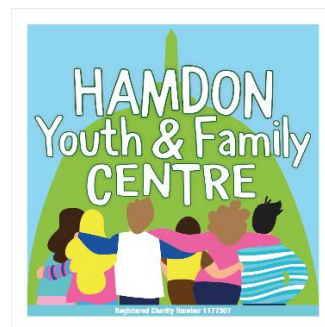


HAMDON YOUTH & FAMILY CENTRE TRUST

West Street, Stoke sub Hamdon, Somerset TA14 6QG

“a place for young people in Stoke sub Hamdon”



Registered Charity

No. 1177307

**Minutes of an Annual General Meeting
held on 21 July 2022 at 7 p.m.
at the Hamdon Youth & Family Centre**

Present: Jackie Poole Chair
Sarah Moore Treasurer
Barbara Brooks Secretary
John Bailey
Hugh Donovan

In attendance: Cllr Moira Hulett
Cllr Paul Goulder

1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

2 Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Sarah Moore and Penny Parcell.

3 Chairman's Report for the year ending 30.3.22

The Chair's Report had been circulated prior to the meeting.

In summary the meeting noted that users had finally been able to come back to the Centre from the middle of 2021 for a variety of uses. Phase 2 of the project of creating the new service areas of a kitchen, office and toilets including disabled facilities has all been achieved, resulting in a fit for purpose Youth & Family Centre.

In March 2022 two of the groups using the Centre on a regular basis, the 1st Stoke sub Hamdon Brownies and the Blackrock Irish Dancers, started working on organising a coffee morning in aid of the Disasters Emergency Committee appeal for the children in Ukraine. This event, finally held in April was a wonderfully successful event, and was the first time that many people in the village had been inside the church for a number of years and all were very positive about the new facilities. It is hoped to make this sort of fundraising event a regular occurrence.

Now the building work has been completed, plans are now being made to agree a marketing plan to extend the range of activities and events. The Centre is now looking forward to working with the support of the Parish Council and the Sports & Recreation Trust to develop the Centre into an exciting and vibrant place for the young people in Stoke to play, learn and develop social skills.

4 Treasurer's Report for the year ending 31.3.22

The Treasurer's Report had been circulated prior to the meeting.

In summary it was noted that the opening balance at the beginning of the financial year was £28,453.25. Grants received had been the annual £2,000 from the Parish Council, and £11,917 from Government Hospitality and Leisure Covid Grants. The Trust held two bank accounts, one for day to day operating costs and a savings account for grant and project income and a Maintenance Reserve, the latter now standing at £900.

The total expenditure for the year was £23,497. Operating expenditure costs were £1,965, with hire income £1,579.50 - lower than normal as the Centre could only open fully for just under half a year. The Trust used part of the monies from Covid grants received this year and the previous year to make a donation of £21,532 to the Parish Council towards the refurbishment of the Centre as a way of working together. The annual £300 had been vired into the Maintenance Reserve for long term internal maintenance. As at 31.3.22 there was a closing balance of £20,418.

5 Approval of Accounts

The Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2022 had been prepared by Trudy Cronin and were unanimously approved.

6 Trustees Annual Report

The draft version included the full Reports circulated from the Chair and the Treasurer and presented at the meeting. It was unanimously approved.

7 Approval of submission to Charity Commission

The meeting approved the submission of the Annual Report and Accounts by the Secretary as part of the required Annual Return to the Charity Commission.

8 Appointment of independent Examiner for 2020-2021

It was noted that Trudy Cronin would be available to prepare the accounts for 2022-2023, and it was agreed to appoint her for a further year. The charge would be £50.

9 Closing Remarks

Some questions were raised by the two councillors attending the meeting on the use of the Centre, in particular whether adults could play sport there and other activities, Committee members explained that the Centre had always been intended to be a permanent home for the younger generation, complementing the Memorial Hall which operated mainly for adult activities. The only way that adults could use the Youth Centre was if, for example, they were to play table tennis while acting as volunteers at the Centre and were teaching the children to play. Adult activities are not otherwise allowed whether hire fees were paid or not.

The reason for this was that the Centre was restricted by a covenant on the Transfer of Title to children's activities only, with the only small exception being the holding of the monthly Parish Council meeting. The Methodist Church had not been allowed to sell the church to the Parish Council other than as a Youth Centre under its Model Trust rules, and accepting this restriction was the only way the building had been able to be retained as a venue in our village. Such use had enabled it to have been purchased at a discount under the Methodist Trust rules and Charity Commission legislation.

Committee members referred the new councillors to the section "Governance" in the Trustees Annual Report which itemised the very significant financial penalties that would be imposed on the Parish Council and on village council tax payers in order to pay the

penalties should these restrictions be breached at any time and a forced sale be triggered. Such a sale would also mean the loss of a community venue in the village.

It was agreed by all that the new Youth Centre was a wonderful opportunity for all sorts of activities and learning skills to be introduced into the village, helping young people to become responsible members of the local community; and all this could be achieved by the Centre, Parish Council and Sports & Recreation Trust working together on behalf of the village. The councillors thanked the Committee for their explanations and offered their support.

There being no further business, the Annual General Meeting closed.

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