

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**MEETING WITH THE CABINET MEMBER, HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES**

**5 June 2020**

**Report of the Director of Legal Services**

**GRANT TO DERBYSHIRE GYPSY LIAISON GROUP**

**1 Purpose of the Report:**

To consider a grant request from the Derbyshire Gypsy Liaison Group in recognition of its work with Gypsies and Travellers in Derbyshire in the year 2019 -2020.

**2 Information and Analysis:**

A request for a grant for the financial year 2019-2020 has been received from the Derbyshire Gypsy Liaison Group, requesting £3,500.

The Liaison Group is asking for support for its work over the financial year with traditional Romany Gypsies and Irish Travellers. It plays an extremely important role in supporting the three Council owned Traveller sites in Derbyshire. Other activities include assistance with private site planning applications and dealing with issues of education, health and welfare of Travellers. The group also co-ordinate and deliver public events which raise awareness of relevant and important issues, for example, Holocaust Commemoration. Over the years the Authority has held regular discussions with the Liaison Group on issues arising from unauthorised encampments, site management and on developing good practice in dealing with unauthorised encampments.

The Group relies on small annual grants to cover the baseline running costs.

In the year 2018/2019 the group was awarded a grant of £3,500.

It is recommended that a grant of £3,500 be awarded to Derbyshire Gypsy Liaison Group, in recognition of its work in the County over the current year.

**3 Financial Considerations:**

Budgetary provision of £3,500 from the Travellers budget held within Commissioning Communities and Policy has been made to support Traveller organisations in the current year.

**4 Equal Opportunities Considerations:**

Derbyshire Gypsy Liaison Group works to combat discrimination and promote the rights of Gypsies and Travellers in Derbyshire.

**5 Other Considerations:**

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered:

Social Value, prevention of crime and disorder, environmental, health, legal and human rights, personnel and property considerations.

**6 Background Papers:**

The annual report and accounts have been supplied by the Derbyshire Gypsy Liaison Group.

**7 Key Decision:**

No

**8 Call-in:**

Is it required that call-in be waived in respect of the decisions proposed in the report? No

**9 Officer Recommendation:**

That the Derbyshire Gypsy Liaison Group be awarded £3,500 for the year 2019-2020, subject to the County Council's standard conditions of grants.

**Simon Hobbs  
Director of Legal Services**

**DERBYSHIRE GYPSY LIAISON GROUP**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR**

**31 AUGUST 2019**

# **DERBYSHIRE GYPSY LIAISON GROUP**

## **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019**

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# **DERBYSHIRE GYPSY LIAISON GROUP**

## **MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS**

### **The board of the committee**

Jim Burnside  
Dorothy Burnside  
Jim Whiting  
Fiona Read  
Muzelley McCready  
Julie Whiting  
Nigel Groom  
Johanna Price

### **Registered office**

Derbyshire Gypsy Liaison Group  
Offices 1-3 Ladygrove Mill  
Ladygrove Road  
Two Dales, Matlock  
Derbyshire  
DE4 2FG

### **Independent Examiners**

Derby Community Accountancy Service  
Babington Lodge  
128 Green Lane  
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### **Objects**

The Group is established for the benefit of the Gypsy community in the County of Derbyshire, and surrounding area, and in particular to campaign for the human rights of Gypsies, to work to improve their education, health and living conditions, and to promote and organize co-operation in the achievement of these of purposes.

# DERBYSHIRE GYPSY LIAISON GROUP

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31<sup>st</sup> 2019

### Independent Examiner's Report to the Committee of Derbyshire Gypsy Liaison Group

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 August 2019 which are set out on pages 3 to 7.

