


**Victory Hall, Dalston Annual General Meeting
Thursday 20th April 2023 7pm**

AGENDA

1. Chairman's Welcome
2. Minutes of AGM 2021
3. Chairman' report
4. Secretary's report
5. Treasurer's report
6. Fabric Report
7. Adoption of reports
8. Election of Trustees
9. AOB

Minutes of the Last AGM 9th June 2022

Chair	Mick Ryan (MR)
Note taker	Jane Clark (JAC)
Attendees	Committee: Geoff Graham (GG) Carolyn Hodgson (CH) Stewart Hudson (SH) Tony Finn (TF) Dougal Kyle (DK) Chris Scales (CS) Chis Tibbs (CT) Aileen West (AW) Members of the public: Kath Eubank, Steve McLeod, Richard Speirs, Trevor Wright
Apologies	John Atkinson (JA)
1 Chairman's Welcome	
MR introduced himself welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that it was being held slightly later in the year than usual.	
2 Minutes of AGM 18/10/22	
 2022 papers.docx See attached document. The minutes were proposed as correct by CH, seconded by AW and agreed unanimously	
3 Chairman's report	
Contained in above document. MR thanked the hall trustees for their hard work and enthusiasm over the year. He especially thanked JA and JAC for their work on /health and Safety during the Covid pandemic and AW for her work as lettings secretary He also thanked the Friends of the Victory Hall led by CS for running the successful Makers Market He noted that the phase 3 works had been delayed but started in May 2022 and would take 3 months. Bookings had been rearranged because of this and he thanked users for their tolerance	
4 Secretary's Report	
Contained in above document JAC thanked committee for their patience in adjusting to the restrictions over the pandemic and for using Zoom for meetings	
5 Treasurer's report	
Contained in above document Full accounts were available for members of the public to see	
5 Fabric Report	
Contained in above document MR went into more detail about ongoing phase 3 works	
6 Adoption of reports	
It was proposed by AW, seconded by CS and agreed unanimously that the above reports be accepted	
7 Election of trustees	
All the Trustees had agreed to stand again. MR noted that there are currently 11 trustees with a maximum of 16 so there were vacancies on the committee Steve McLeod volunteered to join the committee Proposed SH seconded CS AGREED unanimously that the existing Trustees plus Steve McLeod be elected as Trustees for 2022-23	
8 AOB	
JAC noted that the hall would celebrate it's centenary at the end of 2022 and the committee were open to suggestions about how to mark this occasion	

Reports for March 2022- February 2023

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Chairman's Report

Another busy year for the Victory Hall with things getting back to a sort of new "normal" as we slowly emerge from the Covid pandemic. The main highlight of 2022 was the completion of Phase 3 of the hall's refurbishment programme, the Social Room is now structurally sound with a new roof and walls and we have a new efficient boiler.

We have seen a dramatic increase in bookings with a lot of new groups and organisations utilising the vastly improved facilities the hall now offers. There is a wide range of activities and community groups now using the hall including several health, wellbeing and fitness classes, community cinema, photographic club, weekly community warm space, etc. as well as the many established user groups which have used and supported the hall for many years. I would like to say a very big thank you from the committee to all our users new and old for their continued support, it is good to see the hall so busy again.

I also want to thank the hall trustees for all the time, effort and enthusiasm they give which ensures the smooth running of the hall and makes my job much easier with a special thankyou to Jane Clark, Aileen West, John Atkinson and Carolyn Hodgson for their continual support.

We have a new trustee, Janet Strong who has taken on the treasurer's role as Chris Tibbs returned to Canada.

The hall was built in 1922 and officially opened in 1923 and is now 100 years old, there have been a few changes to the original structure over the years culminating with the major refurbishment programme started in 2019 and completed in 2022. This has completely transformed the hall, bringing the facilities up to date but still retaining the much-loved original character of the building. I am confident the future of this community asset is now assured and the residents of Dalston and the surrounding area will be using the Victory Hall for many years to come.

