

# North Ballymena Community Cluster

Northern Ireland · Charity number 100224

## Details

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Known as

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Status

Overdue

Registered

2015-01-22

Register

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## Activities

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**Purposes:** The Charity's objects ('the Objects') are to:- (1) To advance community development in the North Ballymena Community Cluster area of 'Chapel Corner to ECOS Roundabout, Frys Road (both sides of Frys Road), Grove Road (both sides of Grove Road) to the Ballymoney Road Roundabout (east side of Ballymoney Road), Ballymoney Road Roundabout to the Parkway Roundabout, Parkway Roundabout to Chapel Corner' (the "area of benefit") for the benefit of the public in the area of benefit by: (i) providing support services, information, training, facilities and amenities; (ii) creating and supporting initiatives, developing projects and organising events that strengthen the community and voluntary sector; (iii) promoting community capacity building; (iv) promoting good practice among community and voluntary groups; (v) encouraging such groups to co-operate to achieve their aims. (vi) to provide and maintain a Forum where member organisations can join together to find mutual support, exchange views, share common issues and information, create a collective voice and work in partnership with statutory agencies and authorities. (2) To promote good community relations, religious and racial harmony and equality and diversity for the public benefit in the area of benefit.

**What the charity does:** The advancement of citizenship or community development, The advancement of human rights, conflict resolution or reconciliation or the promotion of religious or racial harmony or equality and diversity

**How the charity works:** Advice/advocacy/information,Community development,Cross-border/cross-community,Education/training,Urban development,Volunteer development

**Who the charity helps:** Adult training,Community safety/crime prevention,Ethnic minorities,General public,Older people,Specific areas of deprivation,Tenants,Travellers,Unemployed/low income,Voluntary and community sector,Volunteers,Youth (14-25 year olds)

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2020-03-31	£22,717	£21,507	£0	0

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Clifford Barry Gordon		
Mr Patrick Joseph Mcavoy		
Mrs Catherine Patricia Mcquillan		
Mrs Michelle Mcpeake		

**North Ballymena Community Cluster**

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# Accounts

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# NORTH BALLYMENA COMMUNITY CLUSTER

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 March 2020

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 31/03/2020	Total Funds 31/03/2019
		£	£	£	£
<b><u>Incoming Resources</u></b>	2				
Grants received		0	17,724	17,724	25182
Donations		0	4,140	4,140	7257
Income from activities for generating funds		853	0	853	1738
				0	0
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>		<u>853</u>	<u>21,864</u>	<u>22,717</u>	<u>34177</u>
<b><u>Resources Expended</u></b>	3				
Charitable activities		10	21,497	21,507	33667
Transfers		(367)	367	0	0
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>		<u>(357)</u>	<u>21,864</u>	<u>21,507</u>	<u>33,667</u>
Net Movement in Funds		<u>1,210</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,210</u>	<u>510</u>

The notes on pages 9 to 13 form an integral part of these financial statements

# NORTH BALLYMENA COMMUNITY CLUSTER

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 March 2020

	Note	2020		2019	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Debtors	4	4,687		5182	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>6,149</u>		<u>6,871</u>	
		10,836		12053	
<b>Creditors Amounts Falling</b>					
Due Within One Year	5	<u>1,015</u>		<u>3,442</u>	
		1,015		3,442	
<b>Net Current Assets</b>			<u>9,821</u>		<u>8,611</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>			<u><u>9,821</u></u>		<u><u>8611</u></u>
<b>Represented by:</b>					
Restricted funds	6	0		0	
Unrestricted funds	6	<u>9,821</u>		<u>8611</u>	
			<u><u>9,821</u></u>		<u><u>8611</u></u>

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities, accounting and reporting under UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice

Approved by the board and signed on its behalf by:

*Barry Gordon*.....

Date: 11th January 2021

**Mr Barry Gordon**  
**North Ballymena Community Cluster Secretary**

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# **NORTH BALLYMENA COMMUNITY CLUSTER**

## **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 March 2020**

### **1. Accounting Policies**

#### **Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities (SORP).

#### **Fund accounting policy**

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the company.

Restricted funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

#### **Incoming resources**

- Grants that provide core funding or are for specific projects are released to the income and expenditure account as the related expenditure is incurred.
- Donations comprise amounts receivable during the year.

#### **Resources expended**

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the company to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis.

- Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities.
- Support costs represents overhead costs attributable to the furtherance of the objects of the charity.
- Management and administration includes all other expenditure not directly allocated above.

#### **Going concern**

From the early part of this year the Covid-19 health crisis has spread across the globe and in addition to the enormous impact on human health, it has also caused severe economic disruption. However throughout the health crisis Mid & East Antrim Borough Council has continued to support the work of North Ballymena Community Cluster. The financial statements have thus been prepared on a going concern basis. The trustees have assessed a period of 12 months from the date of approving the financial statements with regard to the appropriateness of the going concern assumption in preparing the financial statements and specifically in light of the significant post balance sheet event of Covid-19, as detailed in Note 10. The trustees note that and believe that the company will continue as a going concern and be able to realise its assets and discharge its liabilities in the normal course of business.

# NORTH BALLYMENA COMMUNITY CLUSTER

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 March 2020

### 2 Incoming Resources

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£	£	£
<b>Grants received</b>				
Policing and Community Safety Partnership	0	0	0	148
Lloyds Grant-lunch club	0	0	0	0
MEA Council Good Relations - School Challenge	0	66	66	1534
Cooperation Ireland	0	0	0	3500
Mid & East Antrim Council	0	17,658	17,658	20000
	0	17,724	17,724	25,182
<b>Donations</b>				
Donations-Ballymena North Partnership	0	4,140	4,140	7257
<b>Income from activities for Generating Funds</b>				
Money from events	853	0	853	1738
	853	0	853	1738
<b>Total Income from Resources</b>	853	21,864	22,717	34,177

# NORTH BALLYMENA COMMUNITY CLUSTER

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 March 2020

### 3 Resources Expended

	Unrestricted		Restricted	Total 2020	Total 2,019
	£		£	£	£
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Policing and Community Safety Partnership			0	0	180
Ballymena North Partnership					
Limited unit rental and room hire			3,840	3,840	3,957
Accountancy			300	300	300
MEA Council Good Relations - School Challenge			0		1,742
CO-OP Ireland			0		3,500
Expenses claimed under Mid & East Antrim Borough Council:					
Programme Co-ordination	0	10,592		10,592	13,952
Administration	0	1,860		1,860	2,430
Miscellaneous Expenses	3	0		3	85
Programme costs	3	841		844	2,948
Room hire	0	0			331
Postage & Stationery	3	107		110	75
Phone & Fax	0	70		70	113
Insurance	0	654		654	560
Internet expenses	0	108		108	68
Bank charges	0	0		0	-10
Advertising & Publicity	0	0			205
Lunch Club Expenses	0	492		492	1,210
Senior Club Expenses	1	2,569		2,570	1,825
Networking/publicity	0	33		33	33
Travel	0	31		31	
Communittee/Volunteer Exp	0	0		0	142
Petty Cash Expenses	0	0	17,357	0	21
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>21,497</b>	<b>21,507</b>	<b>21,507</b>	<b>33,667</b>

# NORTH BALLYMENA COMMUNITY CLUSTER

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 March 2020

4 Debtors		2020 £	2019 £
Sundry Debtors:	Grant income	4,687	5,182
		4,687	5,182

5 Creditors: Amounts Falling due Within One Year		2,020 £	2,019 £
Sundry creditors		1,015	3,442
Bank Overdraft		0	0
		1,015	3,442

6 Analysis of Funds	Opening Balance £	Received/ Receivable £	Utilised £	Transfer from Unrestricted funds	Balance at 31 March 2020 £	Balance at 31 March 2019 £
<b>Restricted Income</b>						
Ballymena North Partnership Ltd	0	4,140	4,140		0	0
MEA Council Good Relations	0	66	0	-66	0	0
Mid & East Antrim Council 19/20	0	17,658	17,357	-301	0	0
	0	21,864	21,497	(367)	0	0
<b>General Funds</b>						
Unrestricted Income Funds	8,611	853	10	367	9,821	8,611
<b>Total</b>	8,611	22,717	21,507	-	9,821	8,611

7 Movement In Funds	Opening Balance £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Transfer from Unrestricted funds	At 31 March 2020 £	At 31 March 2019 £
Restricted Funds	0	21,864	21,497	(367)	0	0
Unrestricted Funds	8,611	853	10	367	9,821	8,611
	8,611	22,717	21,507	0	9,821	8,611

# **NORTH BALLYMENA COMMUNITY CLUSTER**

## **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 March 2020**

### **8 Taxation**

The Association is a registered charity and is, therefore, exempt from taxation

### **9 Trustees' Remuneration**

No trustee received any remuneration during the period.

