

# Ballymote Community Project Limited

Northern Ireland · Charity number 101358

## Details

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Known as	Ballymote Centre for Community & Business
Status	Received
Registered	2015-09-15
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register</a>

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Purposes:** The Charity's purposes ("Objects") are specifically restricted to the following:- (1) Advancement of community development for the public benefit in Downpatrick (the "area of benefit"), in particular but not exclusively by any or all of the following means: (i) supporting and developing the work of community and voluntary groups in charitable activity which seek to improve the quality of life of the inhabitants of the area of benefit; (ii) the creation of training and employment opportunities for the unemployed by the provision of workspace, buildings and/or land for use on favourable terms; (iii) the advancement of education, training or retraining, particularly among unemployed people, and providing unemployed people with work experience; (iv) the provision of financial assistance, technical assistance or business advice or consultancy in order to provide training and employment opportunities for unemployed people in cases of financial or other charitable need through help: (i) in setting up their own business, or (ii) to existing businesses.

**What the charity does:** The advancement of citizenship or community development

**How the charity works:** Community development,Community enterprise,Counselling/support,Economic development,Education/training,Medical/health/sickness,Relief of poverty

**Who the charity helps:** Carers, Children (5-13 year olds), General public, Men, Mental health, Older people, Physical disabilities, Preschool (0-5 year olds), Sensory disabilities, Specific areas of deprivation, Unemployed/low income, Voluntary and community sector, Volunteers, Women, Youth (14-25 year olds)

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£204,191	£198,273	£0	4

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Aurla Ward		
Mr Collie Quinn		
Mr Eamonn Mcgrady		
Mr Joe Mcstay		
Mr Joe Torney		
Mr Patrick Kelly		
Mr Patrick Peake		
Mr Richard McGreevy		
Mr Stephen Austin		

**Ballymote Community Project Limited**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 101358

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# Accounts

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**REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: NI027554 (Northern Ireland)**  
**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: NIC101358**

**Report of the Trustees and**  
**Unaudited Financial Statements**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**  
**for**  
**Ballymote Community Project Limited**

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## Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

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#### Objectives and aims

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Ms Orla Ward

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Mr D McNabb (resigned 11/7/2024)

Mr P J Kelly

Mr P Peake

Mr J Torney

Mr E McGrady

Mr R McGreevy

Mr S Austin

Mr J McStay

**Company Secretary**

Mr E McGrady

**Independent Examiner**

Mr Conaill McGrady FCA

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**Bankers**

AIB

42 - 44 Hill Street

Newry

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**Solicitors**

Scullion & Green

50 St Patrick's Avenue

Downpatrick

BT30 6DW

Report of the trustees, incorporating a strategic report, approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on 29 July 2025 and signed on the board's behalf by:

Mr J Torney - Trustee



**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of  
Ballymote Community Project Limited**

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I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages five to twelve.

**Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner**

As the charity's trustees (and also the directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, 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 Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under Section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of the 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. The 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 386 of the Companies Act 2006
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the 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
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 Conaill McGrady FCA

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29 July 2025

**Ballymote Community Project Limited**

**Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	31/3/25 Total funds £	31/3/24 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
GENERAL		197,907	-	197,907	201,291
Investment income	2	6,284	-	6,284	-
<b>Total</b>		<u>204,191</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>204,191</u>	<u>201,291</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
GENERAL		198,273	-	198,273	221,207
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		<u>5,918</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,918</u>	<u>(19,916)</u>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		1,772,909	-	1,772,909	1,792,825
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><u>1,778,827</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>1,778,827</u></u>	<u><u>1,772,909</u></u>

**CONTINUING OPERATIONS**

All income and expenditure has arisen from continuing activities.

The notes form part of these financial statements

**Ballymote Community Project Limited**

**Balance Sheet  
31 March 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	31/3/25 Total funds £	31/3/24 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	6	1,431,105	-	1,431,105	1,480,647
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	7	9,393	-	9,393	10,250
Cash at bank		355,234	-	355,234	307,387
		<u>364,627</u>	-	<u>364,627</u>	<u>317,637</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	8	(16,905)	-	(16,905)	(25,375)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>347,722</u>	-	<u>347,722</u>	<u>292,262</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>1,778,827</u>	-	<u>1,778,827</u>	<u>1,772,909</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>1,778,827</u>	-	<u>1,778,827</u>	<u>1,772,909</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>					
Unrestricted funds	9			<u>1,778,827</u>	<u>1,772,909</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u>1,778,827</u>	<u>1,772,909</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The notes form part of these financial statements

