. This has been made possible by the concerted efforts of the unpaid trustees who volunteer their time and experience.

We do not and shall not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, disability, age, political expression, gender, gender expression, sexual orientation, marital status or other opinions

Achievements and performance

The centre has had a relatively successful year despite being faced with several interruptions to our normal operations.

We feel we have achieved our objective to provide an improved and more available facility for use by all members of the community and have indeed increased the overall use of the centre

Repairs by Your Homes Newcastle have been concluded and include many items which have improved the overall safety and attractiveness of the centre - new led lighting makes for a better, brighter centre; new heaters ensure warmth and comfort; a new state of the art fire alarm inspires confidence and safety; the replacement of external fire doors; new internal entrance/porch doors which are perfect for disabled access and the creation of a new function room which is ideal for the smaller function where the main hall is too large.

The Trustees decided to replace the old, wooden floor with new safety sheet flooring which has vastly improved the overall look of the centre and is the most popular improvement with our users.

Unfortunately, social funding was not forthcoming for the replacement of the kitchen but Your Homes Newcastle did fund new wall coverings and new flooring, and rewiring was included within the whole building. It did mean an outlay for the charity to supply and fit the kitchen but this was done for a very reasonable amount. It is much admired by our users but we would like to encourage more use of this facility.

We also carried through our intention to erect new signage and this has been a great hit within the area as a whole and users in general.

Some professional decoration was required and improvements were made in the toilet block by the charity. Other improvements included new (second hand) function chairs and a donation of equipment from a sheltered housing complex which was closing.

Overall, a cleaner, brighter and more modern-looking facility which is a pleasure to use (as we have been informed)

We are pleased to report that although we have lost several user groups we have also had new groups joining our centre, as well as long previous users proposing to hold sessions at the centre (unfortunately delayed due to the coronavirus pandemic). We still hope to revisit previous groups and invite them to return to our 'new' centre following the recent improvements.

The trustees are committed to actively encouraging new users and providing a better service/facility to existing groups.

Financial Review

The results for the year and the charity's financial position at the end of the year are shown in the attached financial statements.

During the year the charity had an income of £15,330 (2019: £15,275) and expenditure of £23,405 (plus transfer of £6,000 to a contingency fund) (2019: £9,198). There was an operating deficit of -£8,075 (2019: +£6,077).

As at 31st March, 2020 the charity had net funds of £8,592 plus reserves/contingency fund of £10,000.

The overall balance of £18,592 is made up of an operating bank account balance of £8,592 and the increased reserves of £10,000 held separately as we had agreed last year. The Trustees consider the new level of reserves prudent for the charity at this time, taking into account potential liabilities in the event that the charity ceased. The Reserves Policy is reviewed annually

Thus, although this year's finances show a deficit, we strongly believe that the money has been well spent. Consideration must be given to the fact that our operating period was reduced by at least 25% due to a 2 month closure whilst the major works were being carried out and then another month for loss of use during the pandemic. In view of this, we believe that the deficit would have been substantially less. We view the expenditure as an investment in the future of the centre and the increased future use of the centre. It has made our centre much more attractive and safe to our regular users. It has also has proven to be very well liked by occasional users who are happy to stage their events here, with children's' parties proving a very popular event.

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or Section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objectives.

No events (not requiring adjustment to the accounts) have occurred after the end of the reporting period but before the accounts are authorised which relate to conditions that arose after the end of the reporting period.

The proposed future Asset Transfer to the Charity from Newcastle City Council has been halted due to the scale of repairs and the on-going pandemic which has effectively delayed any move towards Asset Transfer. It still remains probable that a larger reserve will be needed following Asset Transfer and we will continue to work towards this with increased hire income, whilst still supporting our local community when the pandemic crisis is resolved.

The charity continues to work with Connected Voice and the East End Partnership (4 other centres) to improve policies and procedures. These groups also provide on-going training and support in many aspects and we are working on improving our presence on social media with their assistance.

The present Trustees continue to maintain the charity's commitments very well and will make it a priority in this coming year to recruit new Trustees.

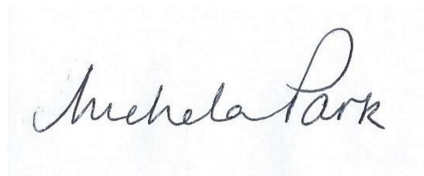
The trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and are confident that the CIO's aims, objectives and activities are in accordance with the guidance of public benefit.

The CIO trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

Charity Law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a view of the affairs of the CIO and of incoming resources and the applications of resources including the income and expenditure of the CIO for that year.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy, at any time, the financial position of the CIO and enable them to ensure that financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the CIO and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report has been studied and approved by the Trustees on 24th April, 2020 and is signed on their behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Nichola Park", is centered on the page. The signature is written in a cursive style.

Ms. Nichola Park

Acting Chair

Ray Gray Centre Year End Accounts 2019 -2020

Unrestricted	Restricted	Totals
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Receipts

Grants	300	0	0
Activities	12,344	0	0
Interest/Refunds	2,686	0	0
Total	15,330	0	0

Payments

Utilities	7,446	0	0
Maint./Improve	13,208	0	0
Sundries/Equip.	1,887	0	0
Petty Cash	449	0	0
Sundry Debits	415		
Total	23,405	0	0
(Transfer)	(6,000)	0	0
(Total)	(29,405)	0	0

Assets and Liabilities (Assets to be used within the charity)

Assets	(10,000)		
Liabilities	0	0	0
Total	(10,000)		

Funds at hand

Cash	0	0	0
Bank account	8,592	0	8,592
Contingency/Res.	10,000	0	10,000
Totals	18,592		18,592

Statement of Receipts and Payments

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities

Receipts	2020	2019
Activities	12,344	15,243
Donations	300	0
Interest/refunds	<u>2,686</u>	<u>32</u>
Totals	<u>15,330</u>	<u>15,275</u>

Payments

Operation of the Charity	23,405	7,783
Write-off)		(1,415)
Transfer	(6,000)	
Totals	<u>23,405</u>	<u>9,198</u>

Net Receipts	<u>-8,075</u>	<u>6,077</u>
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Reconciliation

Opening bank ball and cash in hand	26,667	20,590
Surplus for the year	-8,075	6,077
Totals	<u>18,592</u>	<u>26,667</u>
Actual combined bank balance	<u>18,592</u>	

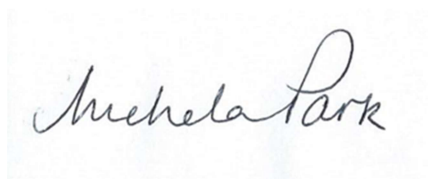
Analysis of charitable funds

Analysis of movements in funds

2019			2020
Bal b/fwd	Income	Expenditure	Bal c/fwd
£26,667	£15,330	£23,405	£18,592
			<u>Actual balance £18,592</u>

There is no debt outstanding which is owed by the charity and which is secured by an excess charge on any of the assets of the charity as at 31 March, 2020. There have been no guarantees given by the charity as at 31 March, 2020.

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Ms. Nichola Park
Acting Chair

