

Stirchley Neighbourhood Forum
Financial Report 2019 - 2020

Firstly, we thank Birmingham City Council for the annual grant that enables Stirchley Neighbourhood Forum to operate for the benefit of the residents of Stirchley Ward.

Secondly, we thank BCC again, this time, for the funding from the Pioneer Ward pot that covered the costs of having a leaflet produced and delivered to each household in the Stirchley Ward during the latter part of the lockdown period. We were one of a number of local groups who had representatives that worked on that project.

You'll see from the annual summary of the figures that we made an annual contribution for being able to use www.stirchley.co.uk which is administered by Mick Jones. So, thank you Mick for making it possible for us to advertise ourselves until such time as we were able to set up our own website.

In August 2019, we were able to hold a Late Summer Bash. We are very grateful for donations received towards the costs of that from Taylor Wimpey, Seven Capital and Oakton's - the local Estate Agent. I know that Pete & Margaret Walker worked very hard in setting up the raffle - including contacting said businesses and others to ask for funds to cover the costs of the prizes and to go towards the running costs of the day's entertainments.

Whilst on this subject, I need to explain that cheques that come in for this event are often made out to the Forum, so we usually, then, transfer said monies to a completely separate account which is used to pay for the running costs of the day; however, on this occasion some of the funds did not get transferred over, so that situation is being addressed. Also, £200 was kindly transferred from the Fun Day account to the Forum account to cover sundries for community events - we didn't need to use it last year but it is available should we need it in the future.

Stirchley Community Church increased its room hire charges last year but was still able to offer us a very favourable rate. However, due to the fact of not being able to hold face-to-face meetings since the end of March, we've spent less than expected on room hire, printing and refreshments. BCC expects forums to use at least 75% of their grant, as we have not been able to do that for the year under current scrutiny - for the reason just stated - an explanation will be included in the annual grant claim form.

- Room Hire:
2018/19: £220 (committee and public meetings)
2019/20: £240 (7 - instead of 11 - public meetings)
- Sundries, refreshments, stationery and printing:
2018/19: £179
2019/20: £115

Our accounts are always independently checked, and I express my gratitude to those who undertake that task for us.

Paula Aubrey
Treasurer, Stirchley Neighbourhood Forum