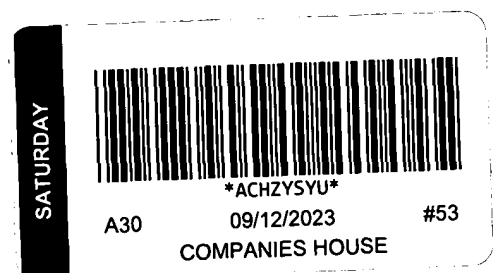


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**FLINTSHIRE LOCAL VOLUNTARY COUNCIL
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**



FLINTSHIRE LOCAL VOLUNTARY COUNCIL

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Mr. T Byram
Mr. J D Hatton
Ms. P M Perry
Ms. B Roberts
Ms. J M Thomson
Mr. P Agnew
Ms. K Armstrong (Appointed 8 September 2022)
Mr. I Papworth (Appointed 8 September 2022)
Mr. D Wisinger (Appointed 8 September 2022)

Secretary

Ms A Woods

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FLINTSHIRE LOCAL VOLUNTARY COUNCIL

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FLINTSHIRE LOCAL VOLUNTARY COUNCIL

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)".

Objectives and activities

Flintshire Local Voluntary Council (FLVC) is an umbrella organisation for voluntary and community groups in Flintshire.

FLVC is tasked by the Welsh Government to provide a wide range of services to the voluntary sector and is a member of the Third Sector Infrastructure Body, Third Sector Support Wales (TSSW) which combines the work of the national body, Wales Council for Voluntary Action and the nineteen County Voluntary Councils across Wales.

FLVC's vision is for a strong and effective voluntary and community sector involving and serving the people of Flintshire.

FLVC's mission is to support, develop and promote voluntary and community activity in Flintshire and to strengthen the capacity of voluntary and community groups to contribute to the quality of life of Flintshire people and communities.

FLVC works within the framework of agreed National Core Service Standards incorporated in the National Infrastructure Agreement that form part of the TSSW Business Plan. The aim of the plan is to build a Wales that is prosperous and secure, healthy and active, ambitious and learning, and united and connected.

Third Sector Support Wales has an impact measurement framework within four areas of work:

- Good governance
- Effective influencing and strategic engagement
- Volunteering
- Sustainable funding

Flintshire Local Voluntary Council's Core Values (as stated within the Strategic Plan) are:

Quality - Delivering high quality services via a skilled, trained and motivated workforce

Responsibility - Responding to relevant policy and legislative change through regular consultation and engagement with all stakeholders

Partnership - Representing and empowering members and promoting the uniqueness and effectiveness of Third Sector support to our communities

Equality - Ensuring our practice reflects and responds to the diverse needs of the sector and the population of Flintshire

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

FLINTSHIRE LOCAL VOLUNTARY COUNCIL

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Significant activities

2022/23 saw FLVC's staff adapting to a hybrid model of working, combining home-based and office based attendance with outreach work across Flintshire and North Wales. Bespoke training, support and networking opportunities were provided to support Third Sector organisations as they adapted to resuming face-to-face working.

FLVC continued the work funded by Cadwyn Clwyd (Reset, Resume and Rebound) which provided dedicated resource to support Community Venues and Community-based projects to re-establish their services as Covid restrictions eased and also provided access to support for energy efficiency.

FLVC's supported volunteering projects have helped very many individuals to develop their confidence and skills to access volunteering within the wider community.

FLVC's Social Prescribing service continued its expansion in 2022/23 – enabling Flintshire residents to explore What Matters to them and to help them to access voluntary and community-based support. The team work within Flintshire Single Point of Access (for adults) and the Early Help Hub (for Children and Families)

FLVC continued to administer a number of grant funds which support local voluntary and community groups. The Youth Led Grant scheme, funded by the Welsh Government, is distributed by a group of young people with the support of FLVC. Flintshire Local Voluntary Council also administer the local authority's Community Chest Fund and support the distribution of funds through the Gwynt y Mor Community Project.

Support continues for Flintshire's Community Asset Transfer process, with FLVC staff and a trustee representative working closely with local authority staff to support potential applications.

Representation and partnership support

FLVC has continued to represent the third sector within a range of Strategic Partnerships. Flintshire Local Voluntary Council is an invited participant on the Public Services Board of Flintshire and represents the Third Sector at various sub-groups of the PSB.

