

Erne East Community Partnership Limited

Company Limited by Guarantee

Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report)

Year ended 28 April 2025

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 28 April 2025.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name Erne East Community Partnership Limited

Charity registration number NIC100296

Company registration number NI037202

Principal office and registered office Lite House
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The trustees

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Structure, governance and management

Governing document

Erne East Community Partnership is a company limited by guarantee (Registration number NI037202). The company is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. The company is recognised as a charity by the Charities Commission for Northern Ireland (Ref: NIC100296).

Governance

The governance function of Erne East Community Partnership is fulfilled through its Board of Trustees. The trustees are charged with overall responsibility for the Company. The Board members give their time voluntarily and receive no dividend from the Charity. Any benefits which obtained are incidental. The Board of trustees of Erne East Community Partnership are responsible for the overall legal and financial management of the community. The work of implementing most of their policies is carried out by the Manager, to which the Board has delegated responsibility. We employ staff which are necessary to further the Company's purpose. Staff receive a private benefit in the form of payment in wages. This is justified as it is necessary and incidental in advancing the charity's purpose. Erne East Community Partnership has a responsibility to conduct its business efficiently. The establishment of, and the strict adherence to sound financial management policies is an integral part of the organisation. The Board of trustees and Management Committee of Erne East Community Partnership are committed to establishing, maintaining and applying all necessary good practice to ensure that their duty of care to the management of finances of the organisation are fulfilled. It is essential that Erne East Community Partnership control all operational risks as far as is possible. This includes the participation of all those involved directly or indirectly with the banking arrangements for the organisation. Along with the financial systems of the organisation, this policy aims to detail responsibilities, risk management and internal controls.

Statement of risks

The Trustees have conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed. A risk register has been established and is updated at least annually. Where appropriate, systems or procedures have been established to mitigate the risks the charity faces. Significant external risks to funding have led to the development of a strategic plan which will allow for the diversification of funding and activities - hence the reserves policy. Internal control risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects. Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health and safety of staff, volunteers, clients and visitors to the centre. The Trustees acknowledge that Erne East Community Partnership has acquired immense knowledge, and experience in meeting the challenges of demand, complexity, resource limitations, financial pressures, quality assurance, regulation, while promoting best practise. It was also considered that the Company management team has the ability to continue to provide Community led projects and has in place systems of work to set and achieve goals and targets, monitor, assess and review performance and act on findings to continually improve service quality and performance in the best interest of its beneficiaries and stakeholders. Erne East Community Partnership complies with all current employment and equality legislation including 1974 Health & Safety at Work Act and anti-discrimination legislation as enacted in Northern Ireland and takes all reasonable steps to secure the observance of this condition by all its staff or agents employed in the performance of his/her duties. The Company has a strong community ethos accompanied with sound business acumen and is committed to providing best value and highest professional standards in all we do.

Objectives and activities

We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities.

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Principal activity

The principal activity of the company is to promote, maintain and advance the provision of social services, childcare and family services, addiction services, welfare rights, educational programmes, recreational facilities, health and well-being programmes, group capacity building support and practical assistance for the residents of Erne East and surrounding areas. In addition, the company will seek where possible to build strategic partnerships with compatible organisations throughout Fermanagh and further afield in advancing health and wellbeing and social development.

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Objectives and activities *(continued)*

Details of significant activities

During the year to the 28th April 2025 a total of 6424 individuals benefited from health and well-being activities an increase in participation from the previous year of 8.5%.

KEY Health Department Strategies governed our work for the Public Health Agency including:

Theme 1. Making Life Better the Framework for Public Health.

Theme 2. NI Mental Health Strategy 2021-2031

Beneficiaries was broken down as follows:

Improving Health and Well-being for Older People-524 beneficiaries

Mental Health/ Suicide Prevention- 2,183 beneficiaries

Healthy Weight /Physical Activity- 378 beneficiaries

Reduce Prevalence of smoking-391 beneficiaries

Reduce harm from alcohol and drug use:904 beneficiaries

Best outcomes for children and adults:1,139 beneficiaries

Promote Inclusive Intergenerational health initiatives: 834 beneficiaries Training: 71 beneficiaries

A breakdown of some of the work areas included:

Addictions- people benefited from interventions related to addiction this included a weekly drop-in centre for alcohol addiction and mental health and the support of Alcoholics Anonymous who run well attended evening sessions twice per week.

Anti-Poverty- people benefited from various initiatives to address poverty and marginalised community groups including referrals for various benefits and schemes, referrals to the local foodbank assistance, energy efficiency advice, Bryson Energy Referrals and a contract with Fermanagh and Omagh District Council's WRAP anti-poverty programme.

Volunteering- 174 volunteers assisted staff in their work contributing an estimated 5576 hrs with a major contribution to our fundraising efforts across 6 local electoral wards and beyond.