### **10 Important non-adjusting events after the financial period**

The Covid-19 health crisis was declared as a pandemic by the World Health Organisation on 11 March 2020 and subsequent to this, the UK Government announced on 23 March 2020 the lockdown of all non-essential businesses and that the public must all stay at home to prevent the spread of the virus. However Mid & East Antrim Borough Council has continued to support the work of North Ballymena Community Cluster. In accordance with government guidelines the lunch club was cancelled from 31 March 2020. However the Cluster continued its aim of reducing social isolation, improving community infrastructure and improving community life for local people by offering online support and advice, keeping users up to date with restrictions and help available including digital help for those struggling with the technology, information on safe local activities that respect social distancing and helping those that need it get access to free teaching resources and free e books and magazines amongst other resources.

Given that the Covid-19 situation had not become an issue and had not had any measurable impact on the business operations at the financial year end point of 31 March 2020; the events that have occurred since the company's financial year end relating to the spread of the crisis are considered by the trustees to be non-adjusting post balance sheet events. Accordingly, the financial position and results of operations as of and for the year ended 31 March 2020 have not been adjusted to reflect their impact.

It is currently not possible to reliably estimate the duration and economic severity of the Covid-19 pandemic crisis coupled with the uncertainty of the duration of the measures imposed by the Northern Ireland Executive to try to deal with the health crisis. At the time of approving these financial statements it is difficult for the trustees to accurately determine how the company's financial position and results will be impacted by the Corona virus pandemic and as a result a reliable estimate of its financial effect cannot be made at this juncture. However as a coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine has been developed and has been approved for use the impact of COVID19 may not be as great as feared.

**North Ballymena Community Cluster**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100224

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# Accounts

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# NORTH BALLYMENA COMMUNITY CLUSTER

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 March 2019

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 31/03/2019	Total Funds 31/03/2018
		£	£	£	£
<b><u>Incoming Resources</u></b>	2				
Grants received			25,182	25,182	27124
Donations		3,000	4,257	7,257	4140
Income from activities for generating funds		1,739		1,739	1262
				0	0
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>		<u>4,739</u>	<u>29,439</u>	<u>34,177</u>	<u>32526</u>
<b><u>Resources Expended</u></b>	3				
Charitable activities		3,619	30,048	33,667	33724
Transfers		(4,987)	4,987	0	0
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>		<u>(1,368)</u>	<u>35,035</u>	<u>33,666</u>	<u>33,724</u>
Net Movement in Funds		<u>6,107</u>	<u>(5,596)</u>	<u>511</u>	<u>-1198</u>

The notes on pages 8 to 12 form an integral part of these financial statements


# NORTH BALLYMENA COMMUNITY CLUSTER

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 March 2019

	Note	2019		2018	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Current Assets</b>				11407	
Debtors	4	5,182		14	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>6,871</u>		<u>11421</u>	
		12,053			
<b>Creditors Amounts Falling</b>				3,320	
Bank Overdraft	5	0		0	
Due Within One Year		<u>3442</u>		<u>3,320</u>	
		3,442			
<b>Net Current Assets</b>			<u>8,611</u>		<u>8,101</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>			<u>8,611</u>		<u>8101</u>
<b>Represented by:</b>				5597	
Restricted funds	6	0		2504	
Unrestricted funds	6	<u>8,611</u>		<u>8101</u>	
			<u>8,611</u>		<u>8101</u>

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities, accounting and reporting under UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice

Approved by the board and signed on its behalf by:



**Mr Robert McCahon**  
North Ballymena Community Cluster Secretary

Date: 16th December 2019

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# **NORTH BALLYMENA COMMUNITY CLUSTER**

## **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 March 2019**

### **1. Accounting Policies**

#### **Basis of preparation**

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#### **Fund accounting policy**

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the company.  
Restricted funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

#### **Incoming resources**

- Grants that provide core funding or are for specific projects are released to the income and expenditure account as the related expenditure is incurred.
- Donations comprise amounts receivable during the year.

#### **Resources expended**

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the company to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis.

- Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities.
- Support costs represents overhead costs attributable to the furtherance of the objects of the charity.
- Management and administration includes all other expenditure not directly allocated above.

# NORTH BALLYMENA COMMUNITY CLUSTER

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 March 2019

2 Incoming Resources	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2019	Total 2018
	£	£	£	£
<b>Grants received</b>				
NIHE	0	0	0	935
Halifax	0	0	0	3000
DP Action Plan Faciliation	0	0	0	0
Mid & East Antrim Council -Lunch Club	0		0	0
Ballymena North Partnership Ltd	0		0	0
ARCS Moving Forward Together	0	0	0	0
Volunteer Grant	0	0	0	0
AIV Small Grant	0	0	0	811
Policing and Community Safety Partnership	0	148	148	752
DP Action Plan Faciliation	0	0	0	144
Awards for All	0	0	0	0
Lloyds Grant-lunch club	0	0	0	0
MEA Council Good Relations - School Challenge	0	1,534	1,534	1482
Cooperation Ireland	0	3,500	3,500	
Mid & East Antrim Council	0	20,000	20,000	20000
	0	25,182	25,182	27,124
<b>Donations</b>				
Donations-Ballymena North Partnershi	3,000	4,257	7,257	4140
<b>Income from activities for Generating Funds</b>				
Money from events	1,739	0	1,739	1262
	1,739	0	1,739	1262
<b>Total Income from Resources</b>	4,739	29,439	34,177	32,526

# NORTH BALLYMENA COMMUNITY CLUSTER

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 March 2019

3 Resources Expended	Unrestricted		Restricted		Total 2019	Total 2,018
	£		£		£	£
<b>Charitable activities</b>				0		0
Project Costs -Soapbox Event				0		935
NIHE				0		2,931
Halifax				180	180	720
Policing and Community Safety Partnership				0	0	811
AIVC Small Grant				0		144
DP Action Plan Facilitation						
Ballymena North Partnership Limited unit				3,957	3,957	3,840
rental and room hire				300	300	300
Accountancy						
MEA Council Good Relations - School				1,742	1,742	1,532
Challenge				3,500	3,500	
CO-OP Ireland						
Expenses claimed under Mid & East Antrim Borough Council:					13,952	12,656
Programme Co-ordination	2,656	11,296			2,430	3,005
Administration	420	2,010				204
Swimming Lessons	0	0			86	95
Miscellaneous Expenses	37	49			2,948	312
Programme costs	0	2,948			331	128
Room hire	67	263			75	132
Postage & Stationery	0	75			113	231
Phone & Fax	0	113			560	662
Insurance	0	560			68	
Internet expenses	11	57			(10)	136
Bank charges	(66)	56			205	172
Advertising & Publicity	0	205				158
Bookclub and craft materials	0	0			1,210	258
Lunch Club Expenses	0	1,210				60
Mens Fitness Club	0	0			1,825	682
Senior Club Expenses	473	1,353			33	
Networking/publicity	0	33				-360
Conferances/courses/seminars	0	0				14
Travel	0	0			142	
Communittee/Volunteer Exp	0	142				601
Equipment	0	0				172
Events/Activities	0	0				160
Training	0	0				1,480
DRDG Programmes	0	0	20,369			392
Dunclug Partnership Easter Engagement	0	0				1,077
LC meal and trip	0				21	86
Petty Cash Expenses	21					
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	<b>3,619</b>	<b>30,048</b>			<b>33,667</b>	<b>33,724</b>

# NORTH BALLYMENA COMMUNITY CLUSTER

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 March 2019

		2019 £	2018 £
<b>4 Debtors</b>			
Sundry Debtors:	Grant income	5182	11407
		<u>5,182</u>	<u>11,407</u>
<b>5 Creditors: Amounts Falling due Within One Year</b>			
Sundry creditors		3442	0
Bank Overdraft		0	3,320
		<u>3,442</u>	<u>499</u>

