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Name and Registered Number of Charity

The charity is registered as Farnham Youth Project, 40 Degreez. The registered number is 1000823.

Administration and Management of Charity

The charity is administered and managed by a management committee that is elected annually at the Annual General Meeting.

Scope of Report and Accounts

The report and annexed accounts relate to the operations of the charity only.

Governing Document

The charity operates under a Trust Deed dated 24 September 1990.

Names of Trustees

Current Trustees: Mr Mike Ellis, Dr Pat Lambert, Mrs Janet Maines, Dr Peter Marriott, , Mr Stewart Dakers, Mrs Pam Laslett, Miss Samantha Darrell, Mr David Shakeshaft and Mrs Sally Ross.

Cllr Pat Frost is the current Waverley Borough Council observer.
Cllr Carole Cockburn is the current Farnham Town Council observer.

Dr Pat Lambert stood down as Trustee on 26 June 2017
Miss Samantha Darrell stood down as Trustee on 30 January 2018

Independent Examiner

Mr S G Pritchard, FCA, Binswood Cottage, Oakhanger, Bordon. Hants. GU35 9JW

Objectives and Powers of the Charity

To help young people living in the Farnham area particularly those aged between 15 and 25 to develop their physical, mental and spiritual capacities. To be non-party in politics and non-sectarian and to support the principle of equal opportunity.

To further the objectives it may affiliate to the National Association of Youth Clubs or other similar charitable organisations and do all such other lawful things necessary to attain the objects of the charity.

Review of the Year's Activities

It is now 12 years since the change to 40Degreez from the old Youth Project and it is a good time both for reflection on what has been achieved and a to take a fresh look at the future. With cut backs to their budgets the statutory providers have reduced the amount of the funding that we receive and grant funding is becoming more and more difficult to achieve, particularly in an area like Surrey which it is assumed is a wealthy county. Hence our income increasingly is going to depend on hiring the premises itself.

You will have discovered when you arrived that the Brightwells development is finally about to commence and the Dogflud car park has been closed. There will obviously be pressure on the car park to the rear of the leisure centre and we received a request that we should park

on the basketball court and relinquish our three parking spaces. So far we have managed to prevent this as the basketball court is well used by our clubs and local residents. We do now have a liaison person with Crest Nicholson who is acting as a two way conduit and till now has answered all our questions. We have requested that a pedestrian access to the bus stop in Dogflud Way is a must and good signposting to 40Degreez both from Dogflud Way and the car park entrance in Mike Hawthorn Way is installed. We are anticipating a number of years of disruption so we are working both with Crest Nicholson and Waverley Borough Council to minimise this.

Surrey County Council has more or less ceased to provide actual youth work. Whereas in the past the county council ran two clubs at 40Degreez, one on Tuesday evening and one on Wednesday evening they are currently not running.

The final upgrade to the building planned is a minor change to the admin office in order that access is obtained via the entrance hall and not from the main hall itself which is difficult for our office staff and disruptive for the users of the main hall, which in the mornings are mainly parents and toddlers.

This year we have had two excellent youth workers, Simon, the lead and Sue. Unfortunately Sue will be leaving us at the end of July to have a major career change and we wish her well. However that does mean we shall be advertising for her replacement as soon as possible in order to be able to continue with the clubs that currently are taking place. We have always based our work with young people where there is a need. Currently that is an after school club for year 6 to year 7 to help with the changeover from junior to secondary education. A club which also runs after school for youngsters with special needs, mainly from the Abbey School and the 'Health Hub' named by the young people as 'The Wey Station' on a Friday evening. There is a huge problem with youngsters between about 11 and 16 and there are leaflets on the chairs describing the kind of help that is on offer at this club. Perhaps that is enough of where we are now but what of the future.

I have asked Mike, Simon and Sue to give us a short presentation of what they have planned for the future, particularly taking note of the lack of youth provision by the county council

The Trustees recently had what we describe as a 'Blue Sky' meeting where ideas could be proposed and we are still getting feedback from that meeting.

One possibility is to employ for a brief period a marketing person to guide us to ensure wider use of what is now a very attractive building with many different size rooms. Opportunities are opening up to attract the wider public in order to increase our funding for the youth work that we could provide. This needs to be discussed with Surrey County Council when they have finally completed their reorganisation.

Are there other providers of youth work in Farnham that would use 40Degreez, as the Vineyard Church do currently, could we work more closely with Wrecclesham community centre where SCC were running a youth club which is likely to be discontinued.

We have WiFi throughout the building and telephones in every room. We need to develop better contact with the secondary schools and even with the Alternative Learning Centre based upstairs at 40Degreez.

We need to look at our Trustee position as we need some new blood, those of us that were here from the beginning feel that it is time for a change but Trustees are very hard to find and probably we have not been using them well enough. The three levels of council reduced their Trustee membership to simply being observers and even that, apart from Carol from the Town Council, who has been involved from the beginning of 40Degreez, has ceased. We thank Carol for that continued involvement.

A glance at our website under bookings will give an idea of current uses and it can be seen that there is real opportunity for greater use at weekends. It would be great to be able to employ a caretaker and we do need to work more closely with the Leisure Centre who we believe do have somebody!

As I wrote at the beginning, now is a time for reflection but also an opportunity to provide a holistic service for both young people and Farnham as a whole.

I will close now by thanking our admin staff who between them really DO keep 40Degreez on the right road but also our current youth leaders who have had to deal with problems of GDPR and at times rather too many youngsters keen to attend the clubs!

Finally I would like to thank our current Trustees and those leaving the board but who are not necessarily losing contact with 40Degreez, for their support and special thanks for the support and guidance from John Goodman, our guru on most things.

I have been saying it for a few years but now I must stress that this coming year will really be my last year. Tempus fugit I am afraid!

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Financial Information

Form and Content of Accounts

The Charities Act 2011, in addition to requiring all registered charities to prepare annual reports, also to prescribe the statutory framework for the accounts of Charities.

Charities with income of less than £250,000 may prepare accounts on the “receipts and payments” basis for which there are no regulations for the form or contents of the accounts. The Trustees have used this basis for the Charity’s accounts in the past, although they do now consider both amounts due to the charity at the year end, together with carrying forward, as deferred income, any specific grants or donations not spent by the year end.

Accounts

In broad terms the Charity started the year with net funds of £59,013 (£11,701 – Revenue Fund and £47,312 – Other Reserve funds). Income was £58,374 (£58,372 – Revenue Fund and £2 – Special Project Fund). The expenses were £65,365 (£63,955 - Revenue Fund and £1,400- Maintenance Fund). The end of year net balance is £52,032 (Revenue Fund - £6,118 & Other Reserve Funds - £45,914)

The annual report was approved by the committee including the Trustees on the ??

Mrs J Maines

Dr P Marriott

Trustee

Trustee

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Statement of Trustees Responsibilities in Respect of the Accounts

The Trustees are responsible for preparing accounts for each financial year, which gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the income and expenditure of the charity for the period. In preparing these accounts, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- prepare the accounts on an ongoing basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF 40 DEGREEZ CENTRE

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2018, which are set out on pages 7 - 9.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145 (5)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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