

Patcham Memorial Hall
Treasurer's Annual Report for Accounts year ending 31st December 2016

I present Patcham Memorial Hall's 2016 annual accounts in the Charities' Commission's approved format for cash based accounting charities for the meeting's consideration, approval and adoption. I will be happy to take questions.

INCOME

The meeting will note that the total income year is about £500 more than 2015. The increase arises from almost £1,000 additional income from commercial hirers and nearly £900 more from social dance groups which is offset by:

- other hall rentals and parties which fell by £1,000 and £200 respectively;
- donations fell by just over £320.

Our grateful thanks are due to the Patcham U3A for their support as the largest donor this year, gathered through a £1 a meeting levy. We understand this will end in 2017, but we would encourage leaders of other groups, whose members have contributed to our refurbishment campaign through the orange donation boxes, to continue, hopefully generating over £1,000 annually in user donations.

EXPENSES

Our accounts are presented on a cash basis, and you will note that total expenses were almost £9,000 more than 2015. The increase was caused by major capital expenditures on the roof £12,000 (as against £8,400 in 2015) and £3,200 for the easy access ramp together with the heater replacement cost of £1,900. Over the past two years £23,600 has been disbursed from our reserves to complete these repairs/enhancements.

Full discretionary rate relief by Brighton & Hove City Council continues to reduce annual expenditure by £1,500 in 2016, however, Central Government cutbacks mean that this discretionary rate reliefs is under pressure. We are currently appealing the council's decision to charge the hall 5% business rates in 2016.

As our income is less than £25,000 the Charity Commission does not require Patcham Memorial Hall to have an audit, accordingly I propose, with the meeting's approval, that these accounts be considered and adopted.

FUNDING

We were successful in our search for funds for the easy access toilets and general improvements as Patcham Memorial Hall was adopted by Aviva's Community fund and The Coop Community Local Causes fund. We received £11,100 from these sources, which will be fully reported on in the 2017 report, as receipt and disbursement was in the following financial year.

Hugh Woodhouse
Honorary Treasurer
21st September 2017