

The Labour Party

Barrow And Furness Constituency Labour Party Accounting Unit

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

For the year ended 31 December 2023

INTRODUCTION

This Statement of Accounts provides a report of the political and financial activities of Barrow And Furness CLP Accounting Unit.

Registered address: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

For the purposes of the Political Parties Elections and Referendums Act 2000 the responsible officers are:

Name	Position
Robert Elliot	Registered Treasurer
David Webster	Chair (Deputy Treasurer)

This Statement of Accounts uses cash accounting in line with guidance issued by the Electoral Commission. Last year's accounts were prepared on the cash basis. The figures shown for last year have not been recalculated.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

19 Labour Councillors on Barrow Town Council.

9 Labour Councillors on Ulverston Town Council.

14 Labour Councillors on Westmorland and Furness Unitary Authority

REVIEW OF POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

In April we selected Michelle Scrogam as the Prospective Parliamentary Candidate for Barrow And Furness and we are now actively campaigning for her election.

The Barrow Borough Council, South Lakes District Council and Cumbria County Council were abolished and replaced with the Westmorland And Furness Unitary Authority (WAF) in May 2023.

There was a by-election for this authority following the sad death of one of the councillors - which we won.

A new Barrow Town Council was also formed in May of 2023 and the CLP put up 21 candidates of which 19 were elected.

Membership

2022 Membership – 591

2023 Membership - 597

REVIEW OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

Four activities dominated the finances for 2023.

1. The selection and promotion of a Prospective Parliamentary Candidate.

Michelle Scrogham was selected in April of 2023,

We organised and paid for the selection process and the hustings – under the supervision of Regional.

The PPC decided to open her own campaign account – that is not reported on here – and following selection our main financial interaction with this campaign has been the transfer of funds to that account.

2. The Election for Barrow Town Council and by-election for Westmorland And Furness Council

In April and May of 2023 we organised the election of 19 councillors to the Barrow Town Council and one councillor to the Westmorland And Furness Unitary Authority,

This election was mainly funded by a donation from a fund set up for the re-election of Barrow Borough Councillors.

3. Conference

We sent three delegates to conference – this being funded by a generous donation by a party member and by two of the candidates funding their own accommodation.

4. The Refurbishment of Broadcasting House

Last – but far from least – was the refurbishment of Broadcasting House. We took out a loan from the Central Labour Party of £30,000 which was used to refurbish the building and pay off various fees associated with the move from [REDACTED] to [REDACTED].

Please note that because the loan is from the National Labour Party the loan and repayment are shown as Transfers.

Work included the addition of Double Glazing, the replacement of the Gas Central Heating system with a modern eco-friendly Far Infrared Heating system and the separation of the studio and community hall. There was a fundraising request to complete the work – which inflated funds at the end of the year.

The work was completed in January 2024.

This work dominates the finances of 2023.

DECLARATION

I confirm that this Statement of Accounts is correct to the best of my knowledge and has been approved by the accounting unit's management committee.

Signature	Date	Position
[REDACTED]	1/4/2024	Registered Treasurer
[REDACTED]	1/4/2024	Chair (Deputy Treasurer)

Statement of Accounts 2023

Barrow And Furness CLP

1 January to 31 December 2023

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

RECEIPTS	Note	2023	2022
Membership	1	£1,004.88	£1,222.36
Affiliations	2	£114.00	£144.06
Donations	3	£8,978.35	£5,715.40
Branch income	4	£1,585.48	£2,229.87
Fundraising income	5	£3,386.83	£3,399.27
Investment income	6	£0.00	£0.00
Transfers in	7	£30,000.00	£1,000.00
Property and rental income	8	£3,823.30	£2,730.94
Profit on sale of assets	8	£0.00	£3,025.39
Miscellaneous	9	£170.00	£0.00
Total receipts		£49,062.84	£19,467.29

PAYMENTS	Note	2023	2022
Membership subscriptions	1	£0.00	£0.00
Property costs	8	£30,639.25	£11,251.56
Office costs	10	£1,373.91	£2,575.46
Branch expenditure	4	£1,140.08	£2,620.86
Staff costs	11	£0.00	£0.00
Transfers out	7	£5,490.72	£0.00
Campaigning costs	12	£3,174.41	£4,602.71
Fundraising costs	5	£1,797.80	£1,333.72
Financing charges and taxation	13	£0.00	£0.00
Miscellaneous	9	£867.92	£791.10
Total payments		£44,484.09	£23,175.41

Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		£4,578.75	-£3,708.12
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Barrow And Furness CLP