6 Analysis of Funds	Opening Balance	Received/Receivable	Utilised	Transfer from Unrestricted funds	Balance at 31 March 2019	Balance at 31 March 2018
	£	£	£		£	£
<b>Restricted Income</b>						
Lunch Together	564			-564	0	564
lunch club	0				0	0
Mid & East Antrim Council Policing and Community Safety Partnership	32	148	180		0	32
AIVC Small Grant	0				0	0
DP Action Plan Facilitation	0				0	0
Ballymena North Partnership Ltd	5,000	4,257	4,257	-5,000	0	5,000
MEA Council Good Relations -2018 School Challenge	0	1,534	1,742	208	0	0
Cooperation Ireland	0	3,500	3,500		0	0
Mid & East Antrim Council 18/19	0	20,000	20,369	369	0	0
	<u>5,596</u>	<u>29,439</u>	<u>30,048</u>	<u>(4,987)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,596</u>
<b>General Funds</b>						
Unrestricted Income Funds	<u>2,504</u>	<u>4,739</u>	<u>3,619</u>	<u>4,987</u>	<u>8,611</u>	<u>2,504</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>8,101</u>	<u>34,177</u>	<u>33,667</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,611</u>	<u>8,100</u>

7 Movement In Funds	Opening Balance	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfer from Unrestricted funds	At 31 March 2019	At 31 March 2018
	£	£	£		£	£
Restricted Funds	5,596	29,439	30,048	(4,987)	0	5,597
Unrestricted Funds	2,504	4,739	3,619	4,987	8,611	2,504
	<u>8,101</u>	<u>34,177</u>	<u>33,667</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>8,611</u>	<u>8,101</u>

# **NORTH BALLYMENA COMMUNITY CLUSTER**

## **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 March 2019**

### **8 Taxation**

The Association is a registered charity and is, therefore, exempt from taxation

### **9 Trustees' Remuneration**

No trustee received any remuneration during the period.

**North Ballymena Community Cluster**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100224

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# Annual report

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## **NORTH BALLYMENA COMMUNITY CLUSTER**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT**

The Trustees present their Annual Report with the Financial Statements of the Association for the period ended 31 March 2019. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities (SORP), accounting and reporting under UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in preparing the Financial Statements.

In setting our objectives and planning for the year the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission NI's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities have helped to achieve the charity's purpose and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries. The following report reflects the work of North Ballymena Community Cluster during the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019.

### **Principal Activities**

The North Ballymena Community Cluster encourages and promotes working together of the residents, community groups, local authorities and statutory bodies within the North Ballymena area in order to:

- Advance community growth
- Develop a sustainable community infrastructure
- Develop and support community services
- Improve information flow and networking opportunities

As the name suggest the cluster is based within the North Ballymena area.

The member groups are:

Ballymena North Partnership  
Doury Road Development Group  
Dunclug Partnership

### **Public Benefits**

The benefits that flow from purpose:

- 1.1 Increased local knowledge, access to information and education and the opportunity to utilise a local community hub.
  - Maintain a community office in Ballymena North Centre where individuals and groups can meet, undertake one-to-one or group training or host meetings themselves.
  - Provide support from a community development facilitator on community development matters and signposting to other organisations as different areas of expertise are required.
  - Maintain a website on behalf of the cluster and its groups and either directly or indirectly support their Facebook pages. Regular weekly posting in relation to engagement, training, funding and networking opportunities and utilise local community notice boards.
- 1.2 Reduce social isolation, improved community infrastructures and improved community life for local people accessing projects and events.
  - Delivered a monthly seniors luncheon club, Forever Young, with an average attendance of 35-40 per month. In excess of 400 seniors attended. Activities included:  
The provision of a meal and in addition educational talks, reminiscence work, musical sessions, workshops to improve physical activity and trips out to both recreational and educational venues. These events bring together local seniors, providing opportunities for social interaction and help to reduce social isolation; they provide them with information on other services available to them and encourage them to improve both their physical and mental health. Our project has made a great difference to the older people in the North Ballymena area as they had a monthly event to look forward to and they really appreciated the chance to get out and meet up whilst enjoying a speaker/activity and a warm meal. Some attendees say they wouldn't be out in the month if it wasn't for the Forever Young session. The senior communities from the three estates in the area mix well together now and there is always laughter and fun at the events. Before the establishment of this monthly club, these older people had limited opportunities to socialise together

## **NORTH BALLYMENA COMMUNITY CLUSTER**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT**

- Provided support to both the local carers group and the retirement group in terms of project development and governance.
- Produced and delivered a Schools Fun Challenge Day engaging with four local primary schools in the North Ballymena area. One of the few events that brings standard and special needs schools together targeting P7 children this event provides an engagement opportunity for children who are approaching a move to secondary education and allows for them to build upon the interaction process that takes place between the schools as part of the shared education programme. It also brings a range of partners such as the Police Service for Northern Ireland, Council Good Relations, Active Community Coaches into direct contact with local children and encourages the development of positive relationships between young people and support agencies.
- Undertake regular evaluation of programmes internally and with outside organisations.
- Supported local partnership working to help the delivery of a youth led colour run.

1.3 include increased community participation, motivation and experience leading to a confident and sustainable community.

- Action planning sessions undertaken
- Encouraged and developed Volunteering in the North Ballymena area
- Continued to circulate the "Volunteering in North Ballymena" booklet, distributed to local shops, agencies, organisations, doctors' surgeries and individuals at events
- Ran engagement days out in the community with local group members to attract new volunteers
- Publicised volunteering opportunities
- Support 10 new volunteers into community activity with local groups
- Ran one-to-one training sessions for group members
- Supported the provision of travel expenses relating to voluntary work undertaken
- Provided training sessions around good governance, GDPR, Facebook administration, face painting for community events and child protection
- Provided best practice visits to other community groups to increase awareness and knowledge of work that could be undertaken
- Provided direct community development support to the groups that make up the cluster
- Supported estate-based community events and programmes
- Publicised SEUPB Peace IV programmes and encouraged engagement of local people in a range of programmes from seniors programmes to local area network programmes to an orchard based programme.

1.4 Increased confidence for local people in their elected community representatives and more local people benefiting from an effective community infrastructure.

- Invited elected representatives to all events to develop strong working links between groups and council
- Supported community development initiatives, worked to improve on good governance, development of policies

1.5 include an increase in partnership working, developing best practice and ensuring maximised participation and co-operation.

Produced and delivered a number of cluster engagement events throughout the year.

- Produced and delivered the OpportuniDAY event - with more than 30 groups networking and presenting their work to statutory agencies and members of the public.
- Worked in partnership with Department for Communities and Consumer Council around citizens' rights. These events provided an opportunity for local groups to engage with each other, to raise awareness of the work being undertaken with the wider public, to start the networking and partnership process to allow for reduction in duplication of services and maximisation of output locally.

## **NORTH BALLYMENA COMMUNITY CLUSTER**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT**

1.6 include an increased understanding of good governance and partnership working, effective community representation, influence on policy making and the building of relationships between the community and statutory bodies and local authorities.

\* Provided facilitated support around best practice and good governance at each group meeting. Encouraged and supported local volunteers to join training programmes that enabled them to build their confidence and self-esteem to allow them to engage in higher level community and statutory meetings.

\* Invited representatives from all statutory bodies, local authorities and outside agencies to attend locally based meetings to develop relationships of trust with local residents and support the growth of social capital for the area.

Whilst we are content that we are delivering against the key objectives of our organisation there is still much work to be done to encourage engagement, increase volunteering, to encourage collaboration and partnership working.

We will continue in our efforts to work with other groups to minimise duplication of community services and increase the impact that we can all have collectively in our area of work.

### **Policy on reserves**

The trustees feel that it is necessary to hold an amount in unrestricted funds to enable them to cover expenditure for a period of three months to enable the company to continue at its current level of activity.

### **Review of the Business**

The trustees were satisfied with the results for the year.

No taxation is payable as the association is a registered charity, charity number NI00203

### **Future Strategy**

The Association plans to continue the activities as outlined above.

Their aims are as follows:

1. To further develop a sustainable infrastructure in North Ballymena by developing the North Ballymena Community Cluster in order to strengthen the voluntary and community sector within the defined area; ensuring that Cluster needs are serviced through an operational office providing advice and support to local groups in the area including those of emerging groups.
2. To improve information, networking and funding advice to and among groups in the North Ballymena Area by improving information flow on relevant community based social, economic community and physical infrastructure issues; networking, sharing and collaborative opportunities for all the funding advice to the area in order to improve the quality of life for those who live within the North Ballymena Cluster area.
3. To improve community services by developing and supporting services in the Cluster area which address community needs, helping to build better community relations and support community cohesion.

### **Risk Assessment**

The Board has conducted a review of major risks to which the charity is exposed and systems have been established to minimise these risks. The findings were low risk.