The Chief Officer and the Third Sector Development Managers attend various regional partnerships and work with WCVA, the national body, on various steering groups and panels, including those leading development regarding the Core Service areas of work - Volunteering, Good Governance, Sustainable Funding and Engagement and Influencing – and also Impact Measurement and Safeguarding Services.

Quality Assurance

FLVC continues to work towards Trusted Charity Status, having achieved the PQASSO Quality mark (the previous Charity Commission endorsed Quality Standard) in 2018.

Flintshire Local Voluntary Council has the Investing in Volunteers Quality Standard, reflecting their work to develop high standards in recruiting, training and supporting volunteers.

FLINTSHIRE LOCAL VOLUNTARY COUNCIL

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Achievements and performance

Charitable activities

The following statistics give an indication of the range of services provided by FLVC in 2022/23:

- There were over 19,500 visits to our website www.flvc.org.uk
- FLVC enabled Voluntary and Community Groups to access over £1,400,000 of funding from a wide range of sources. £78,286 of funding was awarded through our Grant schemes.
- FLVC's network and partnership events attracted over 400 attendees throughout the year
- 497 individuals were brokered into volunteering and 93 individuals were provided with additional support to volunteer
- FLVC's Social Prescribing team supported 1,503 Flintshire residents (as part of the Single Point of Access Adult support team) and 287 families through Flintshire's Early Help Hub

Internal and external factors

Trustees continue to be actively involved in shaping future plans for the organisation and reviewing performance through sub-committees and working groups. Trustee meetings have taken advantage of web conference technology to ensure the continuation of effective governance of the organisation.

Financial review

Total incoming resources for the year amounted to £597,273 (2022: £929,307)

Total resources expended during the year amounted to £642,054 (2022: £750,357)

Net incoming/ (outgoing) resources for the year amounted to (£44,781) (2022: £178,950)

The Fund balances at 31 March 2023 amounted to £613,470 (2022: £658,251)

Reserves policy

FLVC has a Reserves Policy which guides the trustees in their deliberations about future security and contingencies.

The trustees have reviewed these costs and at 31 March 2023 believe them to be: staff redundancy £42,000, premises repairs and renewals £5,000, contribution to one year's lease payments at £35,000 to cover risks to rental payments, and information technology equipment replacement £3,000. The individual elements amount to £85,000 and the trustees would like to designate an unrestricted reserve for this amount.

Principal funding sources

FLVC continues to enjoy a reasonably stable, if reducing, platform of core funding. FLVC received funding from the following primary sources:

Welsh Government;
Wales Council for Voluntary Action;
Flintshire County Council;
Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board;
Regional Integration Fund (formerly ICF)
Families First;
Cadwyn Clwyd.

Risk factors

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

FLINTSHIRE LOCAL VOLUNTARY COUNCIL

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Future plans

Although the funding environment in which the third sector is operating remains uncertain and very challenging, FLVC is still identifying and exploiting opportunities which ensure that the organisation continues to deliver good quality sustainable services. Our priorities remain:

- Working collaboratively with Statutory, Private and Third Sector partners to deliver Quality Public services;
- Collaborating with Third Sector Support Wales partners to make the best use of resources;
- Developing services that help to maximise the impact of the Third Sector as a whole.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is a company limited by guarantee. The charity is controlled by its governing document, its Memorandum and Articles of Association, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Ms. R Bidwell	(Resigned 30 April 2022)
Mr. W D Brereton	(Resigned 30 April 2022)
Mr. T Byram	
Mr. J D Hatton	
Mr. P A Hinchliffe	(Retired 8 September 2022)
Ms. P M Perry	
Ms. B Roberts	
Ms. J M Thomson	
Mr. L Tiratira	(Resigned 30 April 2022)
Mr. P Agnew	
Ms. K Armstrong	(Appointed 8 September 2022)
Mr. I Papworth	(Appointed 8 September 2022)
Mr. D Wisinger	(Appointed 8 September 2022)

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The charity can have up to 15 trustees, 12 of whom are nominated and elected by the membership and three can be appointed by the trustees. Only one third of the trustee places are eligible for nomination each year so balancing continuity with renewal. The charity presently has 9 trustees.

None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £10 in the event of a winding up.

Organisational structure

The FLVC Board meets at least five times each year and has a number of sub-committees reporting to it and overseeing finances, personnel issues and particular service areas. The trustees delegate to the Chief Officer and the management team and, through them, to staff teams the day to day operation of the organisation. Trustees require regular progress reports on services and activities and scrutinise and approve budgets and financial reports. Trustees also take responsibility, with support from staff, for the development and approval of all necessary policies and procedures and for the recruitment and appointment of staff. FLVC contracts with Ellis Whittam Limited (now WorkNest) to receive legal advice on Personnel and Health & Safety issues.