**Ballymote Community Project Limited**

**Balance Sheet - continued**  
**31 March 2025**

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These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 29 July 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:



Mr P J Kelly - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

## Ballymote Community Project Limited

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

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#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

##### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

##### **Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

##### **Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

##### **Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold Property - 2% straight line  
Plant and Machinery - 20 % reducing balance  
Fixtures and Fittings - 10% reducing balance  
Equipment - 20% reducing balance

##### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

##### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

##### **Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits**

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Ballymote Community Project Limited

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

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2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31/3/25	31/3/24
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>6,284</u>	<u>-</u>

3. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31/3/25	31/3/24
	£	£
Independent examination fees	2,500	2,500
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>50,496</u>	<u>50,363</u>

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

5. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31/3/25	31/3/24
Employees	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

Ballymote Community Project Limited

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Equipment £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>					
At 1 April 2024	2,346,311	17,560	83,416	5,773	2,453,060
Additions	-	-	954	-	954
At 31 March 2025	2,346,311	17,560	84,370	5,773	2,454,014
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>					
At 1 April 2024	897,800	14,973	53,905	5,735	972,413
Charge for year	46,926	517	3,046	7	50,496
At 31 March 2025	944,726	15,490	56,951	5,742	1,022,909
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>					
At 31 March 2025	1,401,585	2,070	27,419	31	1,431,105
At 31 March 2024	1,448,511	2,587	29,511	38	1,480,647

7. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31/3/25 £	31/3/24 £
Trade debtors	9,393	10,250

8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31/3/25 £	31/3/24 £
Trade creditors	640	6,605
VAT	8,483	11,391
Accruals and deferred income	7,782	7,379
	16,905	25,375

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/4/24 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/25 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	1,741,604	5,918	1,747,522
Designated fund	31,305	-	31,305
	1,772,909	5,918	1,778,827
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	1,772,909	5,918	1,778,827

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
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9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	204,191	(198,273)	5,918
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>204,191</u>	<u>(198,273)</u>	<u>5,918</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/4/23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/24 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	1,761,520	(19,916)	1,741,604
Designated fund	31,305	-	31,305
	<u>1,792,825</u>	<u>(19,916)</u>	<u>1,772,909</u>
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**Trustees**

Ms M Maguire (resigned 11/7/2024)  
Mr D McNabb (resigned 11/7/2024)  
Mr P J Kelly  
Mr P Peake  
Mr J Torney  
Mr E McGrady  
Mr R McGreevy  
Mr S Austin  
Mr J McStay

**Company Secretary**

Mr E McGrady

**Independent Examiner**

Mr Conaill McGrady FCA  
M.B.McGrady & Co  
Chartered Accountants  
Rathmore House  
52 St Patricks Avenue  
Downpatrick  
Co. Down  
BT30 6DS

**Bankers**

AIB  
42 - 44 Hill Street  
Newry  
BT34 1AU

**Solicitors**

Scullion & Green  
50 St Patrick's Avenue  
Downpatrick  
BT30 6DW

Report of the trustees, incorporating a strategic report, approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on 29 November 2024 and signed on the board's behalf by:

Mr J Torney - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of  
Ballymote Community Project Limited**

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I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 March 2024, which are set out on pages five to eleven.

**Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner**

As the charity's trustees (and also the directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, 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 Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under Section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of the 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. The 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 386 of the Companies Act 2006
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the 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
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 Conaill McGrady FCA

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Date: .....

**BALLYMOTE COMMUNITY PROJECT LIMITED**

**Statement of Financial Activities  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	31/3/24 Total funds £	31/3/23 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
GENERAL		<u>201,291</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>201,291</u>	<u>185,049</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
GENERAL		<u>221,207</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>221,207</u>	<u>200,944</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		<b>(19,916)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(19,916)</b>	<b>(15,895)</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		<u>1,792,825</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,792,825</u>	<u>1,808,720</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><u>1,772,909</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>1,772,909</u></u>	<u><u>1,792,825</u></u>

**CONTINUING OPERATIONS**

All income and expenditure has arisen from continuing activities.