#### Respective responsibilities of the committee and examiner

The committee are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The committee consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act). It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act) and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

#### Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the organisation and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

#### Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1 Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements
  - to keep accounting records are kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met, or
- 2 to which, in my opinion attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Mark Newey ACMA  
Derby Community Accountancy Service  
Babington Lodge  
128 Green Lane  
Derby

Date

# DERBYSHIRE GYPSY LIAISON GROUP

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31<sup>st</sup> 2019

2018			Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2019
£			£	£	£
30859	<b>Opening Balances</b>		24045	15314	39359
	<b>Receipts</b>				
18648	Grants	note 1	3500	23050	26550
146	Donations		7	0	7
17500	Site grants		17500	0	17500
1234	Training & consultancy		2919	1271	4190
15860	Sundry	note 2	10969	0	10969
0	Interest		0	0	0
<b>53388</b>			<b>34895</b>	<b>24321</b>	<b>59216</b>
	<b>Payments</b>				
5352	Salaries and associated costs		3313	1163	4476
3708	Travel expenses		1120	2245	3366
784	Insurance		782	0	782
24	Education & Training.		0	693	693
5059	Consultancy		1997	6622	8619
1120	Office costs		18	1286	1304
1751	Telephone		273	1611	1884
313	Postage, stationery & printing		680	835	1514
382	Equipment		0	230	230
5160	Rent		2700	2760	5460
16000	Site Fees		12000	0	12000
77	Special Events		0	262	262
5157	Other fees	note 3	8323	572	8895
<b>44887</b>			<b>31207</b>	<b>18278</b>	<b>49485</b>
0	Transfer between funds		0	0	0
<b>8501</b>	<b>Net Movement of Funds for the year</b>		<b>3688</b>	<b>6043</b>	<b>9731</b>
<b>39359</b>	Closing Balances		<b>27733</b>	<b>21357</b>	<b>49090</b>

# DERBYSHIRE GYPSY LIAISON GROUP

## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31<sup>st</sup> 2019

2018			2019
£			£
0	<b>Fixed Assets</b>	note 4	0
	<b>Current Assets</b>		
14268	Balance at bank		23919
25008	Reserve account		25008
82	Petty Cash		163
<u>39359</u>			<u>49090</u>
665	<b>Debtors</b>	note 5	813
0	<b>Less Creditors</b>	note 6	4000
<u>40023</u>	<b>Total Current Asset Value</b>		<u>45904</u>
<u>40023</u>	<b>Total Net Assets</b>		<u>45904</u>

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Chair

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Treasurer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



# DERBYSHIRE GYPSY LIAISON GROUP

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNT

### Note 1

Grants consisted of:-

	Unrestricted Grants £	Restricted Grants £	Total 2019 £	Total 2018 £
Derbyshire County Council	3500	0	3500	3500
5 Ways to Wellbeing	0	0	0	2300
The National LotteryCommunity Fund	0	22500	22500	0
Derbyshire Voluntary Action	0	0	0	360
SEED	0	0	0	3905
Chesterfield Links	0	550	550	1953
Manor 2056 Fund	0	0	0	4200
South Derbyshire CVS	0	0	0	2430
	<b>3500</b>	<b>23050</b>	<b>26550</b>	<b>18648</b>

### Note 2

Sundry income

	Total 2019 £	Total 2018 £
National Federation of Gypsy Liaison Groups	1400	8000
Welfare income	6652	4652
Refunds	2312	60
Sundry	605	3147
	<b>10969</b>	<b>15860</b>

### Note 3

Other fees consisted of :-

	Total 2019 £	Total 2018 £
Welfare	6485	3929
Accountancy	410	380
Bank charges	109	101
Evaluation	90	45
Promotion	90	442
Membership	130	203
Quality assurance	0	57
Planning	1580	0
	<b>8894</b>	<b>5157</b>

# DERBYSHIRE GYPSY LIAISON GROUP

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNT (CONTINUED)

### **Note 4**

#### Equipment

	£
Gross Value as at September 1st 2018	10154
Purchases with a value of more than £500 in the year	<u>0</u>
Gross Value as at August 31st 2019	<u>10154</u>
Depreciation as at September 1st 2018	10154
Depreciation charge for the year (at 25%)	<u>0</u>
Depreciation as at August 31st 2019	<u>10154</u>
Net Value as at August 31st 2018	<u><u>0</u></u>

Purchases of less than £500 have been written off in the year of purchase.

