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WinACC Annual Report 2018/2019

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Message from Jock Macdonald, WinACC's new Chair

Last year Tony Stoller, as Chair of WinACC, in his message started with the question: How much difference does a year make? The question turning around in my mind is: How much difference does six months make? Or it could be, writing as I am on the 15th of October: What about the difference made in six weeks?



Jock Macdonald

Whatever the case, my tenure of Chair over the past six months has been full of interesting times.

Suddenly Climate Change has challenged Brexit as the topic to argue about, whereas previously most people did not want even to go there. The debate is seldom well-informed.

Changing life styles is a scary matter for oldies, and for younger people not changing them is scary too.

This is where governments have to lead at whatever level – local, national, or international. Businesses, too. Particularly large organisations with resources. It is surprising how much they are changing already. The writing is on the wall. Chief Executives can read. The times are exciting.

WinACC's job is to be both flexible and stable at the same time. As a registered charity with scientific knowledge, we can be respected by both local government and businesses that engage locally. Our members and the work they put in are vital in this process.

"WinACC's Vision is a net-zero carbon Winchester District."

Review of 2018/2019

This has been a challenging year of transition, and of developing our partnerships, both new and established. Here is a selection of the activities contributed by WinACC's Action Groups and more:

Built Environment & Transport Action Group: Contributed significantly to WinACC's responses to key consultations on large WCC projects, including the new Sports & Leisure Centre, the Station Approach and the joint HCC/WCC Winchester Movement Strategy. On National Clean Air Day, 21 June 2018, WinACC and partners provided a variety of opportunities for people to learn about the connection between air pollution and the health of people and the planet.

Community Engagement Group: Played a key role with the University and Churches Together in Winchester in coordinating the first Winchester Green Week in October 2018 with over 30 varied events. Also held a screening of the film "Demain" with the University, which provoked interesting discussions on a variety of topics. Introduced "Green Café Conversations" to encourage dialogue on climate issues.

Incredible Edible leads WinACC's membership of the Winchester Sustainable Food Partnership which gained membership of the "Sustainable Food Cities" national network in March 2019.

Waste Action Group ran a successful campaign to introduce kerbside glass collection.

Science & Technology Advisory Panel: Member Bob Whitmarsh's Report "Greenhouse Gas Emissions in Winchester District (8th edition)" was published in November 2018. This report on local emissions is based on official statistics.

Robert Hutchison Young Poets' Competition: This inaugural event was held jointly with the Winchester Poetry Festival, in memory of WinACC's Founder. The prize-giving was held at the University on 4 October 2018 and was a huge success in showcasing the shortlisted young poets' works on theme of "Change". Entries were invited from schools across Hampshire from the 11-16 age groups.



In addition WinACC continued to support WCC's Low Carbon Board to implement its *Twelve Actions for a Lower Carbon Winchester and its Route Map to a Low Carbon Economy*. WinACC also continued to represent WCC on the Hampshire Sustainability and Energy Officers' Group.