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

At 31 December 2023

Fixed assets	Note	2023	2022
Property: [REDACTED], [REDACTED]		£120,000.00	£120,000.00
Fixtures and fittings - Sign for [REDACTED]		£1,615.17	£1,615.17
Office equipment - Owl to enable members to participate in meetings.		£954.00	£954.00
Double Glazing		£5,558.15	£0.00
Far Infrared Heating System		£4,363.91	£0.00
Total fixed assets		£132,491.23	£122,569.17

Current assets (at 31 December)		2023	2022
Cash in hand		£394.14	£171.48
CLP Current account (less Barrow and Furness Young Labour)		£9,856.14	£6,088.90
Furness Young Labour		£25.60	£0.00
Barrow Branch		£173.56	£3.00
Walney Branch (merged with Barrow)		£0.00	£90.69
DASA Branch		£171.60	£202.40
Millom Branch (joined 2023)		£259.63	N/A
Ulverston Branch		£1,238.54	£860.82
Total current assets		£12,119.21	£7,417.29
Total assets		£144,610.44	£129,986.46

Liabilities	Note		
Loans outstanding from Labour Party		£30,000.00	£0.00
Total liabilities		£30,000.00	£0.00

Net assets/(liabilities)		£114,610.44	£129,986.46
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Annual Statement of Accounts 2023

Barrow And Furness CLP

1 January to 31 December 2023

Notes to accounts

Note 1 - Membership

Membership	2023		2022	
	Incoming	Outgoing	Incoming	Outgoing
From Head Office	£1,004.88	-	£1,222.36	-
Subs collected locally	£0.00	-	£0.00	-
Subs sent to head office	-	£0.00	-	£0.00
Total	£1,004.88	£0.00	£1,222.36	£0.00

Note 2 - Affiliations

Organisation	2023	2022
ASLEF	£12.00	£12.00
COMMUNITY UNION	£6.00	£6.00
Coop	£18.00	£18.00
CWU NW	£18.00	£18.00
GMB	£0.00	£0.00
JLM	£0.00	£6.00
JML	£0.00	£6.00
LCID	£6.00	£6.06
LME	£6.00	£0.00
Unite	£24.00	£0.00
UNISON	£24.00	£24.00
USDAW	£0.00	£48.00
Total	£114.00	£144.06

Note 3 - Donations

Cash and non-cash (notional) donations with a value of more than £500 are reported to the central Labour Party at the end of the quarter in which they are received. In turn, the central Labour Party reports some donations received by the Accounting Unit on to the Electoral Commission as follows:

- a) donations from Trade Unions and the Co-operative Party of more than £500
- b) donations of more than £1500 from the same donor (individuals, companies, unincorporated associations etc.) in a calendar year given either as a single donation or several donations of more than £500 which add up to more than £1500.

A list of the donations received by the Accounting Unit which have been reported to the Electoral Commission can be viewed at: <http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/party-finance/PEF-online-registers>.

Donations	2023	2022
More than £1500		
Barrow Labour Councillors	£2,000.00	£2,500.00
Bob Elliot	£1,949.20	£0.00
Sub-total	£3,949.20	£2,500.00
All other donations	£5,029.15	£3,215.40
Total donations	£8,978.35	£5,715.40

Note 4 - Branch Income and expenditure

Branch	2023		2022	
	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure
Furness Young Labour	£25.60	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Walney	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Barrow	£81.88	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Ulverston	£1,344.00	£966.28	£2,229.87	£2,612.06
DASA	£38.00	£68.80	£0.00	£8.80
Millom	£96.00	£105.00	N/A	N/A
Total	£1,585.48	£1,140.08	£2,229.87	£2,620.86

Note 5 - Fundraising

Event	2023			2022		
	Income	Costs	Profit	Income	Expenditure	Profit
Raffles	£27.00	£0.00	£27.00	£96.31	£0.00	£96.31
Room Collection	£287.67	£0.00	£287.67	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
100 Club	£2,150.00	£1,410.00	£740.00	£1,827.74	£1,285.00	£542.74
Long Red Friday	£605.24	£203.70	£401.54	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
17th November Bash	£316.92	£184.10	£132.82	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
BH Open Event	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£473.76	£48.72	£425.04
Big Red Gig	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£322.75	£0.00	£322.75
FYL Forum Event	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£96.80	£0.00	£96.80
Seahorse Event	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£131.91	£0.00	£131.91
100 Ideas From The North	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£50.00	£0.00	£50.00
Funeral Collection	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£400.00	£0.00	£400.00
Total	£3,386.83	£1,797.80	£1,589.03	£3,399.27	£1,333.72	£2,065.55

Note 6 - Investment Income

Bank accounts	Balance at 31/12/23	Interest received	Balance at 31/12/22	Interest received
CLP Bank Account (Furness Young Labour and Barrow Branch Money held in main CLP account)	£10,055.30	£0.00	£6,088.90	£0.00
Ulverston Branch Account	£1,238.54	£0.00	£860.82	£0.00
Millom Branch Account	£257.63	£0.00	N/A	N/A
	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
	£11,551.47	£0.00	£6,949.72	£0.00