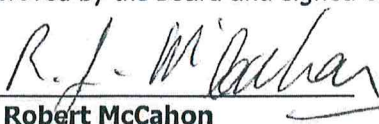
### **Trustees**

The trustees of the Board during the year were:

Mr David McGuckian	Chairman
Mr P J McAvoy	Vice Chairman
Mr Robert McCahon	Secretary
Mr Barry Gordon	Treasurer
Mr Patrick Kevin McCrudden	
Mrs Catherine Patricia McQuillan	

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities.

Approved by the Board and signed on its behalf by:



**Mr Robert McCahon**  
**On behalf of North Ballymena Community Cluster**  
**Secretary**

16 December 2019  
**Date**

**North Ballymena Community Cluster**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100224

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# Annual return

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## **NORTH BALLYMENA COMMUNITY CLUSTER**

### **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE CHARITY TRUSTEES OF NORTH BALLYMENA COMMUNITY CLUSTER**

I report on the accounts of North Ballymena Community Cluster for the year ended 31 March 2019, which are set out on pages 6 to 12.

#### **Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

#### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

#### **Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.



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D T Carson & Co  
Chartered Accountants  
51-53 Thomas Street  
Ballymena  
Co Antrim  
BT43 6AZ

Date: 16th December 2019

**North Ballymena Community Cluster**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100224

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# Accounts

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# NORTH BALLYMENA COMMUNITY CLUSTER

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2018

CHARITY NUMBER: NIC 100224

# NORTH BALLYMENA COMMUNITY CLUSTER

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# **NORTH BALLYMENA COMMUNITY CLUSTER**

## **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

### **Charity Name**

North Ballymena Community Cluster

### **CHARITY NUMBER:**

**NIC 100224**

### **Constitution**

North Ballymena Community Cluster is governed by its constitution adopted by the membership on 18th December 2014

### **Membership of the Charity**

Membership is open to generic community development organisations in the catchment area that represent also the wider interests of the community/area on the cluster. The member groups of the Cluster are: Ballymena North Partnership, Dunclug Partnership and Doury Road Development Group.

### **Principal Office:**

C/O Ballymena North Partnership Ltd  
120 Cushendall Road  
Ballymena  
Co. Antrim  
BT43 6HB

### **Corporate Secretary**

Ballymena North Partnership Ltd

### **Independent Examiner**

Mr John Hamilton  
D T Carson & Co  
51-53 Thomas Street  
Ballymena  
Co Antrim  
BT43 6AZ

### **Bank**

Bank of Ireland  
Church Street  
Ballymena  
BT43 6DG

# NORTH BALLYMENA COMMUNITY CLUSTER

## TRUSTEES' REPORT

The Trustees present their Annual Report with the Financial Statements of the Association for the period ended 31 March 2018. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities (SORP), accounting and reporting under UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in preparing the Financial Statements.

In setting our objectives and planning for the year the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission NI's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities have helped to achieve the charity's purpose and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries. The following report reflects the work of North Ballymena Community Cluster during the period 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018.

### Principal Activities

The North Ballymena Community Cluster encourages and promotes working together of the residents, community groups, local authorities and statutory bodies within the North Ballymena area in order to:

- Advance community growth
- Develop a sustainable community infrastructure
- Develop and support community services
- Improve information flow and networking opportunities

As the name suggest the cluster is based within the north Ballymena area.

The member groups are:

Ballymena North Partnership

Doury Road Development Group

Dunclug Partnership

Unfortunately the Rectory Residents Association has now folded.

### Public benefits

The benefits that flow from purpose:

1.1 Increased local knowledge, access to information and education and the opportunity to utilise a local community hub.

- Maintain a community office in Ballymena North Centre where individuals and groups can meet, undertake one-to-one or group training or host meetings themselves.
- Provide support from a community development facilitator on community development matters and signposting to other organisations as different areas of expertise are required.
- Maintain a website on behalf of the cluster and it's groups and either directly or indirectly support their Facebook pages. Regular weekly posting in relation to engagement, training, funding and networking opportunities and utilise local community notice boards.

1.2 Reduce social isolation, improved community infrastructures and improved community life for local people accessing projects and events.

- Delivered a monthly seniors luncheon club, Forever Young, with an average attendance of 35-40 per month. In excess of 400 seniors attended. Activities included:

The provision of a meal and in addition educational talks, reminiscence work, brain fit sessions, musical sessions, workshops to improve physical activity and trips out to both recreational and educational venues.

These events bring together local seniors, providing opportunities for social interaction and help to reduce social isolation; they provide them with information on other services available to them and encourage them to improve both their physical and mental health. Our project has made a great difference to the older people in the North Ballymena area as they had a monthly event to look forward to and they really appreciated the chance to get out and meet up whilst enjoying a speaker/activity and a warm meal. Some attendees say they wouldn't be out in the month if it wasn't for the Forever Young session. The senior communities from the three estates in the area mix well together now and there is always laughter and fun at the events. Before the establishment of this monthly club, these older people had limited opportunities to socialise together.

- Produced and delivered a Schools Fun Challenge Day engaging with four local primary schools in the North Ballymena area. One of the few events that brings standard and special needs schools together targeting P7 children this event provides an engagement opportunity for children who are approaching a move to secondary education and allows for them to build upon the interaction process that takes places between the schools as part of the shared education programme. It also brings a range of partners such as the Police Service for Northern Ireland, Council Good Relations, Active Community Coaches into direct contact with local children and encourages the development of positive relationships between young people and support agencies.

# NORTH BALLYMENA COMMUNITY CLUSTER

## Public benefits - cont'd

- Produced and delivered the OpportuniDAY event - with more than 30 groups networking and presenting their work to statutory agencies and members of the public.
- Undertake regular evaluation of programmes internally and with outside organisations.

1.3 include increased community participation, motivation and experience leading to a confident and sustainable community.

- Action planning sessions undertaken
- Encouraged and developed Volunteering in the North Ballymena area
  - Continued to circulate the "Volunteering in North Ballymena" booklet, distributed to local shops, agencies, organisations, doctors' surgeries and individuals at events
  - Ran engagement days out in the community with local group members to attract new volunteers
  - Publicised volunteering opportunities
  - Support 20 new volunteers into community activity with local groups
- Ran one-to-one training sessions for group members
- Supported the provision of travel expenses relating to voluntary work undertaken
- Provided training sessions around good governance, first aid and child protection undertaken
- Provided direct community development support to the groups that make up the cluster
- Supported estate-based community events and programmes

1.4 Increased confidence for local people in their elected community representatives and more local people benefiting from an effective community infrastructure.

- Invited elected representatives to all events to develop strong working links between groups and council
- Supported community development initiatives, worked to improve on good governance, development of policies

1.5 include an increase in partnership working, developing best practice and ensuring maximised participation and co-operation. Produced and delivered a number of cluster engagement events throughout the year.

- Community Cluster Awards - with more than 120 attendees the awards highlighted and celebrated the hard work of the community and voluntary sector in the area to the wider community.
  - Community Cluster Awards - with more than 100 attendees, sharing information about community group work across the whole of Ballymena, encouraging networking and partnership working.
- These events provided an opportunity for local groups to engage with each other, to raise awareness of the work being undertaken with the wider public, to start the networking and partnership process to allow for reduction in duplication of services and maximisation of output locally.

1.6 include an increased understanding of good governance and partnership working, effective community representation, influence on policy making and the building of relationships between the community and statutory bodies and local authorities.

- Provided facilitated support around best practice and good governance at each group meeting. Encouraged and supported local volunteers to join training programmes that enabled them to build their confidence and self esteem to allow them to engage in higher level community and statutory meetings.
- Invited representatives from all statutory bodies, local authorities and outside agencies to attend locally based meetings to develop relationships of trust with local residents and support the growth of social capital for the area.

Whilst we are content that we are delivering against the key objectives of our organisation there is still much work to be done to encourage engagement, increase volunteering, to encourage collaboration and partnership working.

We will continue in our efforts to work with other groups to minimise duplication of community services and increase the impact that we can all have collectively in our area of work.

### ***Policy on reserves***

The trustees feel that it is necessary to hold an amount in unrestricted funds to enable them to cover expenditure for a period of nine months to enable the company to continue at its current level of activity

# NORTH BALLYMENA COMMUNITY CLUSTER

## Review of the Business

The trustees were satisfied with the results for the year.

No taxation is payable as the association is a registered charity, charity number NI00203

## Future Strategy

The Association plans to continue the activities as outlined above.

Their aims are as follows :

Community Cluster in order to strengthen the voluntary and community sector within the defined area; ensuring that Cluster needs are serviced through an operational office providing advice and support to local groups in the area including those of emerging groups.

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## Risk Assessment

The Board has conducted a review of major risks to which the charity is exposed and systems have been established to minimise these risks. The findings were low risk.