Older People- the centre continued to lead on a falls prevention programme for the Western area, volunteer social car scheme continued and other initiatives including the memory club for people with early onset dementia continued.

Family and Childcare: Family based services, Rainbow Afterschools Club, Stay and Play and family contact visits were facilitated.

Chronic Disease Management: Chronic pain programme, basic footcare, audiology, farm family checks and other actions undertaken.

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Numbers of people using the centre increased by 8.5 % and moved closer towards regular numbers for the centre that had reduced immediately after Covid -19. Securing funding for community health initiatives and activities has been difficult due to departmental cutbacks and financial pressures. Community need and access to health services has if anything worsen in our rural hinterland. The organisation has recognised that the long-term sustainability of the organisation, under current pressures, could be vulnerable and that creating a new business model was essential to maintain services pay and competitive wages. PEACEPLUS may present some opportunities for funding in the upcoming years for those who are successful. However, it is the final tranche of PEACE funding and continued austerity in it's aftermath is likely to put community projects under pressures again.

In December 2023 the organisation successfully completed a bid on a former supermarket property on Main Street Lisnaskea. This provides a reasonable footprint to plan for services in a prominent main street location. The building has structural deficiencies and will need to be demolished. To secure the purchase a loan was secured from management committee/staff members on a not -for-profit basis on the condition that the organisation hold a significant community fundraiser within a two year period to repay the benefactors.

In 2024 an adjoining house went up for sale in a similar timeframe to the supermarket providing an excellent opportunity to improve access to the rear of the building and enhance the site. The organisation did not have funding to bid on this property. A member of management agreed to purchase the house and hold it for a period of two years. They agreed to sell the property to the organisation on a not-for-profit basis if funding can be secured by November 2025 or thereabouts.

Funding to help in the purchase of the new property was provided by Lisnaskea Fairs and Markets and initial funding to develop the building was provided by Fermanagh Trust, Halifax Bank, Secad and Northern Ireland Housing Executive. The majority of capital came from the organisation's own reserves and loans from the organisation's management.

In early 2024 the organisation appointed an Architect to draw up plans for the building's redevelopment and to work towards building control approval, price the development and commission various surveys. This work is on-going.

In May 2024 the organisation led on a bid for capital and programmes monies to PEACEPLUS Measure 4.2. This was a partnership bid with community, statutory and cross-border partners. The bid included plans for a community health and well-being hub for the Erne East District Electoral Area on the supermarket site. The hub will incorporate and enhance existing services in newly built

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In January / February 2025 the organisation launched a major funding drive to recoup monies owed for the purchase of the supermarket property, consultancy fees related to the planning process and other costs not funded by SEUPB. This was to culminate in a Filming Making Awards ceremony in June 2015. Corporate, small business, community and voluntary sector sponsors were sought and 73 fundraisers were recruited each with a target of raising £1,500. A fundraising target of £120k was set to recover money already spent or due to be spent.

On 26th March 2025 the organisation were informed that SEUPB had met and decided to fund the PEACEPLUS Measure 4.2 project submitted. The funding offer is for €5,722,677 and will include funding of the capital build of the new community health and well-being hub. This will not cover all costs or finance already expended on the project.

This year's accounts indicate a surplus of £25,130 and turnover of £434,388. Income included £45,216 from the film making fundraising initiative and it should be noted that further community fundraising and the surplus in this year's accounts will be required to pay off short-term loans and that further costs that will arise in paying for and planning the development of the new Community Health Hub for Erne East.

The number of beneficiaries attending programmes increased during the year and staff worked towards finding new sources of funding to fund the capital build with some success. The awarding of PEACEPLUS Measure 4.2 funding in March 2025 was a major breakthrough for the organisation and will provide a quality facility for future generations.

Financial review

Reserves Policy

The trustees of Erne East Community Partnership Limited have set up a reserves policy which requires that reserves be maintained, in unrestricted bank accounts at a level which ensures the Company's core activities could continue during a period of unforeseen difficulty. The trustees consider that this figure should be £195,000 and will endeavour to reach this figure in the next few years. The trustees review the Reserves Policy annually.

Plans for future periods

The trustees are fully aware of the importance in the upcoming year for the organisation to aggressively pursue other suitable fundraising opportunities and to actively review expenditure and resource allocation to ensure the charity will have a surplus.

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Trustees' responsibilities statement

The trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of company law, are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Auditor

Each of the persons who is a trustee at the date of approval of this report confirms that:

- so far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditor is unaware; and
- they have taken all steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information.

The auditor is deemed to have been re-appointed in accordance with section 487 of the Companies Act 2006.

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

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The trustees' annual report was approved on 21 January 2026 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:


Mrs A McAdam
Trustee