### **Note 5**

#### Debtors

	Total 2019 £	Total 2018 £
National Federation of Gypsy Liaison Groups	208	405
Sundry	<u>605</u>	<u>260</u>
	<u><b>813</b></u>	<u><b>665</b></u>

### **Note 6**

#### Creditors

	Total 2019 £	Total 2018 £
Site fess	4000	0
HM Revenue and Customs	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u><b>4000</b></u>	<u><b>0</b></u>

# DERBYSHIRE GYPSY LIAISON GROUP

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNT (CONTINUED)

### Note 7

Restricted Funds consisted of :-

	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfer between funds	Closing Balance
	£	£	£	£	£
Chesterfield Links	8267	1821	2934	0	7154
The National Lottery Community Fund	0	22500	8297	0	14203
5 Ways to Wellbeing	871	0	871	0	0
Derbyshire Voluntary Action	300	0	300	0	0
SEED	1480	0	1480	0	0
Manor 2056 Fund	4020	0	4020	0	0
South Derbyshire CVS	375	0	375	0	0
	<b>15314</b>	<b>24321</b>	<b>18277</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>21357</b>

# Derbyshire Gypsy Liaison Group Report 2018-2019

### **Chair's report**

DGLG yet again has had another productive year. We have continued working with LINKS and the BME Forums. The forums have given us valuable information on how to help the most sick and vulnerable in our community. We have increased outreach, although Wednesday drop in is still available for those that want to come. The phone line is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Our befriending project helped target those individuals/families that are not on a site and those that are isolated in housing. This last year we were assisted tremendously by lottery funding for three years (two years remaining) This funding has allowed us to fully support the elder and disabled in particular and those that are isolated in housing. J. Price

### **Coordinator's report**

The office is secure for two more years and at the same price, so that is a great relief. The Derbyshire Foundation's the Manor fund funding has now finished, and the lottery funding has enabled us to continue to support roadside elder and disabled and those that are housebound and or carers.

We are still promoting the use of a computer in the office in relation to daily tasks, for example car insurance. A review of costs for many on our books saw that they were paying over a third more in insurance than other people. This is due to many families thinking that if they stick with the same insurance firm, they will have their premium reduced. It can be very stressful especially for older ones to keep their van insurance up to date and not fall into money difficulties. With support to the individual we have saved on average £400.00 per person, which is a lot of money. Many insurance companies refuse to insure Gypsy/Traveller families.

**Derbyshire Gypsy and Traveller Needs Working Group:** DGLG meets with the Derbyshire Gypsy and Traveller Needs Working Group four times a year. The group has worked on updating the Derbyshire wide Gypsy and Inter Agency Guidance. This is a working document and subject to review and change.

### **Befriending and caring**

As we explained to the lottery our befriending to a certain extent morphed into social care. We had to work with agencies and health staff to make sure elder people did not fall through the gaps. Budgets in relation to continuing medical care and personal assistant budgeting have been very much on the agenda this last year. For elder Travellers and Gypsy people, it is difficult navigating the system. Contributions cannot be set up through a Post Office account and as many elder people have Post Office accounts that do not enable Direct Debits to be set up, it can be problematic.

### **Friday phone line**

We use Fridays specifically to catch up with community members who may be feeling lonely or isolated or depressed. The phone line is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10am until 2pm. The phone has a code number attached to it now to help save on costs, so that the messages can be accessed without coming into the office. This is good if bad weather stops travel.

