

Annual General Meeting at the Kingdom Hall of Bridgend Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses on 09th June 2011

Bridgend Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses Annual Report for the year ending 31st March 2011

Reference and administration details

Registered Charity No: 1070026

The registered address of the congregation is: The Kingdom Hall, Coychurch Road, Bridgend

On the date that this report was approved, the congregation was administered by the following Trustees:

Chairman: Terence W Herbert

Secretary: Graham P Muschialli

Other Trustees: Geoffrey Lines, Peter Andrews, Ieuan Williams, Thomas H Edmunds, Veron O Daniel, Eddie M Atkins, Leigh Smith, Peter F Hesketh, Terence J Bowen, Bernard Cooper, Peter Davies, Maurice Stevens

The Kingdom Hall in Coychurch Road, Bridgend is held in trust for the congregation by The Kingdom Hall Trust.

Structure, Governance and Management

The congregation is an unincorporated association constituted by Memorandum of Constitution dated 29th May 1997 (The Constitution) The congregation is affiliated with Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Britain (The Society)

New Trustees are selected by the existing trustees from among congregation members, and are duly appointed pursuant to the constitution.

The affairs of the congregation are managed by the trustees who as members of the charity work closely together and meetings are called whenever required, but at least three times a year. All major decisions are made by formal resolutions at meetings of congregation members as provided for in the constitution.

The trustees and other persons engaged in the activities of the congregation have done so on a voluntary unpaid basis.

Objectives, Activities and Public benefit

The constitution restricts the operation of the congregation and the use of its assets to religious purposes. It defines the objects of the congregation as 'the practice and advancement of Christianity founded on the Holy Bible, including the preaching of the Good News of God's Kingdom by Jesus Christ within the congregation area and the holding of meetings for public Christian worship'.

For this purpose the congregation undertakes the following activities: Holding and arranging meetings for public religious worship; teaching of the Bible and the gospel of Christ at these public meetings; teaching and preaching the gospel to the public within the congregation area; distribution of Bibles and other religious literature to the public in the congregation area.

These meetings are provided and ministry engaged in, without charge to adherents or the general public. Both provide opportunities for fellowship along with the praise and worship of God. They serve to advance religious education among both Christian and the wider public by providing training in reading, teaching, and applying the Bible. Further, through the teaching principles of Christian living, which include respect for secular authority, persons and property, and the maintenance of personal morality and family values, individuals are aided to change their lives in harmony with such principles. This affords those who follow the teachings of Jesus an improved moral climate, better marital, employer-employee, and social relationships, and greater happiness and contentment.

The trustees confirm that they have taken into consideration Charity Commission guidance on public benefit in their exercising their powers or duties.

Achievements, Performance and Financial Review

The congregation is primarily funded by voluntary donations made by congregation members and others, supplemented by bank interest. Throughout the year such funds have been used to provide facilities for the holding of regular weekly meetings for worship and Bible study. Donations have been made by congregation members toward the cost of Circuit Assemblies and other Conventions held in the year. Funds have also been donated to the Society to assist them in carrying out their related religious purposes.

Of particular significance in the financial affairs of the congregation was a loan of £50,000 to IBSA to hold for us to support the refurbishment of the Kingdom Hall at a later date.

The charity has a consistent income base, through donations from congregation members, some of which is by tax effective means. Based on this income, we can plan confidently with relatively small reserves. The policy on reserves is to ensure that we have free reserves on hand, not designated for specific purposes or otherwise committed equivalent to not less than 3 months working expenditure. At the year-end, the free reserves were roughly equal to 3 months working expenditure.

These funds are held to finance the future activities of the congregation.

Total funds on hand: £10164.35

Funds reserved for special purpose £50,000 (with IBSA)

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 09th June 2011 and signed on its behalf by:

Chairman.....Secretary.....

Bridgend Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

Charity Number 1070026

Ref: XN50756

Statement of Assets & Liabilities for year ending 31 March 2011

Cash Assets

Cash Balances	
Bank Current Account	£10064.35
Bank Deposit Account	
Cash not banked (Petty Cash)	£100.00
Payments not cleared	

Total **£10164.35**

Less Non Congregational Money (Coach)

SKHF (to balance error)

Actual funds for Congregation use **£10164.35**

Other

Gift Aid Contributions £1371.00

Liabilities

Due for immediate payment

Loans (Repayment within one year on request)

Future and contingent

Other Assets

Retained for Charity's own use:

Place of worship (Footnote A) £500,000.00

Furniture and other contents at place of worship
(Footnote B) £20,000.00

Note

A: Freehold place of worship known as The Kingdom Hall, Coychurch Road, Bridgend, Mid Glamorgan.

B: Furnishings and Equipment at estimated cost in good serviceable condition.