

Agenda Item 9

Luncheon Club

The club is currently operated by two cooks who work alternate months and are assisted by three volunteers, without their help the Luncheon Club would not function. The cooks are paid whilst the only remuneration the volunteers receive is a free lunch.

Barrowford Parish Council is coming to the end of its second year running the Luncheon Club the first year saw an increase in numbers over the last year the club was run by Pendle with 714 lunches served. The attendance averaged around 14 per week was and the club made a loss of £482.46 over wages despite some valued support from Asda Colne, particularly with the Christmas Dinner.

The Club has seen a small increase in numbers up to around 15 per week and is on track to have served around 800 lunches by the end of March. The loss over wages is currently £475.34 as of 10th March 2015 and will probably reach around £500.00 for the year. The increase in the deficit is attributable to the loss of financial assistance from Asda Colne.

New diners have been attracted to the club but by the nature of activities for older people some leave through health or other issues. The impetus of the Council over the next year must be to advertise and promote the Luncheon Club to increase numbers and to actively seek sponsorship or funding from local food retailers such as Asda, Booths, Morrison's, Aldi and Lidl and other businesses within the village even if the support is only towards the Christmas Lunch.

These figures do not take into account replacement equipment, cutlery and crockery the last two years these expenses have been funded from the residue of the grant given by Pendle BC when the Parish Council took over the running of the Luncheon Club. There are adequate monies left from the grant to finance these additional costs for the next financial year.