The notes form part of these financial statements

**BALLYMOTE COMMUNITY PROJECT LIMITED****Balance Sheet  
31 MARCH 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	31/3/24 Total funds £	31/3/23 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	5	1,480,647	-	1,480,647	1,526,114
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	6	10,250	-	10,250	16,295
Cash at bank		307,387	-	307,387	269,461
		<u>317,637</u>	-	<u>317,637</u>	<u>285,756</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	7	(25,375)	-	(25,375)	(19,045)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>292,262</u>	-	<u>292,262</u>	<u>266,711</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>1,772,909</u>	-	<u>1,772,909</u>	<u>1,792,825</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>1,772,909</u>	-	<u>1,772,909</u>	<u>1,792,825</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	8				
Unrestricted funds				1,772,909	1,792,825
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u>1,772,909</u>	<u>1,792,825</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The notes form part of these financial statements.

**BALLYMOTE COMMUNITY PROJECT LIMITED**

**Balance Sheet - continued**  
**31 MARCH 2024**

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These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 29 November 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:



Mr P J Kelly - Trustee

## **BALLYMOTE COMMUNITY PROJECT LIMITED**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

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#### **1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

##### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

##### **Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

##### **Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

##### **Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold Property - 2% straight line  
Plant and Machinery - 20 % reducing balance  
Fixtures and Fittings - 10% reducing balance  
Equipment - 20% reducing balance

##### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

##### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

##### **Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits**

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

**BALLYMOTE COMMUNITY PROJECT LIMITED**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

**2. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)**

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31/3/24	31/3/23
	£	£
Independent examination fees	2,500	2,200
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>50,363</u>	<u>50,790</u>

**3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

**4. STAFF COSTS**

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31/3/24	31/3/23
Employees	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

**5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Freehold property £	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Equipment £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>					
At 1 April 2023	2,346,311	17,560	78,520	5,773	2,448,164
Additions	-	-	4,896	-	4,896
At 31 March 2024	<u>2,346,311</u>	<u>17,560</u>	<u>83,416</u>	<u>5,773</u>	<u>2,453,060</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>					
At 1 April 2023	850,874	14,326	51,124	5,726	922,050
Charge for year	46,926	647	2,781	9	50,363
At 31 March 2024	<u>897,800</u>	<u>14,973</u>	<u>53,905</u>	<u>5,735</u>	<u>972,413</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>					
At 31 March 2024	<u>1,448,511</u>	<u>2,587</u>	<u>29,511</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>1,480,647</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>1,495,437</u>	<u>3,234</u>	<u>27,396</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>1,526,114</u>

**BALLYMOTE COMMUNITY PROJECT LIMITED**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

<b>6. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>	<b>31/3/24</b>	<b>31/3/23</b>
	£	£
Trade debtors	10,250	15,678
Other debtors	-	617
	<u>10,250</u>	<u>16,295</u>

<b>7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>	<b>31/3/24</b>	<b>31/3/23</b>
	£	£
Trade creditors	6,605	3,632
VAT	11,391	6,894
Accruals and deferred income	7,379	8,519
	<u>25,375</u>	<u>19,045</u>

<b>8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>At 31/3/24</b>
	<b>At 1/4/23</b>	<b>in funds</b>	<b>At 31/3/24</b>
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	1,761,520	(19,916)	1,741,604
Designated fund	31,305	-	31,305
	<u>1,792,825</u>	<u>(19,916)</u>	<u>1,772,909</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>1,792,825</u>	<u>(19,916)</u>	<u>1,772,909</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	<b>Incoming resources</b>	<b>Resources expended</b>	<b>Movement in funds</b>
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	201,291	(221,207)	(19,916)
	<u>201,291</u>	<u>(221,207)</u>	<u>(19,916)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>201,291</u>	<u>(221,207)</u>	<u>(19,916)</u>

**BALLYMOTE COMMUNITY PROJECT LIMITED****Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024****8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued****Comparatives for movement in funds**

	<b>At 1/4/22</b>	<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>Transfers between funds</b>	<b>At 31/3/23</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	1,738,720	(15,895)	38,695	1,761,520
Designated fund	70,000	-	(38,695)	31,305
	<u>1,808,720</u>	<u>(15,895)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,792,825</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>1,808,720</u>	<u>(15,895)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,792,825</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	<b>Incoming resources</b>	<b>Resources expended</b>	<b>Movement in funds</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	185,049	(200,944)	(15,895)
	<u>185,049</u>	<u>(200,944)</u>	<u>(15,895)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>185,049</u>	<u>(200,944)</u>	<u>(15,895)</u>

**9. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2024.

**Ballymote Community Project Limited**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 101358

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# Annual report

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## **Ballymote Community Project Ltd Trustees Report 2023-24**

Ballymote Community Project Ltd (BCPL) is a (not for profit) company limited by guarantee (Co. number NI027554). The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland (CCNI) have recognised BCPL as a charity since 2015 (CCNI Charity reference no. NIC101358) and HMRC subsequently accepted that BCPL is a charity for Tax purposes.