## Trustees

The trustees of the board during the year were :

Mr David McGuckin-Chairman

Mr P J McAvoy-Vice Chairman

Mr Robert McCahon-Secretary

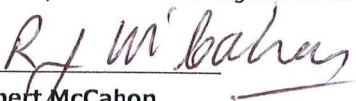
Mr Barry Gordon-Treasurer

Mr John McCandless

Mr Bob Dwyer

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities.

Approved by the Board and signed on its behalf by:



Mr Robert McCahon

Secretary

North Ballymena Community Cluster

Date: 14th January 2019

## **NORTH BALLYMENA COMMUNITY CLUSTER**

### **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF NORTH BALLYMENA COMMUNITY CLUSTER**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2018, which are set out on pages 6 to 12.

#### **Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner**

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Commission under Section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- State whether particular matters have come to our attention.

#### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

I have examined your charity accounts as required under Section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under Section 65 (9)(b) of the Charities Act. My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

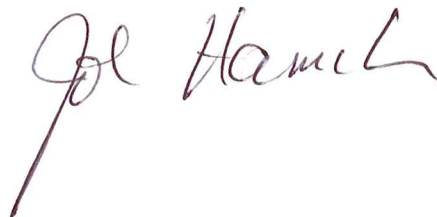
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4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

#### **Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Mr John Hamilton  
D T Carson & Co  
Chartered Accountants  
Registered Auditor  
51-53 Thomas Street  
Ballymena  
BT43 6AZ



Date: 14<sup>TH</sup> January 2019

# NORTH BALLYMENA COMMUNITY CLUSTER

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 March 2018

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 31/03/2018	Total Funds 31/03/2017
		£	£	£	£
<b><u>Incoming Resources</u></b>	2				
Grants received			27,124	27,124	287,124
Donations			4,140	4,140	5,140
Income from activities for generating funds		1,262		1,262	
				0	
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>		<u>1,262</u>	<u>31,264</u>	<u>32,526</u>	<u>293,764</u>
<b><u>Resources Expended</u></b>	3				
Charitable activities		1,163	32,561	33,724	237,163
Transfers		1,328	(1,328)	0	
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>		<u>2,491</u>	<u>31,232</u>	<u>33,724</u>	<u>237,163</u>
Net Movement in Funds		<u>(1,229)</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>(1,198)</u>	<u>55,598</u>

The notes on pages 8 to 12 form an integral part of these financial statements

# NORTH BALLYMENA COMMUNITY CLUSTER

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 March 2018

	Note	2018		2017	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Debtors	4	11,407		3030	
Cash at bank and in hand		14		6,269	
		<u>11,421</u>		<u>9299</u>	
<b>Creditors Amounts Falling</b>					
Bank Overdraft	5	(3,320)		0	
Due Within One Year				0	
		<u>(3,320)</u>		<u>0</u>	
<b>Net Current Assets</b>			<u>8,101</u>		<u>929</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>			<u><u>8,101</u></u>		<u><u>929</u></u>
<b>Represented by:</b>					
Restricted funds	6	5,597		5565	
Unrestricted funds	6	<u>2,504</u>		<u>3734</u>	
			<u><u>8,101</u></u>		<u><u>929</u></u>

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities, accounting and reporting under UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice

Approved by the board and signed on its behalf by:

  
 .....  
**Mr Robert McCahon**  
**Secretary**  
**North Ballymena Community Cluster**

Date 14th January 2019

The notes on pages 8 to 12 form an integral part of these financial statements

# **NORTH BALLYMENA COMMUNITY CLUSTER**

## **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 March 2018**

### **1. Accounting Policies**

#### **Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities (SORP).

#### **Fund accounting policy**

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the company.

Restricted funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

#### **Incoming resources**

- Grants that provide core funding or are for specific projects are released to the income and expenditure account as the related expenditure is incurred.
- Donations comprise amounts receivable during the year.

#### **Resources expended**

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the company to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis.

- Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities.
- Support costs represents overhead costs attributable to the furtherance of the objects of the charity.
- Management and administration includes all other expenditure not directly allocated above.

# NORTH BALLYMENA COMMUNITY CLUSTER

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 March 2018

### 2 Incoming Resources

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2018 £	Total 2017 £
<b>Grants received</b>				
NIHE	0	935	935	0
Halifax	0	3,000	3,000	0
Lunch Together	0	0	0	1621
Mid & East Antrim Council -Lunch Club	0		0	435
Ballymena North Partnership Ltd	0		0	5000
ARCS Moving Forward Together	0	0	0	0
Volunteer Grant	0	0	0	0
AIV Small Grant	0	811	811	0
Policing and Community Safety Partnership	0	752	752	0
DP Action Plan Facilitation	0	144	144	0
Awards for All	0	0	0	0
Lloyds Grant-lunch club	0	0	0	0
MEA Council Good Relations - School Challenge	0	1,482	1,482	1684
Mid & East Antrim Council	0	20,000	20,000	20013
	<u>0</u>	<u>27,124</u>	<u>27,124</u>	<u>28,753</u>
<b>Donations</b>				
Donations-Ballymena North Partnership Ltd		4,140	4,140	550
<b>Income from activities for Generating Funds</b>				
Money from events	<u>0</u>	<u>1,262</u>	<u>1,262</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>0</u>	<u>1,262</u>	<u>1,262</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Total Income from Resources</b>	<u><u>0</u></u>	<u><u>32,526</u></u>	<u><u>32,526</u></u>	<u><u>29303</u></u>

# NORTH BALLYMENA COMMUNITY CLUSTER

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 March 2018

### 3 Resources Expended

	Unrestricted		Restricted	Total 2018	Total 2017
	£		£	£	£
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Project Costs -Soapbox Event			0	0	1,859
NIHE			935	935	
Halifax			2,931	2,931	
Policing and Community Safety			720	720	
AIVC Small Grant			811	811	
DP Action Plan Facilitation			144	144	
Awards for All					-75
Lunch club Income			0		2633.75
Ballymena North Partnership Limited			4,140	4,140	
MEA Council Good Relations - School Challenge			1,532	1,532	1683.5
Expenses claimed under Mid & East Antrim Borough Council:					
Programme Co-ordination	0	12,656		12,656	10,300
Administration	0	3,005		3,005	3,200
Swimming Lessons	0	204		204	0
Miscellaneous Expenses	0	95		95	0
Forever Young Programme	0	312		312	139
Room hire	0	128		128	400
Postage & Stationery	0	132		132	501
Phone & Fax	0	231		231	244
Insurance	0	662		662	640
Internet expenses	0	0			389
Bank charges	0	136		136	115
Advertising & Publicity	0	172		172	467
Bookclub and craft materials	0	158		158	0
Lunch Club Expenses	0	258		258	0
Mens Fitness Club	0	60		60	0
Senior Club Expenses	0	682		682	0
Networking/publicity	0	0			245
Conferances/courses/seminars	0	(360)		-360	591
Travel	0	14		14	285
Equipment	0	0			139
Events/Activities	0	0			48
Communittee/Volunteer Exp	0	0			59
Equipment	0	601		601	139
Events/Activities	0	172		172	48
Communittee/Volunteer Exp	0	0			59
Training	0	160		160	
DRDG Programmes	0	1,480		1,480	48
Dunclug Partnership Easter Engagement	0	392	21,348	392	59
LC meal and trip	1,077			1,077	
Petty Cash Expenses	86			86	
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	<b>1,163</b>	<b>32,561</b>		<b>33,724</b>	<b>23,723</b>

# NORTH BALLYMENA COMMUNITY CLUSTER

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 March 2018

### 4 Debtors

		2018 £	2017 £
Sundry Debtors:	Grant income	11407	3030
		11,407	3,030

### 5 Creditors: Amounts Falling due Within One Year

		2018 £	2017 £
Sundry creditors			0
Bank Overdraft		3,320	
		3,320	499

### 6 Analysis of Funds

	Opening Balance £	Receive d/Recei vable £	Utilised £	Transfer from Unrestricted funds	Balance at 31 March 2018 £	Balance at 31 March 2017 £
<b><u>Restricted Income</u></b>						
NIHE	0	935	935		0	0
Age NI	0				0	0
ARCS Moving Forward Together	0				0	0
Volunteer Grant	0				0	0
AIV Small Grant	0				0	0
Health & Happiness	0				0	0
Halifax	0	3,000	2,931	-69	0	0
Lunch Together	564				564	564
lunch club	0				0	0
Mid & East Antrim Council					0	0
Policing and Community Safety Partnership	0	752	720		32	0
AIVC Small Grant	0	811	811		0	0
DP Action Plan Facilitation	0	144	144		0	0
Ballymena North Partnership Ltd	5,000	4,140	4,140		5,000	5,000
MEA Council Good Relations -2018 School	0	1,482	1,532	50	0	0
Mid & East Antrim Council 17/18	0	20,000	21,348	1,347	0	0
	5,565	31,264	32,561	1,328	5,597	5,565
<b><u>General Funds</u></b>						
Unrestricted Income Funds	3,734	1,262	1,163	(1,328)	2,504	3,734
<b>Total</b>	9,299	32,526	33,724	-	8,101	9,299