Induction and training of new trustees

All trustees are provided with an induction pack and new trustees attend an induction course. Trustees can access training which is relevant to their role and can shadow more experienced colleagues to learn a particular role in more detail.

FLINTSHIRE LOCAL VOLUNTARY COUNCIL

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Statement of Public Benefit

The objects of Flintshire Local Voluntary Council as stated in the Memorandum of Association are as follows "...to promote any charitable purposes for the benefit of the community in Wales with particular preference to the Local Government District of Flintshire (or its successors) which now or hereafter may be deemed by law to be charitable".

The trustees have taken note of the Charity Commission's guidance on "public benefit" and trust that this report reflects that guidance. FLVC discharges its responsibility under "public benefit" by providing a range of support services to other voluntary organisations and charities as set out in this report.

In particular it supports, but not exclusively, those with the following charitable purposes:

- the prevention or relief of poverty
- the advancement of education
- the advancement of health or saving of lives
- the advancement of citizenship or community development
- the advancement of arts, culture, heritage or science
- the advancement of amateur sport
- the advancement of animal welfare
- the advancement of environmental protection or improvement
- the advancement of human rights
- the relief of those in need, by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage

Related parties

FLVC collaborates with a wide range of partners at local, regional and national levels. These include public bodies and other third sector organisations. The purpose of the collaboration can be to develop new projects and services, to secure additional resources or to represent the interests of the third sector.

It receives significant core funding from the Welsh Government (administered by WCVA), through the National Infrastructure Agreement. The charity builds on this core funding by attracting support from a range of sources, including Flintshire County Council, Wales Council for Voluntary Action, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (BCUHB) and Families First.

Where trustees have any links with related parties these are declared on a register and trustees are required to declare any potential conflict of interest at any meeting where this may arise. Appropriate action is then taken by the chair of the meeting.

FLINTSHIRE LOCAL VOLUNTARY COUNCIL

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees, who are also the directors of Flintshire Local Voluntary Council for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company Law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. 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.

Auditor

The auditors, Azets Audit Services, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Ms A Woods

Secretary

Dated:

12/10/2023

FLINTSHIRE LOCAL VOLUNTARY COUNCIL

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF FLINTSHIRE LOCAL VOLUNTARY COUNCIL

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Flintshire Local Voluntary Council (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

FLINTSHIRE LOCAL VOLUNTARY COUNCIL

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF FLINTSHIRE LOCAL VOLUNTARY COUNCIL

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees, who are also the directors of the charity for the purpose of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above and on the Financial Reporting Council's website, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud.

We obtain and update our understanding of the entity, its activities, its control environment, and likely future developments, including in relation to the legal and regulatory framework applicable and how the entity is complying with that framework. Based on this understanding, we identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. This includes consideration of the risk of acts by the entity that were contrary to applicable laws and regulations, including fraud.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, including fraud, we designed procedures which included:

- Enquiry of management and those charged with governance around actual and potential litigation and claims as well as actual, suspected and alleged fraud;
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- Assessing the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations considered to have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the entity through enquiry and inspection;
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- Performing audit work over the risk of management bias and override of controls, including testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business and reviewing accounting estimates for indicators of potential bias.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF FLINTSHIRE LOCAL VOLUNTARY COUNCIL

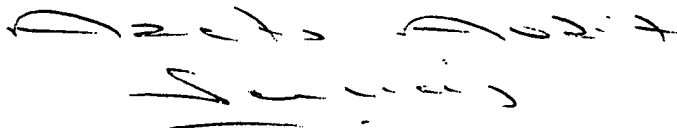
Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Jonathan Ward
(Senior Statutory Auditor)
Azets Audit Services

7/11/2023

Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor



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Azets Audit Services is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

FLINTSHIRE LOCAL VOLUNTARY COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

		Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
	Notes						
Income from:							
Donations and grants	5	-	575,910	575,910	-	913,278	913,278
Other trading activities	3	2,286	-	2,286	3,732	-	3,732
Investments	4	1,918	-	1,918	78	-	78
Other income	6	-	17,159	17,159	-	12,219	12,219
Total income		4,204	593,069	597,273	3,810	925,497	929,307
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	7	3,317	638,737	642,054	1,550	748,807	750,357
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		887	(45,668)	(44,781)	2,260	176,690	178,950
Gross transfers between funds		15,000	(15,000)	-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure) for the year/							
Net movement in funds		15,887	(60,668)	(44,781)	2,260	176,690	178,950
Fund balances at 1 April 2022		74,473	583,778	658,251	72,213	407,088	479,301
Fund balances at 31 March 2023	17	90,360	523,110	613,470	74,473	583,778	658,251

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

FLINTSHIRE LOCAL VOLUNTARY COUNCIL

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	13		-		1,277
Current assets					
Debtors	14	58,741		112,326	
Cash at bank and in hand		611,663		621,479	
		670,404		733,805	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	(56,934)		(76,831)	
Net current assets			613,470		656,974
Total assets less current liabilities			613,470		658,251
Income funds					
Restricted funds	16		523,110		583,778
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
Designated funds	18	85,000		70,000	
General unrestricted funds		5,360		4,473	
			90,360		74,473
			613,470		658,251

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 March 2023, although an audit has been carried out under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011.

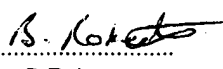
The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements under the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on


Mr. J D Hatton
Trustee


Ms. B Roberts
Trustee

Company registration number 03301204

FLINTSHIRE LOCAL VOLUNTARY COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash absorbed by operations	23		(11,734)		(47,316)
Investing activities					
Investment income received		1,918		78	
Net cash generated from investing activities			1,918		78
Net cash used in financing activities			-		-
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents			(9,816)		(47,238)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			621,479		668,717
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			611,663		621,479

FLINTSHIRE LOCAL VOLUNTARY COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Flintshire Local Voluntary Council is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is CORLAN, Unit 3, Mold Business Park, Wrexham Road, Mold, Flintshire, CH7 1XP, United Kingdom.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's [governing document], the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

There is no evidence of a reduction to funding in the next 12 months, supported by the budgets prepared by management, so it is felt that the going concern assumption remains appropriate.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Designated funds are income funds of the charity which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Voluntary income includes donations, activity income and grants that provide core funding and are recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability. This income is only deferred if the donor specifies that the grant must only be used in a future accounting period or there are conditions imposed which must be met before the charity has unconditional entitlement.

1.5 Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

FLINTSHIRE LOCAL VOLUNTARY COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Charitable activities

Charitable activities include the expenditure of grant disbursements and the running costs of the charity. Grants payable are payments to third parties in the furtherance of the charitable objectives of the charity. They are accounted for when the recipient has a reasonable expectation that they will receive the grant and the trustees have agreed to pay the grant; conditions will be applied to some grants payable while other grants payable will be payable without conditions.

Provision is made for any grant money potentially repayable to the funding body as a result of an underspend in the period of the grant.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	25% on cost
Office equipment	33% on cost

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, and other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

1.9 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

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1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.11 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

1.12 Leases

Rentals payable under operating leases, including any lease incentives received, are charged as an expense on a straight line basis over the term of the relevant lease.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

There are no critical accounting estimates and judgements.

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3 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2023	2022
	£	£
Administration services and other receipts	2,286	3,732

4 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2023	2022
	£	£
Interest receivable	1,918	78

5 Donations and grants

	Restricted funds	Restricted funds
	2023	2022
	£	£
Grants receivable	575,910	913,278
Grants receivable for activities		
Welsh Council for Voluntary Action	193,508	189,859
Welsh Council for Voluntary Action - Covid Response	-	70,119
Flintshire County Council	69,567	159,567
Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board	124,730	70,771
Welsh Government - Families First & Early Years	74,325	148,740
Charitable Bodies	27,903	32,080
Grants received for distribution	94,757	242,142
Other	(8,880)	-
	575,910	913,278

Grants received for distribution were:

Flintshire County Council - Community Chest	£36,510
Flintshire County Council - Summer of Fun	£10,000
Flintshire County Council - Connect Communities	£22,727
Welsh Council for Voluntary Action	£5,000
Families First Hub	£9,000
BCUHB - CAMHS grant fund for distribution	£11,520

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6 Other income

	Restricted funds	Restricted funds
	2023	2022
	£	£
Grant administration; management fees and other receipts	17,159	12,219

The grants disbursements refunded to FLVC are grants repaid to FLVC by third party organisations unable to comply with the conditions of funding. Any disbursements refunded will be made available to other third party organisations that will be able to comply with the conditions of funding.

