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so get up and get it!

Get Up and Go Gloucester Annual Report 2019/20

Chairman's Report to the Trustees

Welcome to our annual report, which will review progress over the past year. In my role as Chairman and Trustee, I have responsibility for operational management of the charity, strategic direction, good governance, diligent financial management and for overall performance. I am ably supported by Neil Chatten and Andrew Burford in their capacity as Secretary and Treasurer respectively.

Unfortunately, progress over the last 12 months has been very limited. The annual community Golf tournament has to be cancelled, our Walking Club did not meet at all; however, the annual Children in Need Football tournament did proceed. I am pleased to report that a major project was completed; an outdoor gym in Parry Park, Gloucester. This equipment was specifically requested by local residents and the project was done in collaboration with them. This was our second such outdoor gym project,

following the success of similar equipment that we installed in Gloucester Park in 2018, and I am very happy that this community resource is available for local people of all ages and abilities to use.

The finances of the charity remain extremely precarious and we have funds of less than £400 at our disposal. Other than the grants we received for the outdoor gym project, we did not raise any other funds. We did receive any donations and the online fundraising platform we used to receive donations was closed by BT. A decision was taken not to renew our insurance as the premium increased and we were not organising regular activities/events, which needed such cover. There is an urgent need to review our finances and develop a fundraising strategy if we are to be able to continue to operate.

Due to the operational decision to reduce the number of regular activities/events organised and instead concentrate on larger scale projects, this inevitably has had a relational impact with our partners. Our relationships with other voluntary and community sector organisations as well as local venues have gone backwards rather than developed further. We did, however, through the outdoor community project, establish a new relationship with the Gloucestershire Community Foundation, who could again be a future potential funder. Despite scaling back our operations, we must maintain our relationships with our existing partners and funders as well as developing new links with others.

As regards communications and engagement, we have not increased the profile of our organisation and its work. Our Facebook page and Twitter feed have not had much content uploaded to them due to the lack of progress made. We also have not made use of traditional print media such as posters and flyers as well as word of mouth to promote our work. We have to remain in touch with our target audience and understand the needs of local people. Hence, there is a need for us to develop a communications strategy and also a digital strategy to sit alongside this.

Our policies and, risk identification, assessment, mitigation and monitoring processes remain robust, but will need regular reviewing and updating. However, there is some query regarding the capacity of the trustees to be able to do this. This, in itself, presents a risk to the organisation that if robust, regularly reviewed and updated policies and risk management processes are not in place, there will be a potential consequence of poor governance.

The global Covid-19 pandemic and Brexit present the two greatest challenges to us. Both of these issues will significantly impact on our ability to provide services to the local community and raise the necessary funding in order to be able to do so. The government restrictions in response to Covid-19 will inevitably mean we will not be able to arrange activities/events in the community or install outdoor community equipment for use by the local community as frequently, freely and readily as we have done so in the past. Furthermore, the potential twin economic consequences of Covid-19 and Brexit will mean considerably reduced funding for the voluntary and community sector. In light of these developments, the trustee face tough decisions whether we are able to continue the work of the charity given our financial position and the Covid-19 restrictions facing us. We would like to assure our service users, partners, funders and the wider community that we will give the utmost serious consideration to us and no final decision will be taken lightly.

Feroz Goga
Chairman
Get Up and Go Gloucester

Get Up and Go Gloucester Accounts - 2019/20

Balance - 1/4/2019	835.36
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Accumulated fund at 1/4/2019	835.36
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Excess of income over expenditure	-450.00
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Accumulated Fund at 31/3/2019	<u>385.36</u>
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Represented by:

Current Assets

Bank Current Account at 31/3/2020	385.36
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Cash in hand	0.00
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<u>385.36</u>

I agree these figures reflect correctly the bank statements.

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Opening Balance at 1/4/19	Amount
Cash in bank	835.36
Total	835.36
Income	
Grants	11999.36
Total Income	11999.36
Expenditure	
<i>Project Costs</i>	
<i>Venue Hire</i>	450.00
Equipment Puchase	11999.36
Total	12449.36
Total Expenditure	12449.36
Excess of Income Over Expenditure	-450.00
Closing Balance at 31/3/20	385.36