

Annalong Community Development Association Limited

Company Limited by Guarantee

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

Year ended 31 March 2025

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name Annalong Community Development Association Limited

Charity registration number NIC100722

Company registration number NI029070

Principal office and registered office 57 Kilkeel Road
Annalong
Newry
Co Down
BT34 4TJ

The trustees

Mr D McCauley (Deceased - 22 April 2024)
Mr S Hughes
Mr R W Hall
Mr J R Pierson

Independent examiner Una Cunningham
Chartered Accountants in Ireland
Purdy Quinn
Chartered Accountants
42 Greencastle Street
KILKEEL
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BT34 4BH

Structure, governance and management

The charity was originally a community association which was set up as a company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital. The date of incorporation was 21 December 1994.

On 24 May 2016 the company was granted charitable status by the Charity Commissioners Northern Ireland with a Northern Ireland Charity number NIC100722.

The company is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

The charity is managed by a Board of Directors. As required on an ad hoc basis, the Board Members are responsible for considering the appointment of potential new Board Members to the Board. Suitable people are approached and if they are willing to serve on the Board, their nomination is put forward for approval by the Board. There is no maximum term of office.

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Objectives and activities

The charity's objectives are:

a) To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Annalong and District without distinction of sex, race, political, religious or other opinion by associating the statutory authorities, voluntary authorities, voluntary organisations and inhabitants in a common effort to advance employment, environmental regeneration and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the inhabitants, and fostering peace and reconciliation between the inhabitants of the area and of Northern Ireland.

b) to provide with assistance in the areas of employment and environmental regeneration within the area of benefit by means of community environmental schemes, enterprise schemes and the provision of support of facilities necessary or convenient for the promotion of the objects of the charity.

Achievements and performance

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ACDA organised the annual Fireworks Display which takes place at the local harbour. This is a free event which is well attended and appreciated by the community. The cost was £2,500 (2024 - £2500). Two local business groups in the village provided refreshments and sweets to coincide with the display.

ACDA Directors agreed to donate £350 to Annalong Community Empowerment who organise a Christmas Lights Festival for the village and to Annalong Community Association for their provision of a Christmas Dinner and entertainment for those of pension age. Both events are well attended and very much appreciated by the community.

Annalong Football Club have been working for many years towards achieving a pitch and facilities of an acceptable standard to allow them to take part in competition. ACDA have worked with them, offering advice, assisting at meetings with Council and Government Depts. The Club is very much a cross-community club from youth to senior level. ACDA, as we understand the costs of planning, agreed to donate £10,000 to the club as they move forward with the project.

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Achievements and performance *(continued)*

In September 2024 ACDA moved £100,000 into a Fixed Term Deposit Account for 1 year and £100,000 into a Fixed Term Deposit Account for six months with Danske Bank.

Back in December 2023 it was agreed to make a donation of £300 to Allan Kilgore who had retired as secretary. The presentation was unfortunately delayed until May 2024. Allan was a founder member of the group and he has been a gem in the ACDA family. His knowledge and dedication freely given to the group was exceptional and definitely not reflected by the donation.

In April 2024 our Chairman Davy McCauley sadly passed away. A granite seat was erected on the Coastal Path in Davy's memory. His commitment to ACDA and his drive gets projects carried out especially the Coastal Path was second to none.

ACDA took a hard hit by losing these two great members. However, we now have increased our number of committee members and are looking forward again to new projects.

Financial review

The results for the year are set out on page 5 of the accompanying financial statements.

The Annalong Community Development Association Limited's accounts this year are showing a deficit of £23,772 (2024 - £5,214).

Plans for future periods

Reserves Policy


The rental business and property known as the Cornmill Quay was sold during the 2020 year. The funds realised have been lodged to a bank Business Investment Account and will be administered by the Trustees. The funds (unrestricted reserves) will be used to upkeep the Coastal Path and towards other projects for the benefit of the community.

At the year-end unrestricted reserves held totalled £229,653 (2024 - £253,425).

Small company provisions

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

The trustees' annual report was approved on 5 December 2025 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:


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Mr S Hughes
Trustee


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Mr J R Pierson
Trustee