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## **CROXTETH & GILLMOSS COMMUNITY FEDERATION**

(A company limited by guarantee)

## REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 March 2019

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## **LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

for the year ended 31 March 2019

DIRECTOR:

Cllr Peter Mitchell, Chair of Trustees

Kay Callcott Les Sefton Susan Fisher

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**COMPANY NUMBER:** 

3332779

**CHARITY NUMBER:** 

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER:

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## REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS (INCLUDING THE TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT) for the year ended 31 March 2019

The directors of the company (who are also charity trustees for the purpose of charity law), present their report with the \* financial statements of the charitable company for year the ended 31 March 2019 The legal and administrative information set out on page 1 forms part of this report. The directors have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

### STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 13 March 1997 and registered as a charity on 27 August 1998. The Governing Instruments under which the charitable company operates comprise the Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 13 March 1997 with the policies made from time to time by the directors. In the event of the company being wound up, members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £10.

### **DIRECTORS**

The directors during the year under review, who are appointed by the members in accordance with procedures set out in the Memorandum and Articles, were:

Cllr Peter Mitchell, Chair of Trustees Kay Callcott Les Sefton Susan Fisher

Much of the charity's work focuses upon providing advice and support to local people of varying age groups with a variety of problems and from varied backgrounds. The directors seek to ensure that the needs of these groups are appropriately reflected through the diversity of the trustee body. The directors are familiar with the practical work of the charity and are encouraged to attend regular training, feedback and update sessions.

#### **RISK MANAGEMENT**

The directors have conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed and where appropriate, systems or procedures have been established to mitigate the risks the charity faces. External risks to funding have led to the development of a strategic plan which will allow for the diversification of funding and activities. Internal control risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects. Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health and safety of staff, volunteers, service users and visitors to the premises. Standards are monitored both internally and externally to ensure consistent quality of delivery for all operational aspects of the charity. These procedures are periodically reviewed to ensure that they continue to meet the needs of the charity.

### **ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE**

The directors meet regularly and are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity. The managers also attend these meetings but have no voting rights. A scheme of delegation is in place and day to day responsibility for the provision of the services rest with the managers, volunteers and finance & administration staff. There is shared responsibility for ensuring that the charity delivers the services specified, that key performance indicators are met and that the staff team continues to develop their skills and working practices in line with good practice.

The principal objects and activities of the company in the year under review continued to focus on the provision of advice, information and support to young people and adults together with the development and coordination of community based projects and initiatives within the Croxteth and Gillmoss areas of Liverpool. The company has continued to achieve this by providing tailored advice and support on a wide range of issues including welfare rights and debt. In addition, resources and facilities are provided to advance the well being and improve the conditions of life and the education of people in the area. In achieving these objectives, the company operates a number of projects and initiatives and works in partnership with other agencies to secure the widest range of services is available that best matches the needs of its client population.

### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

In so far as it is complementary to the charity's objects, the charity is guided by both local and national policy. Advice from local organisations has proved invaluable to the charity in establishing improved links within the community and identifying relevant policy developments and prospective funding.

## **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

The charity has seen an increased and continuing demand for its services and now operates at various locations in the area and has had some success in obtaining commitments for future funding to enable it to further its aims. The directors are continuing to seek additional funding to support future operational plans.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS (INCLUDING THE TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT) for the year ended 31 March 2019

### FINANCIAL REVIEW

The financial activities for the year and financial position of the charitable company are as shown in the annexed financial statements. There was a net increase in restricted funds of £ 17699.93 The company obtained grant and contract funding from a wide range of supportive organisations as detailed in the financial statements. Details of reserves held are set out on the balance sheet. The directors have examined the charity's requirements for reserves in the light of the main risks to the organisation. They have established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets held by the charity should be between 3 and 6 months of the expenditure. This equates to between approximately £27,500 and £55,000 in general funds. At this level, the trustees feel that they would be able to continue the current activities of the charity in the event of a significant drop in funding. It would obviously be necessary to consider how the funding could be replaced or activities changed. At present, the free reserves do not reach this target level and the directors continue to explore ways in which unrestricted funds can be raised.

## PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

The charity plans continuing the activities outlined above in the forthcoming years subject to satisfactory funding arrangements. Plans are being developed to expand upon the successes achieved to date but these are also dependent upon satisfactory funding arrangements being in place.

## STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing those financial statements, the directors should follow best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the company will continue on that basis.