### 7 Movement In Funds

	Opening Balance £	Incoming Resource: £	Outgoing Resources £	Transfer from Unrestricted funds	At 31 March 2018 £	At 31 March 2017 £
Restricted Funds	5,565	31,264	32,561	1,328	5,597	5,565
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**North Ballymena Community Cluster**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100224

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# Annual report

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# NORTH BALLYMENA COMMUNITY CLUSTER

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2018

CHARITY NUMBER: NIC 100224

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  - Publicised volunteering opportunities
  - Support 20 new volunteers into community activity with local groups
- Ran one-to-one training sessions for group members
- Supported the provision of travel expenses relating to voluntary work undertaken
- Provided training sessions around good governance, first aid and child protection undertaken
- Provided direct community development support to the groups that make up the cluster
- Supported estate-based community events and programmes

1.4 Increased confidence for local people in their elected community representatives and more local people benefiting from an effective community infrastructure.

- Invited elected representatives to all events to develop strong working links between groups and council
- Supported community development initiatives, worked to improve on good governance, development of policies

1.5 include an increase in partnership working, developing best practice and ensuring maximised participation and co-operation. Produced and delivered a number of cluster engagement events throughout the year.

- Community Cluster Awards - with more than 120 attendees the awards highlighted and celebrated the hard work of the community and voluntary sector in the area to the wider community.
  - Community Cluster Awards - with more than 100 attendees, sharing information about community group work across the whole of Ballymena, encouraging networking and partnership working.
- These events provided an opportunity for local groups to engage with each other, to raise awareness of the work being undertaken with the wider public, to start the networking and partnership process to allow for reduction in duplication of services and maximisation of output locally.

1.6 include an increased understanding of good governance and partnership working, effective community representation, influence on policy making and the building of relationships between the community and statutory bodies and local authorities.

- Provided facilitated support around best practice and good governance at each group meeting. Encouraged and supported local volunteers to join training programmes that enabled them to build their confidence and self esteem to allow them to engage in higher level community and statutory meetings.
- Invited representatives from all statutory bodies, local authorities and outside agencies to attend locally based meetings to develop relationships of trust with local residents and support the growth of social capital for the area.

Whilst we are content that we are delivering against the key objectives of our organisation there is still much work to be done to encourage engagement, increase volunteering, to encourage collaboration and partnership working.

We will continue in our efforts to work with other groups to minimise duplication of community services and increase the impact that we can all have collectively in our area of work.

### ***Policy on reserves***

The trustees feel that it is necessary to hold an amount in unrestricted funds to enable them to cover expenditure for a period of nine months to enable the company to continue at its current level of activity

# NORTH BALLYMENA COMMUNITY CLUSTER

## Review of the Business

The trustees were satisfied with the results for the year.

No taxation is payable as the association is a registered charity, charity number NI00203

## Future Strategy

The Association plans to continue the activities as outlined above.

Their aims are as follows :

Community Cluster in order to strengthen the voluntary and community sector within the defined area; ensuring that Cluster needs are serviced through an operational office providing advice and support to local groups in the area including those of emerging groups.

2. To improve information, networking and funding advice to and among groups in the North Ballymena Area by improving information flow on relevant community based social, economic, community and physical infrastructure issues; networking, sharing and collaborative opportunities for all and funding advice to the area in order to improve the quality of life for those who live within the North Ballymena Cluster area

3. To improve community services by developing and supporting services in the Cluster area which address community needs, helping to build better community relations and support community cohesion

## Risk Assessment

The Board has conducted a review of major risks to which the charity is exposed and systems have been established to minimise these risks. The findings were low risk.

## Trustees

The trustees of the board during the year were :

Mr David McGuckin-Chairman

Mr P J McAvoy-Vice Chairman

Mr Robert McCahon-Secretary

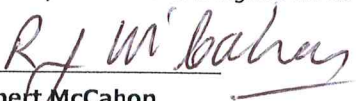
Mr Barry Gordon-Treasurer

Mr John McCandless

Mr Bob Dwyer

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities.

Approved by the Board and signed on its behalf by:



Mr Robert McCahon

Secretary

North Ballymena Community Cluster

Date: 14th January 2019

## **NORTH BALLYMENA COMMUNITY CLUSTER**

### **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF NORTH BALLYMENA COMMUNITY CLUSTER**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2018, which are set out on pages 6 to 12.

#### **Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner**

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Commission under Section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- State whether particular matters have come to our attention.

#### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

I have examined your charity accounts as required under Section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under Section 65 (9)(b) of the Charities Act. My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

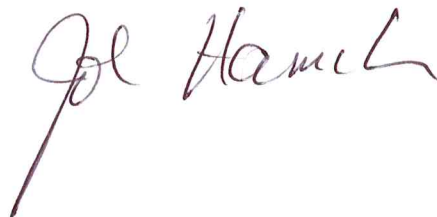
My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. The accounting records were not kept in accordance with Section 63 of the Charities Act.
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records.
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act.
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

#### **Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Mr John Hamilton  
D T Carson & Co  
Chartered Accountants  
Registered Auditor  
51-53 Thomas Street  
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Date: 14<sup>TH</sup> January 2019

# NORTH BALLYMENA COMMUNITY CLUSTER

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 March 2018

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 31/03/2018	Total Funds 31/03/2017
		£	£	£	£
<b><u>Incoming Resources</u></b>	2				
Grants received			27,124	27,124	287,124
Donations			4,140	4,140	5,140
Income from activities for generating funds		1,262		1,262	
				0	
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>		<u>1,262</u>	<u>31,264</u>	<u>32,526</u>	<u>293,704</u>
<b><u>Resources Expended</u></b>	3				
Charitable activities		1,163	32,561	33,724	237,163
Transfers		1,328	(1,328)	0	
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>		<u>2,491</u>	<u>31,232</u>	<u>33,724</u>	<u>237,163</u>
Net Movement in Funds		<u>(1,229)</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>(1,198)</u>	<u>55,541</u>

The notes on pages 8 to 12 form an integral part of these financial statements

# NORTH BALLYMENA COMMUNITY CLUSTER

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 March 2018

	Note	2018		2017	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Debtors	4	11,407		3030	
Cash at bank and in hand		14		6,269	
		<u>11,421</u>		<u>9299</u>	
<b>Creditors Amounts Falling</b>					
Bank Overdraft	5	(3,320)		0	
Due Within One Year				0	
		<u>(3,320)</u>		<u>0</u>	
<b>Net Current Assets</b>			<u>8,101</u>		<u>929</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>			<u><u>8,101</u></u>		<u><u>929</u></u>
<b>Represented by:</b>					
Restricted funds	6	5,597		5565	
Unrestricted funds	6	<u>2,504</u>		<u>3734</u>	
			<u><u>8,101</u></u>		<u><u>929</u></u>

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities, accounting and reporting under UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice

Approved by the board and signed on its behalf by:

  
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# **NORTH BALLYMENA COMMUNITY CLUSTER**

## **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 March 2018**

### **1. Accounting Policies**

#### **Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities (SORP).

#### **Fund accounting policy**

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the company.

Restricted funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

#### **Incoming resources**

- Grants that provide core funding or are for specific projects are released to the income and expenditure account as the related expenditure is incurred.
- Donations comprise amounts receivable during the year.

#### **Resources expended**

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the company to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis.

- Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities.
- Support costs represents overhead costs attributable to the furtherance of the objects of the charity.
- Management and administration includes all other expenditure not directly allocated above.

