

The Old Bank Annual General Meeting

Chair's Report, June 2019

The remit of the Old Bank is to maintain and manage a community building, in the interests of social welfare, for the benefit of the residents of Camelford and the surrounding area. We co-ordinate with other local community groups, programming complementary events and activities that have been requested by local residents. Where conflicts arise over use of the building, priority is given to longer-standing bookings and those with more public benefit.

Being in the very centre of the town, with disabled parking outside the door, as well as the town car park within 150 metres, and having created a wheel-chair accessible toilet, The Old Bank is ideally placed for the community. We rent three rooms for a variety of regular and one-off events and activities, as well as organising some clubs and events ourselves. We keep ticket prices and fees low which encourages more people to attend more often in what is a very deprived area. Current users include all genders and an age range of 0-90+. We've been awarded Dementia Friendly status by our local Memory Café.

Although trustees were involved with initiating most of the clubs and activities, several are now run by the users. Trustees meet bi-monthly to review progress and consider future plans, in line with Charity Commission guidance; trustees age ranges from late teens to 60s. This is our second AGM and we again have tried to attract more people to it by offering a slideshow of travel photographs plus free refreshments. Last year saw nearly 30 people attend.

We rent the large room to locals running a Second Hand Clothes Sale, and have hosted fund-raising events for the Community Larder, Save the Children Fund, and Brownies. Various organisations rent space for meetings, including English Heritage, North Cornwall Youth Parliament; , Young Offenders' team; Lanteglos Church restoration appeal; Diabetic Screening Service; Cornwall Council's Healthy Living Initiative's Stop Smoking clinic; and the local WI.

We have continued to rent to groups including Photography, Zumba Gold, Life Drawing, Look Group (art). Regulars include Games Nights, Book Club, Film Night, River Moor Coven dancing, Camelford Walkers, and Youth Cafe as well as introducing Lip Reading, Spanish conversation, and Cornish Language. We were delighted to host the Into Film National Festival for young people in the autumn, as well as celebrating our second birthday party with a Nos Lowen, and International Women's Day with Vanessa Kisuule, performance poet. We've programmed music evenings supporting local musicians with a classical piano recital, young people's own music evening, jazz and folk. A local close harmony group, North Coast Harmony, several teenage musicians and local impro group, Sweet 'n' Sour, rent space for rehearsals.

We run a community printing service used by two local village magazines, the local Leisure Centre (itself a Community Benefit Company, community run since the local authority pulled out), and other local individuals and businesses.



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Treasurer's Report April 2019

1st April 2018 – 31st March 2019

Opening balance: £8,014.76 + £30 float + £397.39
uncleared

Receipts: £12,305.16

Payments: £13,939.61

Closing balance: £6,543.77 + £50 float + £213.93
overpaid

£2000.55 is in a deposit account (55p interest).

The Co-op Grant of £2,522.25, which was only received at the end of March 2018, has now been spent – I'm awaiting a request to detail how it was spent.

Apart from spending £3000 on a replacement printer, our finances have performed very respectably. Printing has made us over £5000 so far, so the expense should be worth it.



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Receipts breakdown:

Printing	£7,552
Room Hire	£2,897
Refreshments (mostly for Clubs)	£677
Events	-£434
Donations	£1,593
Book Sales	£20

Payments breakdown:

Printing	£8,197
Rent, Rates, Building Insurance	£807
Licences, Public Liability Insurance	£863
Utilities	£2,034
Club Expenses (food & drink)	£243
Sundries (including Cleaner)	£535
Building Works	£665
Equipment	£596
Trustee Expenses	£0

These figures have been split slightly differently to last year, so a more accurate amount for Donations could be calculated.



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Last “year’s” figures were for an 18 month period, compared to 12 months for these latest figures. Even so, income from Printing was only slightly down, Room Hire was up and Donations significantly higher (due to more accurate recording). In the payments, Printing was slightly higher than previously, but includes the £3000 for the “new” copier. All other costs were more or less in proportion to last year, except Equipment and Buildings, which were much lower – only minor improvements and purchases have been made this year.

Co-op Grant:

This money was used to provide reduced or free room hire for new clubs and activities, as well as funding several events that would not otherwise have been available in rural North Cornwall. The beneficiaries included: Youth Café, Cornish Classes, Messy Pups, Sweet & Sour, Lip Reading, Zumba, Memory Café, Life Class, Save the Children, Spanish Conversation, Poet on International Women’s Day, First Aid, Look Group, Healthy Living.

A small amount was also spent on equipment: new folding tables for the upstairs room, door closers, paint, key safe, etc.

Thanks to everyone for supporting the Old Bank.



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