The directors are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (issued in March 2005) and in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

Cllr Peter Mitchell, Chair of Trustees

19 August 2019

I report on the accounts of the charitable company for the year ended

31 March 2019 which are set out on pages 5-8

Respective responsibilities of directors and examiner

The directors are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's directors consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b)
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

## independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention;

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
  - · to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (revised 2005) have been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be

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19 August 2019

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) for the year ended 31 March 2019

RESTRICTED INCOME FUNDS	2019 £	2018 £
INCOMING RESOURCES From charitable activities:		
Grants & Contracts - advice, information, support, outreach & training	333,621	261,738
Investment Income - UK interest receivable	6	4
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	333,627	+261,742
RESOURCES EXPENDED		
Charitable Activities - advice, information, outreach & training	-311,927	-258,981
Governance Costs	-4,000	-2,750
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	-315,927	-261,731
NET INCOMING RESOURCES - Net Income for the year (note 3)	17,700	11
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD	26,773	26,762
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	44,473	26,773

**BALANCE SHEET** as at 31 March 2019

CURRENT ASSETS	Notes	€ 2	£	£ 20	)18 £
Debtors Cash at Bank & In Hand	4	50,780 3,422 54,202		45,702 970	
CREDITORS Amounts failing due within one year	5	9,729		46,672 19,900	
NET CURRENT ASSETS	Veneziona	***************************************	44,472		26,773
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			44,472		20 270
NET ASSETS			44,472		26,773
FUNDS Restricted Income Funds	6		44,472		26 <sub>1</sub> 773

The company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year 31 March 2019 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

  (a) ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of each financial year and of its income and expenditure for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company. (b)

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entitles (effective April 2008).

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors and signed on it's behalf by

Clir Peter Mitchell, Chair of Trustees

19 August 2019

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 March 2019

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year and in the preceding year.

### **Basis of Accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities issued in March 2005 and the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

### **Incoming Resources**

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included in these accounts.

Investment income is included when receivable.

Incoming resources from charitable trading activities are accounted for when earned.

Incoming resources from grants, where related to performance and specific deliverables, are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by performance.

#### Resources Expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates:

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for beneficiaries.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity.

#### **Fixed Assets**

Individual fixed assets costing £3,000 or more are capitalised at cost.

2.	STAFF COSTS	2019 £	2018 £
	Staff Salaries & NI	199,707	174,927
		199,707	174,927
	No employees received emoluments of more than £60,000		
	*		

The average weekly number of full time equivalent employees during the year was as follows:

	2019	2018
	Number	Number
Advice, information and project work	15	11 ,

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued for the year ended 31 March 2019

3.	NET EXPENDITURE	2040	204.0
		2019 £	2018 £
	This is stated after charging:		
	Independent Examination costs	4,000	2,000
4.	DEBTORS		
	Duo within one year	2019 £	2018 £
	Due within one year Loan to Other Charitable Organisation Prepayments & Accrued Income	19,608 31,172	19,608 26,094
		50,780	45,702
5.	CREDITORS	2040	2040
	*	2019 £	2018 £
	Due within one year Other Taxes & Social Security Costs	9,729	19,900
	Other Creditors Accruals & Deferred Income	-	-
	Accruais & Deferred Income	-	-
		9,729	19,900
6.	FUNDS		Restricted Income Funds
			£
	At start of year Net incoming resources for the year		26,773 17,700
	At end of year - Advice, information, support & training rep	presented by net current assets	44,472
7.	ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF FUNDING		
	The charity wishes to acknowledge:-		
	(1) Receipt of the following funds:		£
	Big Lottery Reaching Communities Fund Liverpool City Council - Community Resources Mayors Fund Liverpool City Council General ILM Scheme		61,905 20,000 7,800 7,350 20,966
	Cobalt Housing The Steve Morgan Foundation Donations Gems		2,075 129,124 9,127 6,925
	Membership Fees Merseyside Play Action Council LCVS Furnment Social Fund		40 2,258 8,000
	European Social Fund Fazakerley Federation		9,050 8,000
	The Big Help Tudor Trust		6,000 35,000
	*		333,621

<sup>(2)</sup> The £20,000 grant received from Liverpool City Council is restricted and reserved for purposes specified in the Charity's agreement with Liverpool City Council CRU.

# INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the year ended 31 March 2019

	2019		2018	
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Grants, contracts & donations	333,621		261,738	
Interest Receivable	6		4	
		333,627		261,742
Administration Expenses				
Staff Salaries & NI	199,707		174,927	
Rent	1,500		1,800	
Rates	550		1,127	
Insurance	4,555		3,693	
Light & Heat	7,422		2,331	
Repairs & Maintenance	16,543		6,896	
Equipment Hire	6,909		4,379	
Travel & Subsistence	6,362		5,182	
Telephone	5,315		5,421	
Printing, Postage & Stationery	1,980		1,612	
Support Activities & Consumable Items	40,777		25,437	
Croxteth Community Council	7,498		23,345	
Mayoral Fund	7,772		0	
Subscriptions & Affiliation Fees	1,167		1,312	
Meetings & Welfare	435		520	
Quality Assurance Monitoring Fees	3,380		1,000	
Accountancy & Independent Examiner Fees	4,000		2,750	
Bank Charges	0		0	
Interest Payable	55		0	
		315,927		261,731
Net Income	_	17,700	_	11