Proportion of work from calls: Education calls are rising due manly to fines issued and confusion over the use of T mark. We have approximately 40-50 calls per week

Education	15% <b>+ 10% from last year</b>
Housing assistance	0 -
Planning advice	20% <b>Approx. the same</b>
Health and welfare	43% <b>+ 3% from last year</b>
Benefits	10% <b>+ 5% from last year</b>
Sign posting to relevant agencies	5% -
Harassment community relations	7% <b>+ 2% from last year</b>

We are members of the Derbyshire Health & Social Care Voluntary Sector Forum. Meetings are held at the Agricultural Centre in Bakewell and Siobhan usually attends these when she can.

We undertake much work in this area. GPs and hospitals have our address for roadside families otherwise they miss appointments as correspondence can go to old addresses. This situation has improved to a certain extent by families now being contacted by phone. However, many elder people do not read texts or can get messages from the phone. We continue to be host office to NFGLG. The phone line split above does not include the NFGLG proportion of calls.

**BME Forums** We attend the BME meetings (hosted by LINKS) every two months. We supported Derbyshire Carers access to the community with their review checks (part of BME Links project). We have been able to assist in getting respite care and carers grants. We also continued to hold a contract with Links in relation to the BME Mental Health Community Scheme. The service is to achieve the following aims:

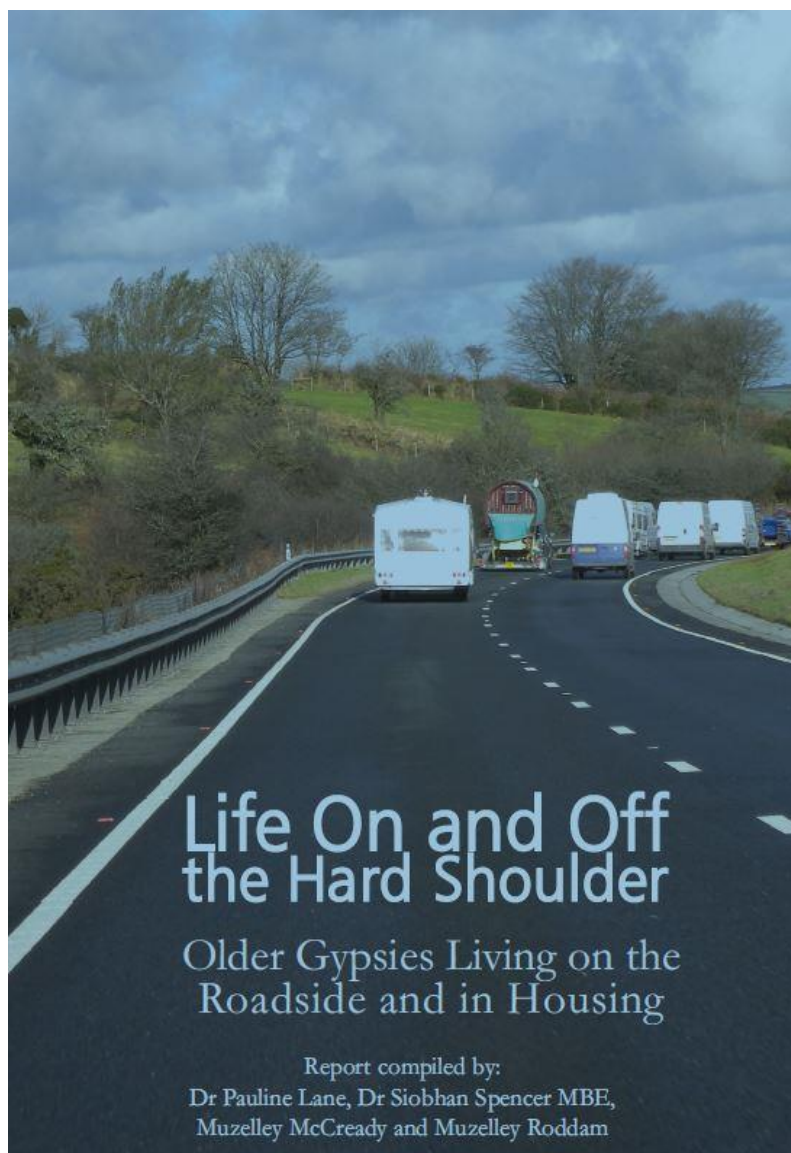
- 1.1 Work with members of the targeted BME community to increase their understanding of the availability of mental health services.
- 1.2 Provide support for mental wellbeing of the targeted BME community.
- 1.3 Signpost and support service users from the targeted BME community to access mainstream mental health provisions.
- 1.4 Early referrals to mental health services for members of the targeted BME community to prevent deterioration of mental health.
- 1.5 Increase the understanding of commissioners on the needs of service users from the targeted BME community.

