

Treasurer's Report

After becoming a registered charity on 6th June 2019, the committee and volunteers have been working hard to develop usage of the Centre for our local community. We signed a 2 year lease of the building with Dumfries & Galloway Council in September 19.

User group usage has been climbing steadily over a wide range of interest groups. Commercial lets have also been steady, bringing in steady income to cover running costs.

We have successfully applied for funding from a number of organisations including the Calor Gas Rural Fund, the Galloway Association of Glasgow, Wigtown Community Shop and the DGC Common Good Fund, to pay to develop one of the rooms in the Centre for use by those with disabilities and their carers, particularly dementia. Work has begun to paint the room and fit a new kitchen area.

A number of other donations have also been received from individuals, collection buckets in the Centre and at Whithorn Newsagents and the Newton Stewart Young Farmers Club.

Income for the year outside of the grant funding received for the Living Room has covered costs, as below, with a small profit of £1,931:

Total income	£18,243
Less grant funding:	<u>£10,233</u>
Total:	£ 8,010
Total outgoings:	£ 6,079
Balance:	£ 1,931

Had we not been hit by Covid-19 we would have been on course to make approximately £4,000 profit for the year, allowing us to invest in further developments to the building such as window blinds and works to the Art Room to make it fully useable.

We did receive a grant from DGC (in the new financial year so not included in the above figures) to cover expenses whilst the venue is closed and this will certainly help to cushion the lack of income for a while to come.

Covid-19 notwithstanding, we have had a very positive year financially and can only hope that we can continue to develop use of the Centre with different parts of our community to ensure our long- term future.

Sara Matchett
Treasurer