

DROMBOUGHIL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The directors, who are trustees under charity law, are pleased to present their annual directors' report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022 which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Accounting Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)"(as amended for accounting periods commencing 1 January 2016).

Reference and Administration Information

Charity Name: Dromboughil Community Association

Incorporated: 24th July 2003

Charity Commission No: NIC 101270

HM Revenue & Customs Charity No: XR80127

Company Number: NI047312

Registered office: 36 Magheramore Road
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Trustees: Mr John James O'Kane
Mr Liam Campbell
Mr Alfred David Canning
Mrs Kathleen Canning
Mr Alan Miller
Mr Matthew Ramsey Poston
Mr Robert Buchanan

Secretary: Mr Alfred Canning

Management Committee:	Mr John James O'Kane	Chair
	Mr Liam Campbell	Vice Chair
	Mr Alan Miller	Secretary
	Mrs Ruth Canning	Treasurer
	Mrs Kathleen Canning	
	Mr Alfred Canning	
	Mrs Anne McLaughlin	
	Mr Matthew Poston	

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Our aims and objectives

Purposes and aims

Our charity's purposes are as set out in the objects clause contained in the company's Memorandum of Association:

- to benefit the public through the promotion of the relief of poverty, sickness and the problems associated with ageing, principally in the areas of benefit in the environs of Dromboughil, and
- to maintain and manage, in co-operation with local government, a community resource centre.

Ensuring our work delivers our aims

Our aims, objectives and activities are reviewed, monitored and assessed through our ongoing programme of regular committee meetings. The committee ensures adherence to the Charity's Commission's general guidance on public benefit in assessing compliance with stated aims and objectives and in programming future activities.

The focus of our work

Our main objectives are

- the promotion of peace and reconciliation between the communities represented in the area and
- rural regeneration through self-help and self-building programmes.

How our charity activities deliver public benefit

Who use and benefit from our services?

Older people

Older people benefit from attendance at courses and meetings at the community resource centre. Weekly craft courses are well attended by senior citizens. The physical or mental limitations that often accompany ageing make it difficult for some seniors to enjoy certain crafts. The variety of crafts offered at the centre, crocheting, quilting, patch working, embroidery and sundry needlework, ensures there is something which suits everyone. We believe that crafting helps to keep the mind sharp and stimulated and that working with crafts brings people together thereby helping to give the elderly a sense of belonging and enable them to develop friendships.

Other weekly classes include art which we feel can be a therapeutic recreation for the elderly. The creativity classes help the elderly to reduce stress, anxiety and boredom and give them a sense of control assisting to improve self-esteem and confidence. We believe that this all contributes to improving emotional and physical health.

A senior citizen group meets every week and members are provided with refreshments and lunch. They also enjoy outings, age-related talks and participate in physical activity. These regular meetings encourage socialisation and give new opportunities for connecting with others and are, therefore, effective in alleviating loneliness and reducing the risk of social isolation

The general public

The general public benefit from attendance at courses, functions and gatherings at the community resource centre which promotes community integration. "Variety Crafts", an enterprise which provides an outlet for craft materials and workshops for individuals and groups fills the gap that existed in the local area for those interested in crafts. The art and craft classes provide a means for people to share their culture with others, thereby promoting harmony, understanding, tolerance and co-operation between the different communities. The arts and crafts groups enable

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people to become involved in community activities that are affordable, close to home, in a neutral environment and appropriate to the backgrounds and aspirations of the participants. We believe that engagement by the public in these groups plays an important role in celebrating and preserving local cultures, traditions and heritage which helps strengthen local identity.

Volunteers

The Charity is very reliant on voluntary help. Volunteers are given the opportunity to pass on their skills. A number of our volunteers are unemployed and benefit on a personal level from gaining new skills such as team work, negotiation, communication and administration – all improving their self-esteem and confidence and better equipping them for employment. We wish to thank our friends for their loyal support and service.

Youth

The local youth benefits from a centre that provides a warm and friendly social meeting place. We find that young people who attend the centre to use the computer facilities tend to get involved in other community activities and voluntary work, for example, helping at social functions. We believe that young people's involvement in voluntary work at the centre helps to relieve boredom, develop new skills, try out new things and have fun. They benefit from the knowledge and skills passed on from senior members and feel that their own talents are appreciated and that they are accepted in the community.

Financial review

There has been an increase in our overall income to £39,039 (2021: £22,540). Total expenditure has increased by £2,939 resulting in a surplus for the year of £3,622 compared to a deficit of £9,938 in the previous year.

