

UK Langa Township Pre-School Trust

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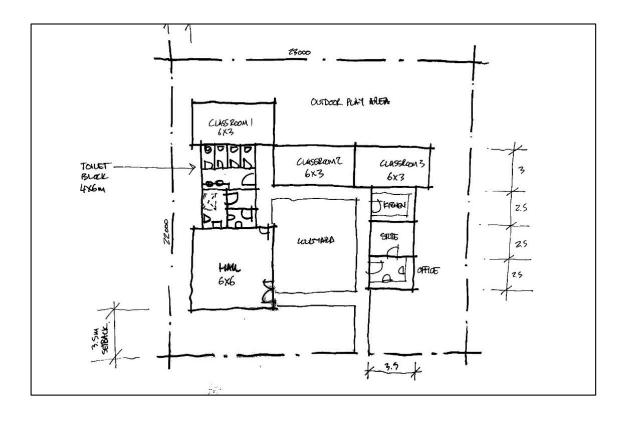
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As a UK -based charity run by volunteers we have been working for 13 years to support early child development in Langa Township. Worried about how to give better support LTPT, linking with the Clueit Foundation, has set aside a fund to provide a resource centre for the Langa Early Child Development Forum (LECDF). The 2024-2025 budget projection on page 3 of this newsletter is based on our plans to provide that building.

However, there are many hurdles to cross – including confirmation of the land to be used, the architect's drawings, the planning permission, the choice of a contractor, the assessment of LECDF's operational plans, and the establishment of the supporting legal and financial details. Let us see if we can cross all of these hurdles and in the time available to us!

In the meantime we now have the latest revised sketch from David Talbot of Platform (see page 2 of Newsletter 47).



FINANCIAL INSIGHTS

APRIL 2023 to MARCH 2024

This was the 14th financial year in the existence of the Trust.

Our Budget showed an income of £55,500, an expenditure of £24,000, a surplus of £31,500 to be transferred into the savings accounts, which would then stand at £48,500.

In the current account there would be £1,500.

The main aims were:

- To move further towards the £50,000 fund to support the proposed Resource Centre of the Langa Early Child Development Forum (LECDF)
- To continue to support the Nomonde Preschool, and 5 other preschools through the local LTPT Nomonde Educare initiative
- For the third successive year to support the work of the LECDF with an annual donation
- Through a UK events programme to support the Budget by making a profit of £6,000.
- to continue to run the UK operation of LTPT on a pro bono basis.

So, how did things end up?

Income £50,300, Expenditure £15,800, Surplus £34,500, this transferred to savings accounts, to reach £50,000 fund target.

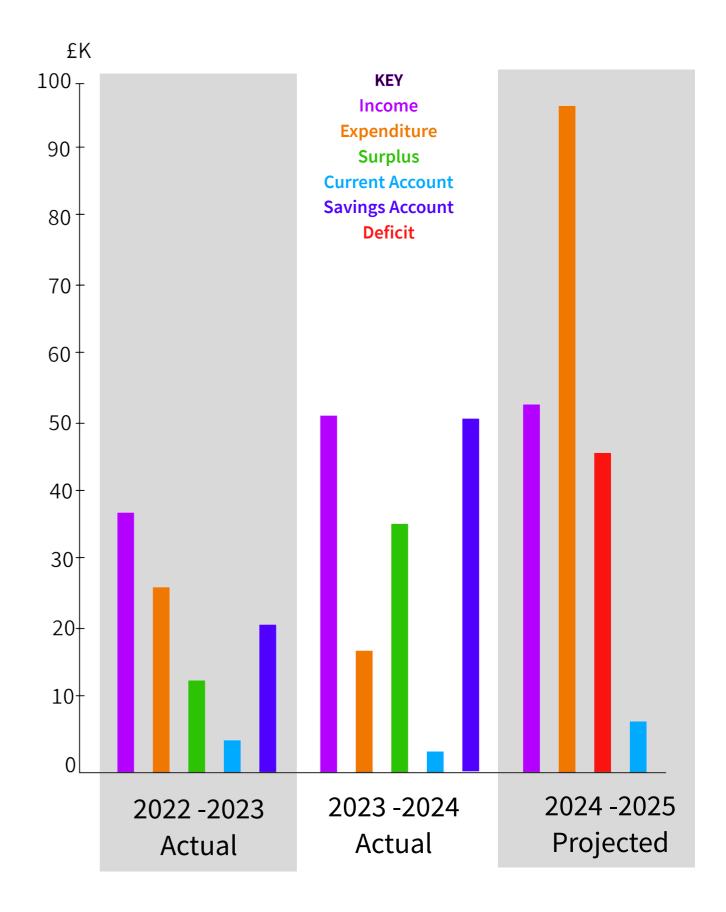
So, what happened?

- On the *negative* side four evening events programmes were unsuccessful, two being cancelled, with a surplus overall of only £1,000 against the budget projection of £6,000.
- On the *positive* side donations at £42,200 were £6,300 higher than budget largely as a result of two unanticipated happenings, donations relating to the Gower Ultra Marathon in November and to Christmas Carol Services in the Chapel of Cheltenham College.
- Whilst meeting all its commitments the Trust achieved the savings target of £50,000 six months ahead of the target set two years ago when its SHOP project was started.
- 75% of current expenditure was transferred as ZAR into Nomonde Educare Account to spend on pre-schooling in Langa.

LOOKING FURTHER BACK - APRIL 2022 to MARCH 2023

The LTPT Accounts for this year were independently examined and approved by WarnerWilde of Bisley and were registered in due time with the Charity Commission on 15 January 2024, where they are publicly available. The key numbers were Income £36,848, Expenditure £25,117, and a surplus £11,731, this transferred into savings account to reach £19,785

IN CONTEXT OF THREE YEARS 2022-2025 LTPT KEY STATISTICS



New Track Suits Purchased

With the rigorous Cape Town winter approaching 65 tracksuits have been supplied by Lorrrianne Engel to top up those supplied last year through the donation of Quentin Baum and his friends.



Diary date

Motown at The Gatsby, Thursday 26 September. More details in June

Gin and Jazz at the Gatsby

On 13 March at the Gatsby we had a very happy evening of cocktails, dinner and the unique sounds of the Al Nicholls Quartet.

Due to the economic situation attendance was well down but a contribution of £330 was made to LTPT funds. The lower photo below features Elaine and Mike Walker celebrating the birthday of Charlie Hussey. Elaine, with family in Paarl, with Mike, was due to fly the next day to Cape Town





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