### **Board Members (Trustees/Directors) for 2023/24**

Paddy Kelly (Chairman)

Joe Torney (Treasurer)

Eamonn McGrady (Secretary)

Stephen Austin

Paddy Peake

Richard McGreevy

Joe McStay

Dermott McNabb

### **Ballymote Centre for Community & Business**

The Ballymote Centre for Community & Business is the sole responsibility of Ballymote Community Project Limited (BCPL).

The organisation continues to consolidate its position as a successful social enterprise making a positive impact on the local population in Downpatrick and wider Lecale area.

### **Background**

Ballymote Community Project Ltd is a Social Enterprise company managed by a voluntary board of Directors. The company built the Ballymote Centre in 1994 with £800,000 from Department of Environment (DOE) and International Fund For Ireland (IFI). The Centre was created to provide a commercial and social heart to an area of housing on the south east edge of Downpatrick which had been built to house over 800 families displaced during the 70s and 80s at the height of "The Troubles". Until that time, the area had no facilities and residents had to travel to Downpatrick town centre for all their needs. The centre filled a huge gap in provision and was immediately taken into the hearts of the people in this area. The centre was almost fully occupied by 1997 and has thrived ever since. From the year 2000, the Ballymote Board worked with the local community (largely through the Flying Horse Ward Community Forum), County Down Rural Community Network and others to raise another £1.4 million to extend what has become one of the most successful social economy projects in Northern Ireland. The newly refurbished and extended Ballymote Centre opened in July 2010.

An additional £2.5 million was raised through BCPL and working with then Down District Council they created the recently built Ballymote Health & Well- Being Centre which has become a major centre for sports and youth benefitting many people across Downpatrick and further afield. A new petrol filling

station was opened in January 2022 and has proven to be a great success for the local community and commuters alike.

## **TRUSTEES REPORT**

### **Tenants & Facilities**

The Ballymote Centre continues to boast a major supermarket (Supervalu), McGreevy's Butchers, Ballymote Pharmacy, Pretty Please Salon, SVDP Charity shop and Peking Garden chinese take-away. McGreevy's extended their premises into Unit 1 and opened a delicatessen in October 2023. A ground floor childrens centre provides playgroup and after school facilities for local families managed by Action For Children and Surestart. Office accommodation on the first floor are the base for a wide range of community development and Health services including County Down Rural Community Network, Community Advice Newry Mourne & Down, Flying Horse Ward Community Forum Office, Surestart, Action for Children, and a wide range of other organisations on a weekly and casual rental basis. A 3000 square feet Community Hall is used by Downpatrick Special Olympics, Downpatrick Men's Group, Irish Dancing, Downpatrick Womens Group, County Down Rural Community Network, AWARE NI and Downpatrick Indoor Archery club as well as conferences and training events by a wide range of organisations. A purpose built health suite provides clinics usually 5 days per week including Podiatry, Lymphoedema, Physiotherapy, Counselling, Diabetics and Dietetics coordinated by the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust. Additional Counselling services are provided by Lifeline, PIPs and other private counsellors as well as an excellent service by Women's Aid to vulnerable women. A group formed by local women with support from Macmillan Cancer hold a weekly bra fitting service for women battling cancer and is hugely popular. For three years now a service replacing batteries in hearing aids and advising people with hearing difficulties has been delivered from the Ballymote Centre to the whole of Downpatrick and Lecale to great success. The centre is managed on a day to day basis by David McCarthy. The centre is fully self-sufficient and has never received any grants for running costs since 1996 and has a growing turnover on a yearly basis. The centre provides over 150 full and part-time jobs. The car park is busy from morning to night and is the shopping, health and community choice for many in the area

Ballymote community Project Ltd is one of the most successful social economy projects in Northern Ireland and is testament to the small group of volunteer Directors involved since 1994.