Note 7 - Transfers

Transfer to/from	Purpose of transfer	Amount	
		Incoming	Outgoing
From National to CLP	Loan for work on Broadcasting House	£30,000.00	£0.00
From CLP to National	Cost incurred in property purchase (taken before above transfer to CLP)		£3,868.48
From CLP to National	Interest on Loan		£1,272.24
From CLP to PPC Campaign	PPC Abbey House Event Deposit		£250.00
From CLP to PPC Campaign	Money Collected		£100.00
		£30,000.00	£5,490.72

Note 8 – Property Rental Income & Costs

Item	2023		2022	
	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure
Utilities (██████████)	£0.00	£382.66	£1,196.48	£772.72
Utilities (██████████)	£0.00	£2,837.13	£0.00	£2,961.50
Architect Fees	£0.00	£216.00	£0.00	£0.00
Cleaning	£0.00	£665.00	£0.00	£0.00
BID Membership	£0.00	£120.00	£0.00	£0.00
TV Licence	£0.00	£159.00	£0.00	£159.00
Music Licence	£0.00	£77.40	£0.00	£69.60
Insurance	£0.00	£1,172.14	£0.00	£1,485.04
Repairs and renewals	£0.00	£254.59	£0.00	£361.03
Sign for ██████████	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,615.17
Install Double Glazing	£0.00	£5,585.15	£0.00	£0.00
Heating System Components	£0.00	£4,363.91	£0.00	£0.00
New Toilet and Kitchen	£0.00	£2,529.31	£0.00	£0.00
Separate Hall from Studio	£0.00	£1,716.00	£0.00	£0.00
Smart Lock	£0.00	£829.20	£0.00	£0.00
Buildings and Improvements (Misc)	£76.68	£7,439.10	£168.32	£514.40
Legal costs	£0.00	£2,247.69	£0.00	£35.00
Mortgage	£0.00	£0.00	£354.34	£2,116.19
Profit on Sale of ██████████	£0.00	£0.00	£3,025.39	£0.00
Office Equipment	£0.00	£44.97	£0.00	£1,011.91
Studio Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£150.00
Hire Out of Room	£1,205.82	£0.00	£60.00	£0.00
Hire Out Of Studio	£2,540.80	£0.00	£951.80	£0.00
Total	£3,823.30	£30,639.25	£5,756.33	£11,251.56

Note 9 - Miscellaneous

Item	2023		2022	
	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure
Delegates Fees and expenses - annual conference			£0.00	£791.10
Delegate Fees	£0.00	£203.00		
Delegate Travel	£0.00	£202.99		
Delegate Accommodation	£0.00	£441.93		
Bank Charge for Reversed Cheques	£0.00	£20.00		
Bank Refund of Reversed Cheque Charge	£20.00	£0.00		
Bank Goodwill Payment for reversing cheques	£150.00	£0.00		
Total	£170.00	£867.92	£0.00	£791.10

Note 10 - Office costs

Item	2023	2022
Stationery (non-campaigning)	£281.57	£42.22
Postage (non-campaigning)	£0.00	£35.50
Paper Shredding	£0.00	£33.00
Telephones and internet	£536.85	£755.51
Zoom	£287.76	£474.28
Equipment for Zoom	£43.38	£1,107.00
Photocopier Hire	£0.00	£3.48
Consumables	£224.35	£82.47
First Aid and Accident Book	£0.00	£42.00
Total	£1,373.91	£2,575.46

Note 11 - Staff costs

Item	2023	2022
Salary	£0.00	£0.00
National Insurance	£0.00	£0.00
Pension	£0.00	£0.00
Travel	£0.00	£0.00
Training	£0.00	£0.00
Other	£0.00	£0.00
Total	£0.00	£0.00

Note 12 - Campaign costs

Item	2023	2022
Commercial Printing	£2,653.05	£2,663.92
Design Costs	£0.00	£0.00
Photographs	£0.00	£0.00
Postage and Delivery	£31.35	£0.00
Social Media Adverts	£124.42	£942.77
Room Hire	£156.00	£120.00
Stationery	£0.00	£0.00
Risograph costs	£0.00	£0.00
Outdoor publicity	£178.59	£876.02
Marked registers	£31.00	£0.00
Ulverston Branch Donation	£0.00	£0.00
Total	£3,174.41	£4,602.71

Note 13 - Financing charges and tax

Bank accounts	2023	2022
Bank charges (all accounts)	0.00	0.00
Corporation Tax	0.00	0.00