2018/2019 In pictures







20 June 2019
CleanAirDay



In numbers

Website visits -
17,028 page views

WinACC News -
20% increase since GDPR legislation to 642 subscribers

Facebook following -
37% increase

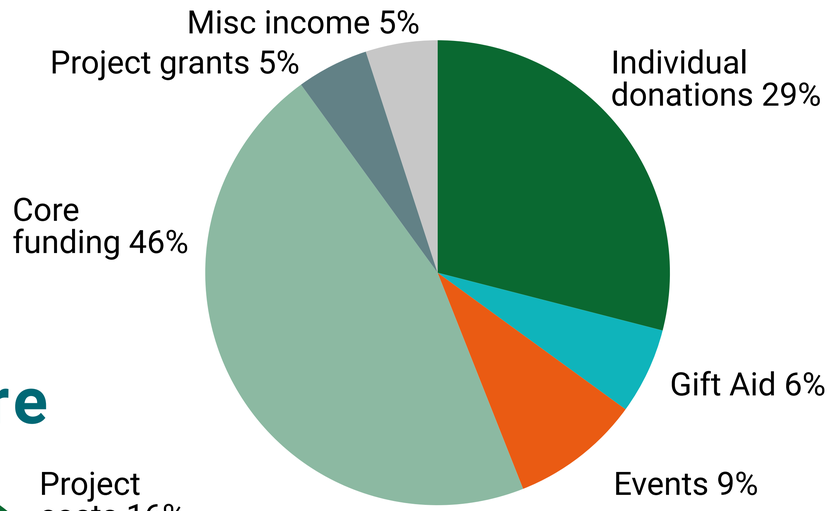
Finance Review

Compared with the results for 2017/18, the Company's income fell from £107,822 to £72,612, largely due to difficulty in replacing large grant-funded projects that contributed to the last period. The Company's investment in rebranding and upgrading its website did not immediately regenerate institutional support as had been hoped. However, a promising pipeline of grant proposals has been re-established.

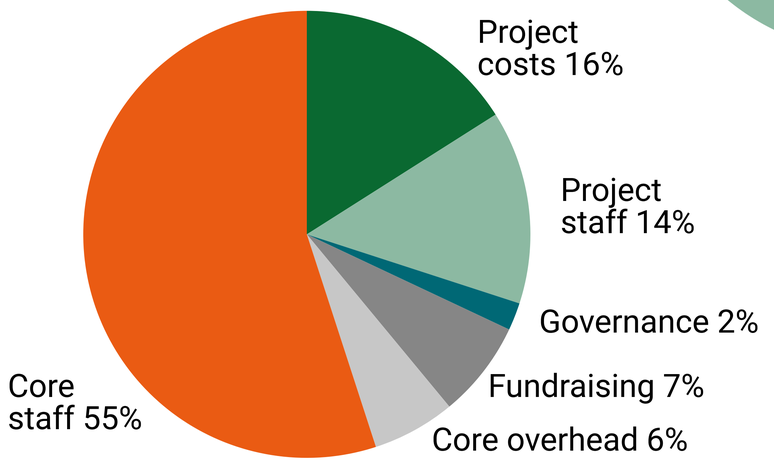
Financial commitment from WinACC's supporters remained encouragingly solid, with Donations increasing slightly to £35,153 from £35,003. Total expenditure fell from £114,979 to £90,070, so that the aggregate decline in the Company's funds over 2018/19 was £17,458. Unrestricted funds fell by £12,433. The Company's reserves of £25,056 at 31st March 2019 represent a satisfactory level, in the upper quartile of the policy range.

Our accounts were signed by the independent examiner, Knight Goodhead Ltd, in September 2019.
Our Year end is 31 March 2019.

Income



Expenditure



WinACC is very grateful to 51 supporters who maintained regular monthly or quarterly donations to the charity and to 17 other individuals who made one-off donations during the year.

We also thank those foundations, institutions and businesses that have supported WinACC in this period, with particular mention of our partnership with the University of Winchester for its continued generous support.



About Us

Our Mission

WinACC's Mission is to play the pivotal role in Winchester becoming one of the first districts to achieve a net-zero carbon footprint. We will build a partnership of local councils, employers and community groups willing to pledge policies and quantifiable actions consistent with the climate crisis.

To underpin this mission, WinACC will build a strong community voice to show that the people of Winchester District want central government, local councils, businesses and key organisations to demonstrate commitment to very ambitious targets for net-zero carbon.

Patrons

Joy Carter CBE, Vice Chancellor University of Winchester

Tim Jackson, Principal, Sparsholt College

Directors and Trustees (at March 2019)

Paul Coverdale, Phil Gagg, Bill Gunyon (Treasurer), Richard Hall (Sustainable Business Network nominee), Liz Harris (University of Winchester nominee; Vice Chair), Jennifer Hobbs Cllr Roger Huxstep (Hampshire County Council nominee), David Jones, Cllr David McLean (Winchester City Council nominee), Mary Tiles, Anne Weir, Bob Whitmarsh

Staff (at March 2019)

Tom Brenan, Jeremy Carter, Alison Skillen, Caroline Tollyfield

What can I do?

Join WinACC

A strong membership gives us more say with politicians, businesses and communities.
Membership is free.
Join online at
https://www.winacc.org.uk/what-can-i-do/join/

Donate

The climate emergency demands skills and experience.
WinACC has a track record of effective local action.
Your donation to Winchester Action on Climate Change shapes a safer future.
To find out how you can donate, look online at
https://www.winacc.org.uk/what-can-i-do/donate/

Our Partners

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