

Protos Community Benefit Fund
Financial Statement
01 February 2023 to 31 March 2024

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This report presents a Financial Statement for the Protos Community Benefit Fund (Protos CBF) for the period from 01 February 2023 to 31 March 2024. The previous annual Financial Statements have been for the year ending at end January. The reporting period for this Financial Statement has been extended to end March to align more closely with the financial year used by Peel, the sponsor of the Fund.

The principal activity of the Protos CBF is to provide funds for projects which benefit the local community. The Fund is run as a sub-committee of the Protos Community Forum and applications are decided by a panel of Parish and Town Councillors who represent the areas covered by the Forum. The work of the Fund is supported by a paid Secretary.

During the period 01 February 2023 to 31 March 2024, the panel members and Secretary were as follows:

Cllr Andy Eardley (Ince Parish Council)

Cllr Andy Canham or Cllr Pauline Reilly (Elton Parish Council)

Cllr Lizzie Wiffen (Thornton-le-Moors Parish Council)

Cllr Mark Parry (Little Stanney and District Parish Council)

Cllr Sarah Temple (Helsby Parish Council)

Cllr Ian Anstice (until May 2023) or Cllr Jason Moorcroft (Frodsham Town Council)

Mrs Vicki Serna (Secretary)

Panel meetings were held on 8 March 2023, 7 June 2023, 12 September 2023, 12 December 2023 and 12 March 2024. The Panel Chairperson changed from Cllr Sarah Temple to Cllr Andy Canham at the September 2023 meeting.

A payment of £50,000 was received from Peel on 21 Jan 2023 (shown in the previous Financial Statement to year ending 31 January 2023) and was allocated by the panel as shown in this Financial Statement. A payment of £50,000 was received on 27 March 2024 (shown in this statement) and the allocation of that contribution will be reported in the next Financial Statement.

The Panel and Secretary has struggled to engage the services of a professional Accountant since the last Financial Statement for year ending 31 January 2023. Therefore it was agreed at the Protos CBF meeting held 10 December 2024 that the Secretary should prepare a Financial Statement which the Panel could present for review and approval by the Community Forum. After approval by the Forum, the Statement will be made publicly available on the Protos website, as undertaken in previous years.

The Fund Secretary changed from Mrs Vicki Serna to Miss Jennifer Emmerson at the March 2024 meeting. This Financial Statement has been prepared by Cllr Sarah Temple

to support the current Secretary who was not in post during the period covered (01 February 2023 to 31 March 2024).

Protos CBF Income and Expenditure for period 01 February 2023 to 31 March 2024

Cash in bank on 01/02/2023	78883.12
Less unrepresented cheque for Secretary Fee Oct to Dec 2022 (cashed 07/02/23)	375.00
Cash in bank shown on Balance Sheet as at 31/01/2023	78508.12
Income from Peel (received 27/03/2024 to fund next period)	50000.00
Amount distributed to completed projects (see List 1 below)	69983.27
Administration costs (see List 2 below)	2171.00
Cash in bank on 31/03/2024	56353.85

Protos CBF Liabilities at 31 March 2024

Unpresented cheques*	911.00
Admin costs approved before 31/03/2024 (see List 3 below)	500.00
Projects approved before 31/03/2024 but not paid (see List 4 below)	18273.00
Cash available at 01/04/2024	36669.85

* 1st Elton and Ince Scout Group (New activity equipment)

List 1: Amount distributed to completed projects 01 February 2023 to 31 March 2024

Helsby Community Sports Club	CCTV	5000.00
Ince Parish Council	Defib, Parish Field improvements, Phone box refurb	5000.00
Young Enterprise	Learn to Earn (Helsby High School, Careers days July 2022 and 2023 and follow-up program)	5000.00
Greengates (Frodsham) Community Project	Play equipment (wheelchair accessible roundabout)	5000.00
Spirit of the Herd – Ponies helping People (Helsby/Frodsham)	Shed, shelter and ditch digging (part-payment 2 of 2)	240.00
Little Stanney & District Parish Council	Signage	3995.00
Thornton-le-Moors Parish Council	Storage & improved access for Village Hall	4524.80
Friends of Harmers Wood (Helsby)	Benches, tools	1233.80
Elton Community Centre	Contribution to toilet refurb	5000.00
Elton Gardeners Association	Extend car park, shed, ride-on mower	2477.70
Helsby Link (at Helsby Methodist Church)	Food bank storage cupboards, water boiler	3781.92
Elton Primary School	School trips	3517.00
Helsby High School	Contribution to bike racks (with CWAC/PTA funds)	1572.00
Helsby Hornsmill Primary School	Playground gym equipment	4996.55
Mersey Weaver Scouts	Safety fences and WiFi trunking at Queen Charlottes Wood Activity Centre	4964.94
Passion for Learning	Afterschool enrichment clubs (Elton Primary School, for year July 2022 to July 2023)	5000.00
Elton Youth Football Club	Football equipment	3908.69
Friends of Hob Hey Woods (Frodsham)	Bridge and path improvements (contribution to CWAC SpaceHive crowd-funding)	3800.00
Beacon Gaming (at Elton Comm Centre)	Folding tables	970.87
TOTAL		69983.27

List 2: Administration costs for period 01 February 2023 to 31 March 2024

Secretary Jan to Mar 23	375.00
Accountant (Olata Ltd)	200.00
Secretary Apr to Jun 23	375.00
Secretary Jul to Sep 23	375.00
Protos CBF meetings room hire	96.00
Secretary Oct to Dec 23	375.00
Secretary Jan to Mar 24	375.00
TOTAL	2171.00

List 3: Administration costs approved before 31 March 2024

Accountant (for 2023 & 2024 accounts)	500.00
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List 4: Projects approved before 31 March 2024 but not paid

Frodsham Sailing Club	Picnic tables	4600.00
Ince Village Hall	Flooring and tiling	5000.00
Elton Primary School	Outdoor reading area	4064.00
Elton Parish Council	Outdoor benches	4609.00
TOTAL		18273.00