# NORTH BALLYMENA COMMUNITY CLUSTER

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 March 2018

### 2 Incoming Resources

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2018 £	Total 2017 £
<b>Grants received</b>				
NIHE	0	935	935	0
Halifax	0	3,000	3,000	0
Lunch Together	0	0	0	1621
Mid & East Antrim Council -Lunch Club	0		0	435
Ballymena North Partnership Ltd	0		0	5000
ARCS Moving Forward Together	0	0	0	0
Volunteer Grant	0	0	0	0
AIV Small Grant	0	811	811	0
Policing and Community Safety Partnership	0	752	752	0
DP Action Plan Facilitation	0	144	144	0
Awards for All	0	0	0	0
Lloyds Grant-lunch club	0	0	0	0
MEA Council Good Relations - School Challenge	0	1,482	1,482	1684
Mid & East Antrim Council	0	20,000	20,000	20013
	<u>0</u>	<u>27,124</u>	<u>27,124</u>	<u>28,753</u>
<b>Donations</b>				
Donations-Ballymena North Partnership Ltd		<u>4,140</u>	<u>4,140</u>	<u>550</u>
<b>Income from activities for Generating Funds</b>				
Money from events	<u>0</u>	<u>1,262</u>	<u>1,262</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>0</u>	<u>1,262</u>	<u>1,262</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Total Income from Resources</b>	<u><u>0</u></u>	<u><u>32,526</u></u>	<u><u>32,526</u></u>	<u><u>29303</u></u>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 March 2018

### 3 Resources Expended

	Unrestricted		Restricted	Total 2018	Total 2017
	£		£	£	£
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Project Costs -Soapbox Event			0	0	1,859
NIHE			935	935	
Halifax			2,931	2,931	
Policing and Community Safety			720	720	
AIVC Small Grant			811	811	
DP Action Plan Facilitation			144	144	
Awards for All					-75
Lunch club Income			0		2633.75
Ballymena North Partnership Limited			4,140	4,140	
MEA Council Good Relations - School Challenge			1,532	1,532	1683.5
Expenses claimed under Mid & East Antrim Borough Council:					
Programme Co-ordination	0	12,656		12,656	10,300
Administration	0	3,005		3,005	3,200
Swimming Lessons	0	204		204	0
Miscellaneous Expenses	0	95		95	0
Forever Young Programme	0	312		312	139
Room hire	0	128		128	400
Postage & Stationery	0	132		132	501
Phone & Fax	0	231		231	244
Insurance	0	662		662	640
Internet expenses	0	0			389
Bank charges	0	136		136	115
Advertising & Publicity	0	172		172	467
Bookclub and craft materials	0	158		158	0
Lunch Club Expenses	0	258		258	0
Mens Fitness Club	0	60		60	0
Senior Club Expenses	0	682		682	0
Networking/publicity	0	0			245
Conferances/courses/seminars	0	(360)		-360	591
Travel	0	14		14	285
Equipment	0	0			139
Events/Activities	0	0			48
Communittee/Volunteer Exp	0	0			59
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Events/Activities	0	172		172	48
Communittee/Volunteer Exp	0	0			59
Training	0	160		160	
DRDG Programmes	0	1,480		1,480	48
Dunclug Partnership Easter Engagement	0	392	21,348	392	59
LC meal and trip	1,077			1,077	
Petty Cash Expenses	86			86	
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	<b>1,163</b>	<b>32,561</b>		<b>33,724</b>	<b>23,723</b>

# NORTH BALLYMENA COMMUNITY CLUSTER

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### 4 Debtors

		2018 £	2017 £
Sundry Debtors:	Grant income	11407	3030
		11,407	3,030

### 5 Creditors: Amounts Falling due Within One Year

		2018 £	2017 £
Sundry creditors			0
Bank Overdraft		3,320	
		3,320	499

### 6 Analysis of Funds

	Opening Balance £	Receive d/Recei vable £	Utilised £	Transfer from Unrestricted funds	Balance at 31 March 2018 £	Balance at 31 March 2017 £
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Health & Happiness	0				0	0
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# Annual return

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- Action planning sessions undertaken
- Encouraged and developed Volunteering in the North Ballymena area
  - Continued to circulate the "Volunteering in North Ballymena" booklet, distributed to local shops, agencies, organisations, doctors' surgeries and individuals at events
  - Ran engagement days out in the community with local group members to attract new volunteers
  - Publicised volunteering opportunities
  - Support 20 new volunteers into community activity with local groups
- Ran one-to-one training sessions for group members
- Supported the provision of travel expenses relating to voluntary work undertaken
- Provided training sessions around good governance, first aid and child protection undertaken
- Provided direct community development support to the groups that make up the cluster
- Supported estate-based community events and programmes

1.4 Increased confidence for local people in their elected community representatives and more local people benefiting from an effective community infrastructure.

- Invited elected representatives to all events to develop strong working links between groups and council
- Supported community development initiatives, worked to improve on good governance, development of policies

1.5 include an increase in partnership working, developing best practice and ensuring maximised participation and co-operation. Produced and delivered a number of cluster engagement events throughout the year.

- Community Cluster Awards - with more than 120 attendees the awards highlighted and celebrated the hard work of the community and voluntary sector in the area to the wider community.
  - Community Cluster Awards - with more than 100 attendees, sharing information about community group work across the whole of Ballymena, encouraging networking and partnership working.
- These events provided an opportunity for local groups to engage with each other, to raise awareness of the work being undertaken with the wider public, to start the networking and partnership process to allow for reduction in duplication of services and maximisation of output locally.

1.6 include an increased understanding of good governance and partnership working, effective community representation, influence on policy making and the building of relationships between the community and statutory bodies and local authorities.

- Provided facilitated support around best practice and good governance at each group meeting. Encouraged and supported local volunteers to join training programmes that enabled them to build their confidence and self esteem to allow them to engage in higher level community and statutory meetings.
- Invited representatives from all statutory bodies, local authorities and outside agencies to attend locally based meetings to develop relationships of trust with local residents and support the growth of social capital for the area.

Whilst we are content that we are delivering against the key objectives of our organisation there is still much work to be done to encourage engagement, increase volunteering, to encourage collaboration and partnership working.

We will continue in our efforts to work with other groups to minimise duplication of community services and increase the impact that we can all have collectively in our area of work.

### ***Policy on reserves***

The trustees feel that it is necessary to hold an amount in unrestricted funds to enable them to cover expenditure for a period of nine months to enable the company to continue at its current level of activity

# NORTH BALLYMENA COMMUNITY CLUSTER

## Review of the Business

The trustees were satisfied with the results for the year.

No taxation is payable as the association is a registered charity, charity number NI00203

## Future Strategy

The Association plans to continue the activities as outlined above.

Their aims are as follows :

Community Cluster in order to strengthen the voluntary and community sector within the defined area; ensuring that Cluster needs are serviced through an operational office providing advice and support to local groups in the area including those of emerging groups.

2. To improve information, networking and funding advice to and among groups in the North Ballymena Area by improving information flow on relevant community based social, economic, community and physical infrastructure issues; networking, sharing and collaborative opportunities for all and funding advice to the area in order to improve the quality of life for those who live within the North Ballymena Cluster area

3. To improve community services by developing and supporting services in the Cluster area which address community needs, helping to build better community relations and support community cohesion

## Risk Assessment

The Board has conducted a review of major risks to which the charity is exposed and systems have been established to minimise these risks. The findings were low risk.

## Trustees

The trustees of the board during the year were :

Mr David McGuckin-Chairman

Mr P J McAvoy-Vice Chairman

Mr Robert McCahon-Secretary

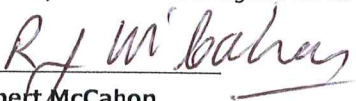
Mr Barry Gordon-Treasurer

Mr John McCandless

Mr Bob Dwyer

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities.

Approved by the Board and signed on its behalf by:



Mr Robert McCahon

Secretary

North Ballymena Community Cluster

Date: 14th January 2019

## **NORTH BALLYMENA COMMUNITY CLUSTER**

### **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF NORTH BALLYMENA COMMUNITY CLUSTER**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2018, which are set out on pages 6 to 12.

#### **Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner**

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Commission under Section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- State whether particular matters have come to our attention.

#### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

I have examined your charity accounts as required under Section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under Section 65 (9)(b) of the Charities Act. My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

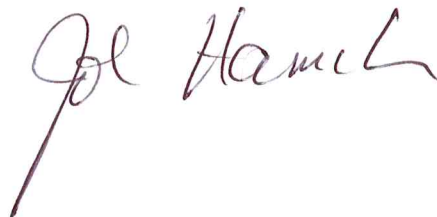
My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. The accounting records were not kept in accordance with Section 63 of the Charities Act.
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records.
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act.
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

#### **Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Mr John Hamilton  
D T Carson & Co  
Chartered Accountants  
Registered Auditor  
51-53 Thomas Street  
Ballymena  
BT43 6AZ



Date: 14<sup>TH</sup> January 2019

# NORTH BALLYMENA COMMUNITY CLUSTER

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 March 2018

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 31/03/2018	Total Funds 31/03/2017
		£	£	£	£
<b><u>Incoming Resources</u></b>	2				
Grants received			27,124	27,124	287,124
Donations			4,140	4,140	5,140
Income from activities for generating funds		1,262		1,262	
				0	
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>		<u>1,262</u>	<u>31,264</u>	<u>32,526</u>	<u>293,764</u>
<b><u>Resources Expended</u></b>	3				
Charitable activities		1,163	32,561	33,724	237,163
Transfers		1,328	(1,328)	0	
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>		<u>2,491</u>	<u>31,232</u>	<u>33,724</u>	<u>237,163</u>
Net Movement in Funds		<u>(1,229)</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>(1,198)</u>	<u>55,598</u>

The notes on pages 8 to 12 form an integral part of these financial statements


# NORTH BALLYMENA COMMUNITY CLUSTER

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 March 2018

	Note	2018		2017	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Debtors	4	11,407		3030	
Cash at bank and in hand		14		6,269	
		<u>11,421</u>		<u>9299</u>	
<b>Creditors Amounts Falling</b>					
Bank Overdraft	5	(3,320)		0	
Due Within One Year				0	
		<u>(3,320)</u>		<u>0</u>	
<b>Net Current Assets</b>			<u>8,101</u>		<u>929</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>			<u><u>8,101</u></u>		<u><u>929</u></u>
<b>Represented by:</b>					
Restricted funds	6	5,597		5565	
Unrestricted funds	6	<u>2,504</u>		<u>3734</u>	
			<u><u>8,101</u></u>		<u><u>929</u></u>

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities, accounting and reporting under UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice

Approved by the board and signed on its behalf by:

  
 .....  
**Mr Robert McCahon**  
**Secretary**  
**North Ballymena Community Cluster**

Date 14th January 2019

The notes on pages 8 to 12 form an integral part of these financial statements

# **NORTH BALLYMENA COMMUNITY CLUSTER**

## **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 March 2018**

### **1. Accounting Policies**

#### **Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities (SORP).

#### **Fund accounting policy**

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the company.

Restricted funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

#### **Incoming resources**

- Grants that provide core funding or are for specific projects are released to the income and expenditure account as the related expenditure is incurred.
- Donations comprise amounts receivable during the year.

#### **Resources expended**

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the company to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis.

- Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities.
- Support costs represents overhead costs attributable to the furtherance of the objects of the charity.
- Management and administration includes all other expenditure not directly allocated above.

# NORTH BALLYMENA COMMUNITY CLUSTER

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 March 2018

### 2 Incoming Resources

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2018 £	Total 2017 £
<b>Grants received</b>				
NIHE	0	935	935	0
Halifax	0	3,000	3,000	0
Lunch Together	0	0	0	1621
Mid & East Antrim Council -Lunch Club	0		0	435
Ballymena North Partnership Ltd	0		0	5000
ARCS Moving Forward Together	0	0	0	0
Volunteer Grant	0	0	0	0
AIV Small Grant	0	811	811	0
Policing and Community Safety Partnership	0	752	752	0
DP Action Plan Facilitation	0	144	144	0
Awards for All	0	0	0	0
Lloyds Grant-lunch club	0	0	0	0
MEA Council Good Relations - School Challenge	0	1,482	1,482	1684
Mid & East Antrim Council	0	20,000	20,000	20013
	<u>0</u>	<u>27,124</u>	<u>27,124</u>	<u>28,753</u>
<b>Donations</b>				
Donations-Ballymena North Partnership Ltd		<u>4,140</u>	<u>4,140</u>	<u>550</u>
<b>Income from activities for Generating Funds</b>				
Money from events	<u>0</u>	<u>1,262</u>	<u>1,262</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>0</u>	<u>1,262</u>	<u>1,262</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Total Income from Resources</b>	<u><u>0</u></u>	<u><u>32,526</u></u>	<u><u>32,526</u></u>	<u><u>29303</u></u>

# NORTH BALLYMENA COMMUNITY CLUSTER

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 March 2018

### 3 Resources Expended

	Unrestricted		Restricted	Total 2018	Total 2017
	£		£	£	£
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Project Costs -Soapbox Event			0	0	1,859
NIHE			935	935	
Halifax			2,931	2,931	
Policing and Community Safety			720	720	
AIVC Small Grant			811	811	
DP Action Plan Facilitation			144	144	
Awards for All					-75
Lunch club Income			0		2633.75
Ballymena North Partnership Limited			4,140	4,140	
MEA Council Good Relations - School Challenge			1,532	1,532	1683.5
Expenses claimed under Mid & East Antrim Borough Council:					
Programme Co-ordination	0	12,656		12,656	10,300
Administration	0	3,005		3,005	3,200
Swimming Lessons	0	204		204	0
Miscellaneous Expenses	0	95		95	0
Forever Young Programme	0	312		312	139
Room hire	0	128		128	400
Postage & Stationery	0	132		132	501
Phone & Fax	0	231		231	244
Insurance	0	662		662	640
Internet expenses	0	0			389
Bank charges	0	136		136	115
Advertising & Publicity	0	172		172	467
Bookclub and craft materials	0	158		158	0
Lunch Club Expenses	0	258		258	0
Mens Fitness Club	0	60		60	0
Senior Club Expenses	0	682		682	0
Networking/publicity	0	0			245
Conferances/courses/seminars	0	(360)		-360	591
Travel	0	14		14	285
Equipment	0	0			139
Events/Activities	0	0			48
Communittee/Volunteer Exp	0	0			59
Equipment	0	601		601	139
Events/Activities	0	172		172	48
Communittee/Volunteer Exp	0	0			59
Training	0	160		160	
DRDG Programmes	0	1,480		1,480	48
Dunclug Partnership Easter Engagement	0	392	21,348	392	59
LC meal and trip	1,077			1,077	
Petty Cash Expenses	86			86	
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	<b>1,163</b>	<b>32,561</b>		<b>33,724</b>	<b>23,723</b>

# NORTH BALLYMENA COMMUNITY CLUSTER

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 March 2018

<b>4 Debtors</b>		<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Sundry Debtors:	Grant income	11407	3030
		<u>11,407</u>	<u>3,030</u>
<b>5 Creditors: Amounts Falling due Within One Year</b>		<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Sundry creditors			0
Bank Overdraft		3,320	
		<u>3,320</u>	<u>499</u>

### 6 Analysis of Funds

	Opening Balance	Receive d/Recei vable	Utilised	Transfer from Unrestricted funds	Balance at 31 March 2018	Balance at 31 March 2017
	£	£	£		£	£
<b><u>Restricted Income</u></b>						
NIHE	0	935	935		0	0
Age NI	0				0	0
ARCS Moving Forward Together	0				0	0
Volunteer Grant	0				0	0
AIV Small Grant	0				0	0
Health & Happiness	0				0	0
Halifax	0	3,000	2,931	-69	0	0
Lunch Together	564				564	564
lunch club	0				0	0
Mid & East Antrim Council					0	0
Policing and Community Safety Partnership	0	752	720		32	0
AIVC Small Grant	0	811	811		0	0
DP Action Plan Facilitation	0	144	144		0	0
Ballymena North Partnership Ltd	5,000	4,140	4,140		5,000	5,000
MEA Council Good Relations -2018 School	0	1,482	1,532	50	0	0
Mid & East Antrim Council 17/18	0	20,000	21,348	1,347	0	0
	<u>5,565</u>	<u>31,264</u>	<u>32,561</u>	<u>1,328</u>	<u>5,597</u>	<u>5,565</u>
<b><u>General Funds</u></b>						
Unrestricted Income Funds	3,734	1,262	1,163	(1,328)	2,504	3,734
<b>Total</b>	<u>9,299</u>	<u>32,526</u>	<u>33,724</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,101</u>	<u>9,299</u>

### 7 Movement In Funds

	Opening Balance	Incoming Resource:	Outgoing Resources	Transfer from Unrestricted funds	At 31 March 2018	At 31 March 2017
	£	£	£		£	£
Restricted Funds	5,565	31,264	32,561	1,328	5,597	5,565
Unrestricted Funds	3,734	1,262	1,163	(1,328)	2,504	3,734
	<u>9,299</u>	<u>32,526</u>	<u>33,724</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>8,101</u>	<u>9,299</u>

# **NORTH BALLYMENA COMMUNITY CLUSTER**

## **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 March 2018**

### **8 Taxation**

The Association is a registered charity and is, therefore, exempt from taxation

### **9 Trustees' Remuneration**

No trustee received any remuneration during the period.