### **Staffing**

There is now 1 part time manager ( David McCarthy), 1 full-time caretaker, 1 part time finance officer and 2 Part-Time Caretaker/cleaners directly employed in the centre by BCPL. This means that the Centre is rarely without Caretaker cover and a more flexible maintenance and cleaning rota can be maintained. The caretaking team provide an excellent service to the centre and the building has benefitted greatly this year as in every year. The Ballymote Centre has earned a reputation for being clean, tidy and does not tolerate litter, graffiti or any political overtones and that continues in this period. Occasional anti-social behaviour still blights the surrounding area and the Ballymote centre with its manager/board and partners in the PSNI, Council and other agencies consistently resists such behaviour and tries to provide diversionary and educational activities, including activities in the centre itself. Initiatives such as the "RAPID" drugs bin is designed to give people 24/7 access to a safe disposal for prescription and illegal drugs. This is an increasing scourge on the local community and drugs have been attributed to deaths by

suicide in the Ballymote area. The drugs bin is regularly emptied by the PSNI and partners and reports increasing usage for safe and anonymous disposal.

### **Proposals for the Future**

The centre is oftentimes a victim of its own success and due to the heavy traffic throughout the day and night, parking can be an issue. With the construction of the petrol filling station, vehicular traffic has increased and the BCP are currently exploring options to create more parking space at the rear of the centre. An environmental efficiency survey was carried out in January 2023 to assess how improvements can be made to the building structures, particularly around the heating & lighting systems. We anticipate these works to be started in Spring 2024. The BCP will continue to invest in these structures on a phased basis. The BCP made numerous donations throughout 2023/24 to the local primary schools in the area to support them during the cost for living crisis and difficult budgetary cuts. The donations made were instrumental in allowing many school programs to continue, such as breakfast clubs, which would otherwise have been under threat without this financial assistance. The BCP will continue to support the local primary schools and identify other needs in the area which could be supported.

**Ballymote Community Project Limited**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 101358

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# Annual return

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**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of  
Ballymote Community Project Limited**

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I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 March 2024, which are set out on pages five to eleven.

**Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner**

As the charity's trustees (and also the directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, 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 Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under Section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of the 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. The 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 386 of the Companies Act 2006
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the 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
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 Conaill McGrady FCA

M.B. McGrady & Co  
Chartered Accountants  
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Date: .....

**Ballymote Community Project Limited**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 101358

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# Accounts

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**REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: NI027554 (Northern Ireland)**  
**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: NIC101358**

**Report of the Trustees and  
Unaudited Financial Statements  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

**for**

**BALLYMOTE COMMUNITY PROJECT LIMITED**

M.B.McGrady & Co  
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**BALLYMOTE COMMUNITY PROJECT LIMITED**

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

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## BALLYMOTE COMMUNITY PROJECT LIMITED

### Report of the Trustees FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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) (effective 1 January 2019).

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

##### Objectives and aims

The charity's mission statement is as follows:

"the development of a strong community spirit through the creation of pride, employment and training opportunities and social interaction within its local area."

The key strategic objectives set for the year continues:

1. To encourage people to become active in a voluntary capacity, organise groups if required and use the facilities offered within the community centre to make life better for themselves and their neighbours.
2. To create job and training opportunities to people of all ages within the local community through the provision of a range of business units, offices, training rooms and catering facilities at favourable terms to encourage inward investment in people within the geographic area.
3. To further the education of people in a range of skills in the retail and service sectors and through opportunities to participate in non-vocational education, numeracy, literacy and other life-long skills.
4. To provide assistance in small amounts of start-up finance or rent holidays and technical or business advice to assist and create new businesses to grow or to maintain existing businesses.
5. To continue to provide community based initiatives through debt advice, community development services, grant advice services and a wide range of health services which all help to encourage unemployed and disadvantaged people to find ways to improve their circumstances and enhance their personal development.

#### **STRATEGIC REPORT**

##### **Financial review**

##### Principal funding sources

The principal funding sources of the charity is through rental income of business units, offices, training rooms and catering facilities situated within the community centre.

##### Reserves policy

The trustees have examined the charity's requirements for reserves in light of the main risks of the organisation. It has established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets held by the charity should be between 3 to 6 months expenditure.

##### Future plans

The charity is committed to the continued provision of current services subject to satisfactory funding arrangements.

The trustees of the charity incurred expenditure of £38,695 within the financial year on car parking. Of the £70,000 designated reserves set aside previously in relation to projects there remains at the end of the financial year 31 March 2023, £31,305 for future additional car parking and internal upgrading of the building to provide enhanced energy provisions.

## **BALLYMOTE COMMUNITY PROJECT LIMITED**

### **Report of the Trustees FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

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#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 14th June 1993 and registered as a charity on 15th September 2015. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association.

