### CROXTETH & GILLMOSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL Registered Charity No. 502955

# Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts and Financial Statements for the Year Ending 31st March 2019

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THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES AND MEMBERS

#### OF THE CROXTETH AND GILLMOSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Charity No.502955

#### ON ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2019

#### Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the Examiner

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st March 2019, which are set out on pages 2 and 3. The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to: examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act; to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the Independent Examiner's Report

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 you as 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 next statement.

Independent Examiner's Statement In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met or to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Leslie Eriera (ICPA)

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Accounts and Independent Examiner's Report accepted by the Trustees' Meeting on 26th November 2019

## CROXTETH AND GILLMOSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL CHARITY NO.502955

#### ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH 2019

	£ - p	£ - p
Receipts	2019	2018
Funds brought forward at 1st	47.94	183.67
April	77.77	100.07
Liverpool City Council	5,000.00	5,000.00
Grant Aid	25,000,00	
ESC Lottery Fund	25,800.00	-
Awards for All	**	0.600.00
John Moores Foundation		8,690.00
Christian Seedbed		5,000.00
Croxteth Federation	7,597.88	23,415.00
Other Grants and donations	2831.64	5,022.79
Morgan Federation Income	-	7,634.00
	41,277.46	54,945.46
Payments		
Staff gross wages		25,729.00
Sessional Staff costs	1000	4,860.29
Utilities & Premises	3736.38	938.76.
Rent & Rates	-	-
Telephone	-	-
General Insurance	1489.71	916.02
Minibus Insurance	852.00	692.12
Security	-	-
Repairs and maintenance	33,826.80	1,296.00
Activity support costs		10,615.00
Travel Club subsidy	400.00	500
Morris Dancers expenses	•	-
Bank charges	104.92	0.33
Children's Support expenses		-
Croxteth Federation		9,350.00
	41,409.81	54,897.52
Balance of Funds carried forward at 31st March	-132.35	47.94
At Barclays Bank		

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#### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2019

- (1) The grant of £5000.00 received from Liverpool City Council is restricted and reserved for purposes specified in the Charity's agreement with Liverpool City Council CRU.
- (2) All other grants are expended in accordance with the agreement between the Charity and the funder.
- (3) Unrestricted funds for general purposes include fund-raising contributions and refunds.
- (4) The funds are held in the Charity's Current Account at Barclay's Bank Bootle Branch, 337-339 Stanley Road, Bootle, L20 3EB
- (5) There is no cash at hand.

#### **TRUSTEES REPORT 2018-19**

#### THE BOARD

The Trustees who served during the Year were: Cllr Peter Mitchell, Mrs Joan Fearnehough (Treasurer), Mrs Susan Helen Fisher.

The Trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers or duties.

#### **ACTIVITIES**

This eleventh year of activities (2018 - 2019) core-funded by the Community Resource Unit has seen our income from the City Council increase, the manager's efforts to draw in other funders to assist us to develop our projects have been successful and brought wonderful support from the ESC Lottery Fund and Croxteth Federation, We wish to thank those organisations and the others that have made the expansion of our projects possible this year

At St Paul's, the Monday Seniors, Thursday Tea & Toast morning, with craft activities based at the Family Centre. Luncheon parties with 3-course meal and entertainment for an average attendance of 50 people took place at several local venues.

Family drop in for use of massage chairs and relaxation continues to offer wellbeing support. Food Poverty and signposting support has increased. We have seen an increase of local people presenting in food poverty. The centre offers donated food parcels and referrals to local food banks. In addition, signposting advice to relevant organisations is available. An Advice Quality Standards (AQS) advisor is based at our centre two days per week offering immediate support for those presenting in debt.

Moss Way Hall refurbishments have commenced with a new kitchen, disabled toilets and redecoration and continues to be used the Morris Dancers, who meet twice weekly. They have again won many trophies during the year. The hall is also used for keep fit sessions, sports activity and larger meetings for the community. The local children's centre now run several free after school clubs at the hall.

The Travel Club has arranged several day trips to Llandudno, Southport, Blackpool, New Brighton, various craft and garden centres, and one supported holidays in Blackpool. Once again good use has been made of the Morgan Foundation minibus for local shopping trips and days out further afield.

Co-operation with other groups, including the Croxteth Federation and the Cobalt Housing Association, continues to further the welfare of the community.

#### FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Trustees have examined the Charity's requirement 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 three and six months of normal expenditure. This equates to between £15,000 and £30,000 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 Trustees continue to explore ways in which unrestricted funds can be raised.

(Chair of Trustees)

26th November 2019

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