

ARTHUR HILL – SAVE OUR SWIMMING

Annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2016

Directors' Report

This is the report on the affairs of the unincorporated body, together with the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2016.

Activities

The organisation's activities are:-

To provide swimming and gymnasium services at the Arthur Hill Memorial Baths, Reading, and organise leisure and fitness training activities in Reading.

To work with health care agencies, local schools, and community organisations to increase participation in swimming, sports, and social activities, especially among disadvantaged and minority groups.

It is expected that the activities of the organisation will continue in the forthcoming year.

Financial results and a review of business

Movements on funds during the year were as follows:

	£
Opening balance	0.00
Net movement for the period	881.01
Balance at 31 December 2016	<u>881.01</u>

This year saw the birth of the Arthur Hill – Save Our Swimming organisation, under difficult circumstances. In September 2016 Reading Borough Council announced, without consultation, that the 105 year old Arthur Hill Memorial Baths would close at the end of the year.

Opposition to the announcement was immediate, and led to the formation of this organisation. Over 2,500 people signed a community petition against closure of the Baths, and two public meetings, each attended by around 80 people, were organised to mobilise opposition to the closure. A similar number of people attended Reading Borough Council's meeting on 31 October to demonstrate against closure of the pool but despite their presence the Council voted to close the pool. The pool closed on 18 December and a pool party was organised to mark the occasion.

We remain determined to re-open the pool, and before the decision to close the pool was made we submitted a 'Community Right to Challenge' bid to take over management of the pool. The Council will make a decision on this bid in April 2017. During December an online crowd-funding campaign raised over £10,000 to allow us to prepare a business plan for running the pool (see note to the accounts). An application to set a community interest company was submitted to Companies House in December and the organisation will begin 2017 as a newly registered company focused on re-opening Arthur Hill.

Risks

As part of the process of preparing a bid to run the pool a risk register will be prepared. Unfortunately the risks we face are significant, relating to:

- Management of an ageing property.
- Entering into contract with the local authority.
- Employing staff and volunteers.
- Maintaining health and safety standards.
- Safeguarding vulnerable people.

Our fall-back position if these risks prove insuperable is to disperse our assets to local schools so that children affected by the closure of Arthur Hill pool will be able to have at least some further swimming lessons.

Reserves

Any surplus from our activities will be reinvested into the business and it is not anticipated that we will be in a position to build up significant reserves in the foreseeable future.

Directors

The directors of the organisation at 31 December 2016 were:

Chris Beales
Peter Burt (Secretary)
Sarah Gardner
Nikki Gordelier
Stewart Johnston
Marjan Kuyken
Marlon Minty
Phil Vaughan

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Peter Burt

14 February 2017

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Statement of Financial Activities

	£
Income and Expenditure	2016
Incoming resources	
Donations	1,180.01
Membership	1.00
Grant funding	0
Payments for services	0
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	1,181.01
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Resources expended	
Meetings	300.00
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	300
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Net movement in funds before interest and tax	881.01
Investment income	0
Taxation	0
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Net movement in funds	881.01
Balances brought forward at 1 January	0
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Balances carried forward at 31 December	881.01
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Balance Sheet

	£
	2016
Current assets	
Bank account	0
Cash in hand	906.01
Uncashed cheques	25
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	931.01
Debtors	0
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	931.01
Current liabilities	
Accruals	(50)
Creditors	(0)
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Net current assets	881.01
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Funds	
Unrestricted funds	881.01
Restricted funds	0
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Total funds	881.01
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Notes to the accounts

1. During December 2016 the organisation undertook a crowd-funding appeal through the 'Justgiving' website to raise money to prepare a business plan. The appeal closed on 31 December having raised £10,727. On 5 and 6 January 2017 payments totalling £10,098.64 were made on our behalf to the Newtown GLOBE group by Justgiving, representing the money raised less their commission. This money is being held in trust for us by Newtown GLOBE until we have opened our own bank account. As this sum was paid after closure of the 2016 accounts on 31 December it will be included in the accounts for the 2017 financial year.
2. Restricted funds are funds for which a donor has imposed restrictions in their use, for example a requirement that they are used for charitable purposes only. Unrestricted funds may be used for any legitimate purpose.

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Declaration

Prepared by::

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Peter Burt

14 February 2017

Examined by:

[signed on paper copy]

Duncan Barnet

14 February 2017