Report to Willingham Parish Council April 2021

Update

Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Youth Trust Committee have been unable to offer weekly Wednesday youth clubs (run by Connections Bus Project) and Coding Club sessions. This has been the case since the pandemic began in 2020. As such, the grant provided to the Youth Trust by Willingham Parish Council remains untouched, though we sincerely hope to use this funding to help us resume providing services for young people as soon as we are able to.

Although the Youth Trust itself has been unable to provide services for young people during the pandemic, the Youth Trust building has been put to excellent use. JS Performance Collective have been renting the space throughout the pandemic and have been teaching both online and in person dance classes (determined by government guidelines) encompassing various dance styles, to a range of ages. These classes have provided young people in the local area with a creative outlet during these strange times, and the rent paid by JS Performance Collective has allowed the Youth Trust to maintain the building and continue to pay for utilities etc. The company intends to continue using this space for teaching, ensuring that all COVID guidelines are followed.

Willingham Youth Trust has recently undergone a change in directorship, with both Bonnie Twiss (former Chair) and Emma Mason (former Secretary) stepping down from their roles on the 6th of April 2021, to be replaced by Jack Stinton (Chair) and Vicky Richards (Secretary). Bonnie Twiss will remain on the Board as a Trustee, and all these changes were supported by the Committee. Due to the recent nature of these changes, we ask that the Parish Council please be patient with us as we adjust.

The Youth Trust are currently working alongside the Willingham Community Planning Group to develop youth targeted questions for a village wide survey, the answers to which we hope will provide greater insight into how we can best support young people in the local area.

The accounts for the year end 31st July 2020 and year end 31st July 2021 are attached in Appendices 1 and 2.

Future Plans

The Youth Trust building will continue to be rented out to JS Performance Collective for use as a teaching and learning space, and we are hoping to get the Wednesday youth club back up and running by September 2021 (we are currently liaising with the Communications Bus Project concerning this).

Due to the pandemic, fundraising is likely to be a struggle this year, though given the income from JSPC we should be able to maintain the building until we can resume normal youth services. We are hoping that we will be able to run the annual October Halloween Disco in the Ploughman's Hall as normal, though this will depend on COVID-19 restrictions, and we are currently looking into other sources of funding (grants etc).

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We have a multitude of ideas as to how we can move the youth trust forward in the future once we have moved out of the pandemic, and are looking forward to receiving and assessing the results of the village wide survey once this has been completed.

Youth Centre Board: Directors / Trustees/ Committee Members

Jack Stinton – Chair, Director Vicky Richards – Secretary, Director Frances Watts – Treasurer Max Turvill – Trustee, Director Bonnie Twiss – Trustee Caroline Stoneham, Committee Member Helen Dingwall, Committee Member Angela Barden, Committee Member Melissa Setchell, Committee Member Sarah Hodge, Committee Member Rowena Harvey, Committee Member

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Appendix 1. WYT accounts year end 31st July 2020

			2020		2019
Income	Coding Club	410	£		£
	Donations	4,780			
	Fundraising Events	4,760		4,069	
	Grants	4 200		12,858	
	Hall Hire	1,200		-	
	Halloween Disco	728		1,709	
		2,098		4	
	Pop up Cafe	268		•	
	Subscriptions			600	
Cost of sales			9,484		19,236
Cost of sales	Connexions Bus Workers	(5,239)			
	Fundraising Costs - Halloween Disco	(1,447)		(7,223)	
	Purchases	·		(6,629)	
			(6,686)		(13,852)
		-	2,798	-	5,384
Expenses	Advertising and Website	44405			
	Bank charges	(112)		(141)	
	_			(5)	
	Cleaning	(1,500)		•	
	Equipment expensed	-		(288)	
	Insurance	(482)		(387)	
	Licences	(94)		•	
	Repairs and maintenance	(1,850)		(2,185)	
	Software and Computer Expenses	(238)			
	Subscriptions	(328)		(367)	
	Sundry	(13)		(120)	
	Telephone and fax	(384)		(534)	
			(5,002)		(4,027)
Net (loss)/profit			(2.202)	_	
		-	(2,203)	1	1,357

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Appendix 2. WYT accounts year end 31st July 2021

			2021 £		2020 £
Income	Coding Club			410	
	Donations	112		4,780	
	Grants	6,000		1,200	
	Hall Hire	1,170		728	
	Halloween Disco	-		2,098	
	Pop up Cafe	-		268	
			7,282		9,484
Cost of sales	Connexions Bus Workers	-		(5,239)	
	Fundraising Costs - Halloween Disco			(1,447)	
			-		(6,686)
			7,282	***	2,798
Expenses	Advertising and Website	(112)		(112)	
•	Cleaning	(706)		(1,500)	
	Insurance	-		(482)	
	Licences	-		(94)	
	Repairs and maintenance	(84)		(1,850)	
	Software and Computer Expenses	(126)		(238)	
	Subscriptions	(21)		(328)	
	Sundry	(13)		(13)	
	Telephone and fax	(192)		(384)	
			(1,253)		(5,002)
Net profit/(loss)		-	6,029		(2,203)