Principal Funding Sources

The Association continues to rely principally upon grant funding and donations. Included in the accounts is the sum of £26,500 from grants, an increase of £16,500 from the previous year.

The association also generates contributions for services, such as courses, room hire and catering, provided to the local community. This totalled £7,939 in the year (2021 - £3,762). "Variety Crafts" provides a source of income from the sale of crafts and textiles and from running classes and workshops and this amounted to £3,292 (2021 - £1,520).

Investment Policy

The charity continues with its policy to endeavour to build the reserves of the Association to facilitate the medium term objective of developing and improving the Association's community resource centre. To further this end, cash funds are held in short-term bank deposits and showed an increase of £12,100 over the year. An amount of £5,119 is held in a building fund account at year end. This will be used to cover general upkeep of the premises.

Reserves policy and going concern

Reserves are needed to bridge the gap between the spending and receiving of income and to cover unplanned emergency repairs and other expenditure. The trustees consider that the balance of unrestricted general funds of £21,902 at 31st December 2022 is necessary to allow for fluctuations in levels of income and expenditure, planned commitments which cannot be met by future income alone, the need to spend money in advance of receiving grants and any unforeseen emergencies

Year end funds include a designated fund reflecting the book value of the building on which grants have been received. The relevant fund is being reduced in line with the building's depreciation and amounted to £237,452 on 31st December 2022.

The trustees consider the reserves retained by the Association as sufficient for the ongoing needs of the company given the current and prospective funding sources and are confident that at this level of reserves, they would be able to continue the current activities of the charity in the event of a significant drop in funding.

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Risk assessment

The Trustees are aware of the major risks to which the charity is exposed. Where appropriate, systems or procedures have been established to mitigate the risks which the charity faces. Internal control risks are minimised through the procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects. Procedures are periodically reviewed to ensure that they continue to meet the needs of the Association. Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations. These procedures are reviewed periodically to ensure that they continue to meet the needs of the charity.

Achievements in 2022

Following a turbulent couple of years of disruption caused by Covid 19, the centre was able to return to the provision of all regular classes. However, we quickly realised that Covid was still having a detrimental effect on recovery as class numbers from within the younger section of the community had depleted greatly. It became obvious to trustees, committee, volunteers and staff that getting back to pre Covid activities and numbers was going to take longer than anticipated. We did, however, see a greater need to focus on, and further develop the seniors' group by introducing programmes that were tailored to meet their needs. We found that within this age demographic that the participation numbers more than exceeded expectation.

During 2022 we were permitted to commence hosting events again. In April 2022 we held our Daffodil Tea and Coffee morning which was extremely well attended by the local community. A Santa Experience in December attracted smaller members of the community.

We were pleased that the hiring of the hall could resume again. This saw the return of monthly meetings being held at the centre by Sperrin Producers and our local Cancer Research committee, alongside community hire.

Plans for the future

The trustees plan to build on the current programme of events offered to entice new members to visit the centre. We aim to introduce various new classes such as flower arranging workshops, Zumba, ceramics and glass painting as well as a mother/toddler morning with a view to appealing to the younger demographic within the community. We hope to facilitate this enhanced programme of events subject to obtaining the appropriate funding and foresee the new activities to be popular and well attended.

Structure governance and management

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee incorporated on 24 July 2003 and registered as a charity with HM Revenue & Customs and with Charity Commission for NI. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association and is governed by its Articles of Association. Member's liability in the event of the company being wound up is limited to £1.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of Charity Law. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association directors are elected at an Annual General Meeting from amongst those persons nominated by the Ordinary Members. The directors have the power at any time to appoint any person to be a director, either to fill a casual vacancy or as an addition to the existing directors. Any director so appointed serves only until the next Annual General Meeting at which directors are to be elected and are then eligible for re-election. A retiring director is eligible for re-election.

Following appointment, new trustees are briefed on their legal obligations under the charity and company law, the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit, the content of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the committee and decision-making processes, the business plan and recent financial performance of the charity.

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Organisation

The board of trustees administers the charity. The board normally meets once per month for ten months of the year.

Related parties

None of the trustees receive remuneration or other benefit from their work with the charity. Any transaction between a trustee and the charity must be disclosed to the full board of trustees in the same way as any contractual relationship with a related party.

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The charity trustees (who are also the directors of Dromboughil Community Association for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Annual 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 financial year. Under that law the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law) and with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of its net movement in funds for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP.
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue in business.

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

Small companies' exemption

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the board of trustees on 19th June 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



Mr John James O'Kane
Chair



Mr Alfred David Canning
Secretary