Michael Ryan

Secretary's report

The committee met 6 times in 2021/22. All meetings took place at the hall with Zoom now a distant memory! Overall the attendance at meetings was 85% of those who were members at the time.

The committee began the year with 11 members and concluded with 12 members. Steve McLeod was welcomed to the committee in June. Chris Tibbs left us for foreign shores and Janet Strong joined us in November and replaced Chris as treasurer

There has been much discussion over the year about the 3rd phase of the refurbishment project and we are pleased to see that this is now complete.

We have overseen changes to the cleaning and caretaker arrangements over the year with a cleaning company now keeping the place spick and span. Some caretaker duties are now divided amongst the committee members with Aileen West continuing her role as Lettings Secretary.

We have been pleased to become involved with some new activities which are aimed at benefiting the local community such as the Community Cinema and Warm Spaces.

The Centenary celebrations were put back slightly to March 23 and we hope that this will be occasion to celebrate and show what the hall can now offer the village

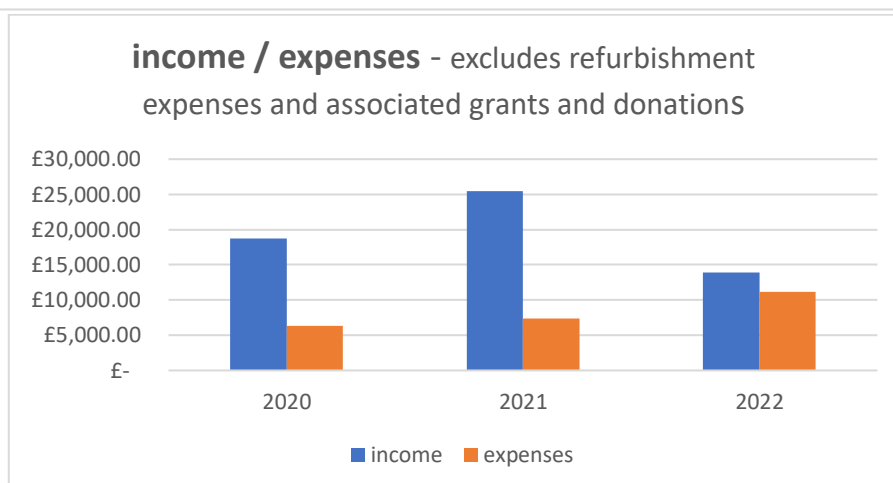
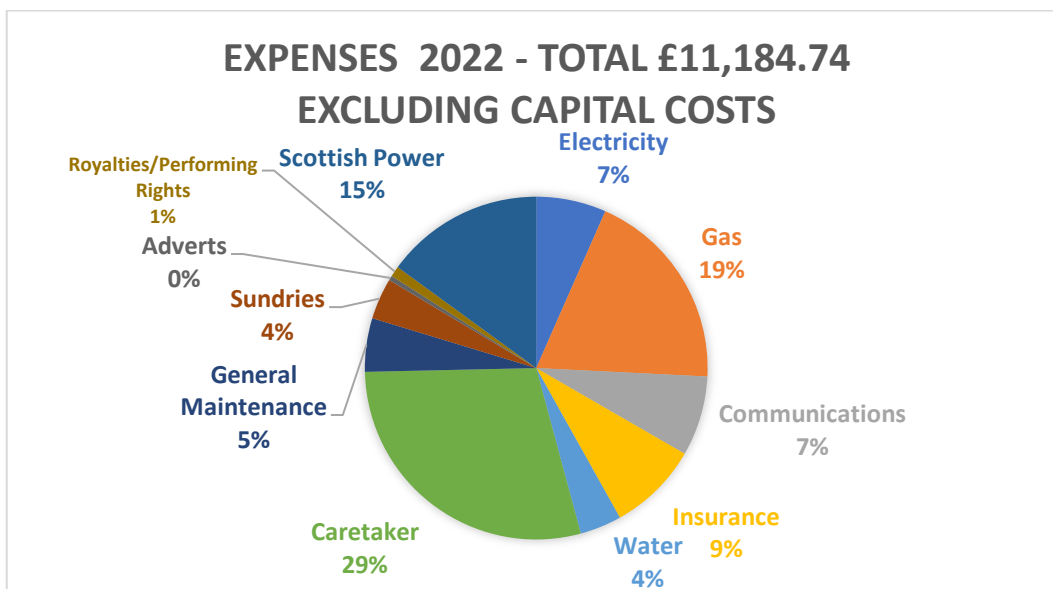
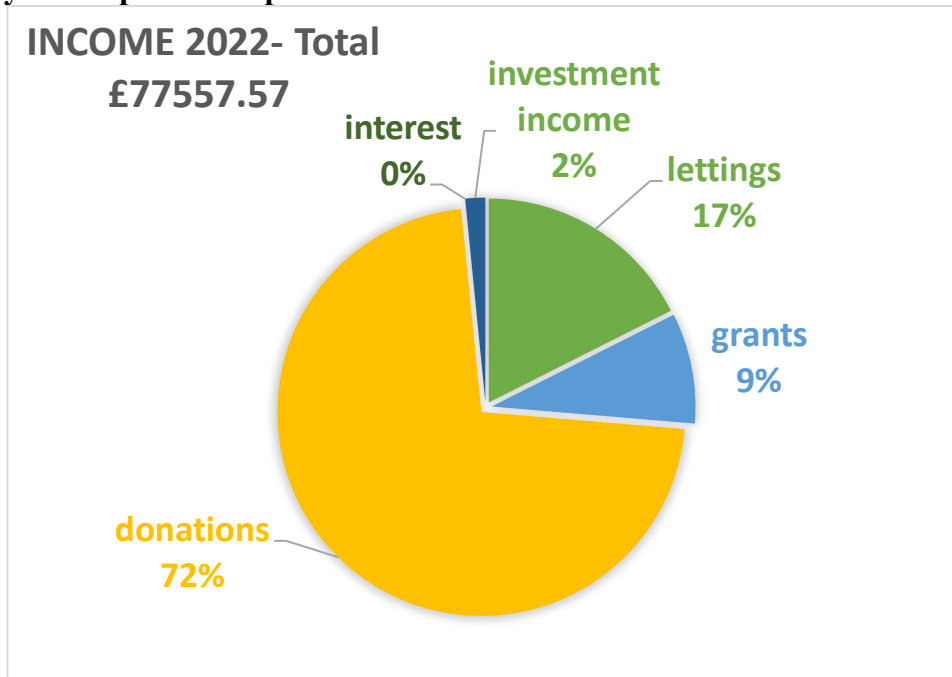
Jane Clark

Treasurer's Report

There was no formal treasurer's report available as Janet Strong was no longer able to carry on in this role

The full audited accounts will available if required but the attached charts show a breakdown of the figures in an easier format.

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Fabric / Refurbishment Report

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Hall improvements have continued throughout 2022 with the completion of Phase 3 of the refurbishment programme. The Social Room is now structurally sound with the rear wall and north gable being rebuilt and a new roof structure. A new boiler, radiators and control system have been installed and together with much improved levels of insulation we have already seen a reduction in the energy costs of heating the hall.

This final phase of refurbishment would not have been possible without several grants being obtained and the trustees are very grateful for the financial assistance received from:

National Lottery Community Fund
Cumbria Waste Management Environmental Trust
Joyce Wilkinson Trust
Bernard Sunley Foundation
Cumbria Grassroots
Carlisle Parish Council Association

Although the major structural works are now completed we are continually striving to improve facilities for users and have replaced the old stacking chairs and tables used in the rear rooms, fitted bench cushions in the main hall, improved the entrance lighting and provided 6 armchairs for use in the front small meeting room.

Michael Ryan