

PATCHAM MEMORIAL HALL

Registered Charity 213464

Treasurer's Annual Report for Accounts year ending 31st December 2018

I present the Patcham Memorial Hall's 2018 draft annual accounts in the Charity Commission's approved format for cash-based accounting for the meeting's consideration and approval.

In 2017 the draft accounts were inspected as PMH's donation and hire income exceeded the Charity Commission's self reporting £25,000 income limit. As Income in 2018 was under this amount, PMH is only required to self report. I will be happy to take questions at any time.

INCOME

The meeting will note that 2018's total income in-year is lower by almost £13,000, when compared with 2017. This is explained by the Charity having received two grant-aided sums in the previous year, which we did not achieve for 2018, despite making an application, as covered in the Chair's report (ie. an Aviva grant £9,500, £3,500 from the Coop Community Fund).

Social Dance rental income is some £1,000 greater this year, which helps to offset a reduced 'Other' Hall Rental. This is significant to note, as it is potentially a result of our improved facilities and refurbishments over the last three years, and word-of-mouth publicity for the Hall being passed to dance groups.

Cash donations doubled from last year, with £496 being generated from 'Celebrating the Peace' including £30 from businesses in the village who sponsored the Pax Roses for the memorial event (RT Williams Ltd, Delibeau Café and the Interior Landscaping Company). The U3A's regular meeting collection of £531 continues to be a generous contribution, and we are very grateful for their continuing support.

EXPENSES

Renovations in 2017 having been completed, there was no major capital expenditure in 2018, and total expenses were just over £14,000. £6776 was spent on two projects to protect the hall's fabric and enhance facilities to better serve our community, viz. refurnishing and repairing fixtures and fittings in the room previously used as a second kitchen, following a decision to provide additional storage for hirers' and the Hall's equipment. Secondly, the Hall's electrical circuitry was replaced to meet with capacity issues rendered by users' changing needs, as advised by experts after the annual fire and capacity safety check. The toilet block work, started in 2017, was completed with funds from Coop Community Fund, which adopted PMH as a community cause that year.

95% discretionary rate relief by Brighton & Hove City Council reduces annual expenditure. We have again appealed the council's 2018 decision to charge the hall 5% business rates, because we believe that the Hall provides a significant level of community benefit to the city to justify a full business rates relief.

I propose, with the meeting's approval, the adoption of the draft 2018 accounts.

FUTURE FUNDING

In 2018 no grants and funds were received, despite applications to a number of potential Funders. Recently we have been invited to apply again to the Coop Community Fund, and we intend to approach a number of other providers, for a grant to cover a full audio hearing loop system and to finish the refurbishment of the stage.

Hugh Woodhouse Honorary Treasurer 20th June 2019