7 Charitable activities

	Charitable Expenditure 2023	Charitable Expenditure 2022
	£	£
Staff costs	439,528	403,577
Volunteers and training	12,246	3,119
Staff training and expenses	8,626	7,840
Contractors and consultants	343	1,199
	<u>460,743</u>	<u>415,735</u>
Grant disbursements (see note 8)	78,286	237,652
Share of support costs (see note 9)	85,092	81,324
Share of governance costs (see note 9)	17,933	15,646
	<u>642,054</u>	<u>750,357</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	3,317	1,550
Restricted funds	638,737	748,807
	<u>642,054</u>	<u>750,357</u>

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8 Grant disbursements

	Charitable Expenditure 2023 £	Charitable Expenditure 2022 £
Grants to institutions:		
Grant disbursements - Community Chest	31,145	27,759
Grant disbursements - Youth Led Grants	5,450	5,000
Grant disbursements - WCVA VSRF Covid-19	-	21,048
Grant disbursements - Transformation Fund (Early Help)	-	10,482
Grant disbursements - Learning Disability	-	1,000
Grant disbursements - Mental Health & Learning Disabilities WPF	-	96,038
Grant disbursements - WCVA Winter Pressures	-	41,172
Grant disbursements - Transformation Fund (Holway)	-	14,983
Grant disbursements - Loneliness & Social Isolation Fund	22,691	20,170
Grant disbursements - FCC Summer of Fun	10,000	-
Grant disbursements - Platiau Plant Healthy Eating	9,000	-
	<u>78,286</u>	<u>237,652</u>

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9 Support costs

	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2023 Support costs £	Governance costs £	2022 £
Depreciation	1,277	-	1,277	2,481	2,481
Telephone and office expenses	28,519	-	28,519	22,499	22,499
Rent and rates	34,300	-	34,300	34,913	34,913
Light and heat	7,380	-	7,380	2,322	2,322
Repairs and maintenance	4,235	-	4,235	3,122	3,122
Premises insurance	1,540	-	1,540	1,182	1,182
Publicity and websites	2,729	-	2,729	10,162	10,162
Insurance and indemnities	2,122	-	2,122	2,287	2,287
Bank charges	595	-	595	44	44
Subscriptions and sundries	2,395	-	2,395	2,312	2,312
Audit and accountancy	-	6,846	6,846	-	4,200
Trustees and expenses	-	835	835	-	201
AGM expenses	-	1,984	1,984	-	1,791
Professional fees	-	8,268	8,268	-	9,454
	<u>85,092</u>	<u>17,933</u>	<u>103,025</u>	<u>81,324</u>	<u>96,970</u>
Analysed between					
Charitable activities	<u>85,092</u>	<u>17,933</u>	<u>103,025</u>	<u>81,324</u>	<u>96,970</u>

Governance costs includes payments to the auditors of £3,500 (2022- £1,900) for audit fees.

10 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

Expenses were paid to trustees in the current year and the previous year to reimburse the trustees for travel expenses and other incidental costs incurred in the performance of their duties as trustees. During the year expenses totalling £835 were paid to trustees (2022: £201 paid to trustees).

11 Employees

The average monthly number of full time equivalent employees during the year with all employee time involved in providing support to the charity was:

2023 Number	2022 Number
<u>17</u>	<u>14</u>

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11 Employees (Continued)

Employment costs	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	415,966	383,048
Pension cost	22,133	20,529
Recruitment	1,429	-
	<u>439,528</u>	<u>403,577</u>

There were no unused holiday entitlement for employees' services at 31 March 2023

There are no employees in the current year with emoluments in excess of £60,000 per annum.

Standard Life continues to provide a staff pension scheme with a 6% contribution from Flintshire Local Voluntary Council.

12 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

13 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings £	Office equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2022	27,849	41,157	69,006
At 31 March 2023	27,849	41,157	69,006
Depreciation and impairment			
At 1 April 2022	27,849	39,880	67,729
Depreciation charged in the year	-	1,277	1,277
At 31 March 2023	27,849	41,157	69,006
Carrying amount			
At 31 March 2023	-	-	-
At 31 March 2022	-	1,277	1,277

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14 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	22,727	39,269
Other debtors	25,339	56,949
Prepayments and accrued income	10,675	16,108
	<u>58,741</u>	<u>112,326</u>

15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Deferred income	37,300	54,572
Trade creditors	8,229	-
Other creditors	4	-
Accruals	11,401	22,259
	<u>56,934</u>	<u>76,831</u>

Deferred income comprises grant income received which as a condition of the donor relates to a future accounting period.