### **Planning and accommodation**

Over the last year we have been able to help families get disability facilities, housing and advise on planning applications or changing conditions on planning decisions. We reported in the last review that we had obtained a Certificate of Lawful use (outside of Derbyshire), but this year we spent a good proportion of time to this same site, after the decision was quashed. This was due to a valid complain against the district council. The NFGLG Planner has obtained planning permissions (Roger continues to feed into local and borough plans.) It is still a priority in the coming year to find land for a site in the Derbyshire Dales.

### **Partnership working**

Working in partnership with Anglia Ruskin University we obtained SEED funding for “Life on and off the Hard Shoulder”, a comparable study of elders on the side of the road and in housing, report out shortly. Interviewers Muzelley McCready and Muzelley Roddam did an excellent job on obtaining interviews. The report was released in the summer. We are following this up with a 2<sup>nd</sup> report about dementia in the coming year and hopefully, if funding allows a report on end of life care.



**National Federation of Gypsy Liaison Group** The administration of the national work of the National Federation of Gypsy Liaison Groups (NFGLG) is undertaken from the office and we host their workers, Adrian Jones, and Roger Yarwood. Tracy Gregory also acts as bookkeeper and minutes taker for NFGLG as well as for DGLG. National Policy continues to be a worry as various statements have been announced throughout the year. The planning work feeds in to a planning group that can share information and help one another if a planner cannot attend a committee meeting for example, someone else might be able to for another area.

NFGLG has been awarded a grant to coordinate the monitoring of the UK Government's (lack of a) Roma Integration Strategy and this will be a main part of the work in the coming year. This work is undertaken by a consortium of UK groups of which DGLG is one and Roma Support Group. NFGLG hope also to keep the Town and Country planning as ongoing important work.

### **November 2018**

We attended the Cenotaph parade in London. We have attended this ceremony every year from when it started 11.11.2011. 2018 was the last year that the Romany and Traveller History society marched as the cenotaph march is now being scaled down.

We were not able to undertake an event for Heritage Open Days in September 2019, but we are hoping to apply form some funding for next year. We did however have a display about the Great War in our window for commemoration from September through to November 11th

### **January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

Holocaust Memorial Day was on January 28th in 2019. HMD is a national event in the United Kingdom, dedicated to the remembrance of the victims the Porrajmos [Holocaust] or Sumaripen (the killings). First held in January 2001, it has usually been on the same date every year since (27th January). The chosen date is the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz concentration camp by the Soviet Union in 1945. The theme of the Holocaust remembrance and education activities for 2019 was "*Holocaust Remembrance: Demand and Defend Your Human Rights*". This theme encourages youth to learn from the lessons of the Holocaust, act against discrimination and defend democratic values in their communities, at a time when the spread of Neo-Nazism and hate groups fuels the rising antisemitism and other forms of hatred around the world. The theme highlights the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide. Tom McCready attends planning meetings for this event.



Thanks to all volunteers and befrienders over the last year and thanks to our Funders

Derbyshire County Council

Derbyshire Community foundation (The Manor Fund)

LINKS (Mental Health, Social Care contracts)

Lottery Community Fund