

ABBOTSVALE COMMUNITY CENTRE YEARLY REPORT 2020

October 2020

Well what can I say about 2020, a totally unprecedented year that will live on in history and our memories for years to come. The Community Centre has gone from a busy bustling centre full of laughter and activities to one that is empty with the odd exception of groups that fit into the government guidelines like Kay Charnley Dance school, Baby Yoga and Rhythm Time, all the other groups especially the vulnerable groups like the over 55's groups have stopped running until further notice. Sadly, two groups are no more, with the Stackwood Avenue over 55's and Yobambino closing down due to the pandemic.

Karen our Community Centre manager is furloughed a government scheme that will enable the Community Centre to continue throughout the pandemic and hopefully come out the other side, keeping our centre managers job secure. After 22 years' service we don't want to lose our Manager who has built the centre up into the busy hub of the community it was pre pandemic. She continues to pop into the centre through the week to make sure everything is ok and bills are being paid on the Associations behalf, with most of the Association being in the Covid vulnerable category. We were also lucky enough to be able to apply for the Government Grant of £10,000 that will enable us to pay expenses to keep the centre running and hopefully come out the other side.

We have done everything in our power to be Covid Secure which includes hand gels at both doors, risk assessments, mask wearing, track and Trace, disinfectant floor mats on the floors at entrances and air purifying fans in the hall, this was all made easier with a £5000 Covid secure grant from Cumbria County Council. The remaining 3 groups that are following the COVID-19 rules, Baby Yoga, Kay Charnley Dance school and Rhythm time have all signed our Covid safe policies and risk assessments and are following the guidelines. There has been a problem of people turning up early and wanting to wait inside the centre, which of course isn't allowed due to track and trace and distancing, but people have learned now they must arrive just before the group is due to start.

The Cheeky Monkeys Nursery still remains open to offer childcare to the community, they are working through difficult times looking after the children of front-line workers. Having the busy nursery still running in the centre is wonderful as it means even through such dark times, we can still offer a service to our community.

Whilst the Centre has had reduced users at the beginning of the pandemic and before she went onto furlough, Karen used her time to decorate the whole of the Centres hall, painting the walls and wallpapering to make the hall more welcoming and not as clinical. Our Centre Manager has done an amazing job and has now completed a full-length hall display on sacrifices complete with remembrance soldier and painted bottle bottom poppies, it's amazing and a talking point for those who still use the centre and ties in the sacrifices made in the past to the sacrifices we are making now.

We are in the midst of a global pandemic one that has never been experienced in modern times. We are all in this together and as long as we all sacrifice our freedoms for today will mean a brighter future for us all. We hope that in 2021 when the vaccine has been administered, we can move back to some kind of normal, until then we will carry on doing as we are doing and look forward to welcoming all our users back later in 2021.

ABBOTTSVALE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

Last Year		This Year		Last Year		This Year	
£p		£p		£p		£p	
Balances at 1st April 2019							
4,124.59	Rent Account	4,124.59		263.09	Food & Drink	184.58	
2,757.79	Current Account	1,465.78		14.97	Cleaning Materials/Equipment	118.18	
890.07	Lloyds Bowling Account	619.84		626.64	Cleaning Services	440.00	
465.78	Respite Care Account	1,853.67		0.00	Gardening Services	376.00	
29.32	Cash in hand	9.55		188.68	Materials & Equipment	378.99	
<u>8,267.55</u>		<u>8,073.43</u>		71.36	Office supplies & postage	399.01	
Receipts:-				Payments:-			
54.00	Sure Start, NCH and Action for Children	0.00		2,663.31	Electricity	2,671.76	
0.00	Sarah Porter Spiritualist Church	130.00		1,115.94	Insurance	1,277.18	
0.00	Fearless Dance	1,420.00		1,178.70	Gas	1,166.21	
0.00	Trish Hamilton Yoga	100.00		1,505.96	Water	1,588.06	
0.00	Health Visitor baby clinic	435.00		640.90	Rates	655.20	
2,025.00	Kay Chantley Dance School	2,190.00		0.00	Donation	0.00	
0.00	Bowlers	110.00		517.82	Telephone	419.15	
120.00	Party hire	60.00		16,716.79	Wages Cost	16,787.60	
11,333.20	Cheeky Monkey Rent	16,146.09		466.40	Gifts & Christmas Dinner	418.50	
3,385.56	Cheeky Monkey Electricity/Admin	4,673.06		11,542.04	Maintenance & Repairs	3,673.23	
9,924.00	BIG Lottery Fund Grant	0.00		769.61	Pension payments	1,118.82	
0.00	Rotary Funding	1,595.00		0.00	Respite Costs	457.00	
1,725.00	Free Spirit Dance	0.00		1,145.59	Refuse Collection	1,755.67	
140.00	Cut and Chat group	240.00		145.00	Miscellaneous	25.50	
795.50	Abbotsvale Over 55s	967.50		69.98	Internet security	0.00	
570.00	Blossom Babies yoga	980.00		581.60	Internet Charges	342.00	
144.00	Furness Pilates	132.00		355.50	Consumables	372.04	
914.00	Shakwood Avenue over 55s	997.00		<u>40,579.88</u>		<u>34,624.62</u>	
200.00	Student Gas Rent for Caravan on Car Park	0.00					
0.00	Folk First	640.00					
0.00	Richard Currid Healthy Eating	80.00					
1,040.00	Yohambino	1,040.00					
6,000.00	Sir John Fisher Foundation Grant	6,000.00					
1,795.50	Rhythm Time	1,144.50					
220.00	Wednesday night Yoga	0.00					
<u>40,385.76</u>		<u>39,080.15</u>					
Balances at 31st March 2020							
4,124.59	Rent Account	4,124.59		8,073.43	Cash in Hand	2.30	
1,465.78	Lloyds Respite Account	1,008.78		<u>48,653.31</u>		<u>12,528.96</u>	
619.84	Bowlers Lloyds Account	549.64					
1,853.67	Current Account	6,843.65					
9.55	Cash in Hand	2.30					
<u>8,073.43</u>		<u>47,153.58</u>					

Treasurer:

M. A. Williams

Chairperson:

[Signature]

In my opinion, the above Receipts and Payments Account gives a fair view of the affairs of Abbotsvale Community Association for the period 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020, based on the documentation provided.

K. Jackson

Keith Jackson MCIIA

Date

16/11/20



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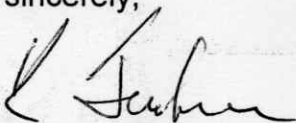
Dear Karen,

ABBOTSVALE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Accounts for year ended 31st March 2020

Thank you for returning the signed statement of account. I have now certified the statement and enclose a copy for your records and for presentation to your Committee and Annual meeting.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Yours sincerely,



K Jackson
Head of Internal Audit

Copy to: Steph Corden, Director of People and Place