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16 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds			Movement in funds			Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2023
	Balance at 1 April 2021	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 1 April 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended		
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Engagement and influencing	72,482	104,480	(63,944)	113,018	95,692	(59,760)	(5,000)	143,950
Funding and governance	47,086	131,306	(107,878)	70,514	102,248	(130,347)	-	42,415
Volunteering	174,517	185,631	(155,611)	204,537	120,686	(160,298)	(5,000)	159,925
Health and social care	113,003	261,938	(183,722)	191,219	179,686	(210,046)	(5,000)	155,859
Grant funds	-	242,142	(237,652)	4,490	94,757	(78,286)	-	20,961
	<u>407,088</u>	<u>925,497</u>	<u>(748,807)</u>	<u>583,778</u>	<u>593,069</u>	<u>(638,737)</u>	<u>(15,000)</u>	<u>523,110</u>

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16 Restricted funds

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Engagement and Influencing

FLVC promotes third sector organisations, services and activities to statutory partners. FLVC represents the third sector at strategic planning and partnership groups. FLVC promotes partnership working within the third sector and across sectors.

Funding and Governance

FLVC provides expertise on grants, sustainable funding, fundraising from private sources, local funding opportunities, commissioning, tendering, funding applications, planning, project management and financial management.

FLVC provides high quality, individual support and advice on all aspects of setting up and running a group or organisation.

Volunteering

FLVC matches individuals looking to volunteer with local and national organisations who are looking for people to help them and to help the individual find a role in volunteering that is ideal for them.

FLVC helps organisations to recruit and manage volunteers.

Health and Social Care

FLVC facilitates the development of effective partnership working between Health, Social Care, Third and Independent Sector services. FLVC works in partnership to strengthen the contribution of the Third Sector in the provision of Well-being Services across Flintshire.

Grant Funds

FLVC works with Funding Bodies in the disbursement of specific grants to numerous voluntary and community organisations.

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17 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2023	2023	2023	2022	2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 March 2023 are represented by:					
Tangible assets	-	-	-	1,277	1,277
Current assets/(liabilities)	90,360	523,110	613,470	73,196	656,974
	<u>90,360</u>	<u>523,110</u>	<u>613,470</u>	<u>74,473</u>	<u>658,251</u>

18 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 April 2021	Transfers	Balance at 1 April 2022	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Designated reserve	70,000	-	70,000	15,000	85,000
	<u>70,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>70,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>85,000</u>

19 Operating lease commitments

At the reporting end date the charity had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases, which fall due as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Within one year	23,244	23,244
Between two and five years	-	23,244
	<u>23,244</u>	<u>46,488</u>

The operating lease consists of rental agreement with B A Commerical from 1 March 2019 to 28 February 2029 with a break clause at 1 March 2024

20 Capital commitments

As at 31 March 2023 the charity had no capital commitments (2022 - none).

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21 Legal status of the charity

The charity is a company limited by guarantee. The liability of the members is therefore limited. In accordance with the Memorandum of Association every member of the charity undertakes to contribute such amount as may be required (not exceeding £10) to the charity's assets if it should be wound up whilst they are a member or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member.

22 Related party transactions

Related party disclosures

Flintshire Local Voluntary Council provides services and grant funding to other voluntary and community groups and, in turn, receives funding and resources from a number of external agencies. To minimise and manage any conflict of interest trustees are required to sign a Declaration of Interest form and, where appropriate, declare the particular interest and withdraw from meetings or discussions pertaining to that issue.

The related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2023 were as follows:

Ms JM Thomson £1324 Grant awarded to Home-Start Flintshire

The related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2022 were as follows:

Ms JM Thomson £2725 Grant awarded to Age Connects North East Wales
Ms JM Thomson £6747 Grant awarded to Home-Start Flintshire
Mr J Hatton £2500 Grant awarded to Aura Leisure and Libraries

23 Cash generated from operations	2023 £	2022 £
(Deficit)/surplus for the year	(44,781)	178,950
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(1,918)	(78)
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	1,277	2,481
Movements in working capital:		
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	53,585	(56,944)
(Decrease) in creditors	(2,625)	(1,216)
(Decrease) in deferred income	(17,272)	(170,509)
Cash absorbed by operations	(11,734)	(47,316)