The Memorandum lists the company's objects as the advancement of community development for the public benefit in Downpatrick (the "area of benefit"), in particular but not exclusively by any or all of the following means:

- (i) supporting and developing the work of the community and voluntary groups in charitable activity which seek to improve the quality of life of the inhabitants of the area of benefit;
- (ii) the creation of training and employment opportunities for the unemployed by the provision of workspace, buildings and/or land for use of favourable terms;
- (iii) the advancement of education, training or retraining, particularly among unemployed people, and providing unemployed people with work experience;
- (iv) the provision of financial assistance, technical assistance or business advice or consultancy in order to provide training and employment opportunities for unemployed people in cases of financial or other charitable need through help in setting up their own business or to existing businesses.

In the event of the company being wound up, members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

##### **Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purpose of charity law and under the company's articles of association shall manage the business of the company and exercise all powers of the company. At each annual general meeting, one third of the directors retire by rotation. Due to the nature of the charity's work, the trustees seek to ensure that the needs of the community are appropriately reflected through the diversity of trustees. To enhance this, trustees are sought who have an interest and understanding of the charity's work.

##### **Organisational structure**

The centre is a social enterprise managed by a voluntary board of members. The board oversees the centre through a general manager who has designated responsibility for the day to day operational management of the centre, individual supervision of the staff team and ensuring that the team continue to develop their skills and working performance in line with good practice. The financial aspect of the centre is managed by the charity's finance officer whose function is to monitor and report to the board to enable them to make informed funding decisions for the charity not only for the present but also in ensuring the charity's objectives are sustained going forward.

##### **Charity Committee**

Mr Patrick Kelly - Chairperson  
Mr Dermot McNabb - Vice Chairperson  
Ms Mary Maguire  
Mr Patrick Peake  
Mr Joseph Torney  
Mr Eamonn McGrady - Secretary  
Mr Richard McGreevy  
Mr Joe McStay  
Mr Steven Austin

##### **Related parties**

There are no related parties within the financial year under review.

## BALLYMOTE COMMUNITY PROJECT LIMITED

### Report of the Trustees FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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#### REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

**Registered Company number**

NI027554 (Northern Ireland)

**Registered Charity number**

NIC101358

**Registered office**

40 Killough Road  
Downpatrick  
BT30 6PY

**Trustees**

Ms M Maguire  
Mr D McNabb  
Mr P J Kelly  
Mr P Peake  
Mr J Torney  
Mr E McGrady  
Mr R McGreevy  
Mr S Austin (appointed 11/8/2022)  
Mr J McStay (appointed 8/11/2022)

**Company Secretary**

Mr E McGrady

**Independent Examiner**

Mr Conaill McGrady FCA  
M.B.McGrady & Co  
Chartered Accountants  
Rathmore House  
52 St Patricks Avenue  
Downpatrick  
Co. Down  
BT30 6DS

**Bankers**

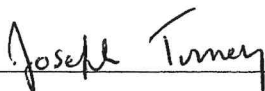
AIB  
42 - 44 Hill Street  
Newry  
BT34 1AU

**Solicitors**

Scullion & Green  
50 St Patrick's Avenue  
Downpatrick  
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Report of the trustees, incorporating a strategic report, approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on 31 October 2023 and signed on the board's behalf by:

Mr J Torney - Trustee



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**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of  
Ballymote Community Project Limited**

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31 October 2023

**BALLYMOTE COMMUNITY PROJECT LIMITED****Statement of Financial Activities  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

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	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	31/3/23 Total funds £	31/3/22 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Charitable activities					
GENERAL		<u>185,049</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>185,049</u>	<u>169,321</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
Charitable activities					
GENERAL		<u>200,944</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>200,944</u>	<u>168,582</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		<u>(15,895)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(15,895)</u>	<u>739</u>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		<u>1,808,720</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,808,720</u>	<u>1,807,981</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><u>1,792,825</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>1,792,825</u></u>	<u><u>1,808,720</u></u>

**CONTINUING OPERATIONS**

All income and expenditure has arisen from continuing activities.

The notes form part of these financial statements

**BALLYMOTE COMMUNITY PROJECT LIMITED**

**Balance Sheet  
31 MARCH 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	31/3/23 Total funds £	31/3/22 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	5	1,526,114	-	1,526,114	1,538,209
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	6	16,295	-	16,295	14,633
Cash at bank		269,461	-	269,461	272,346
		<u>285,756</u>	-	<u>285,756</u>	<u>286,979</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	7	(19,045)	-	(19,045)	(16,468)
		<u>266,711</u>	-	<u>266,711</u>	<u>270,511</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
		<u>1,792,825</u>	-	<u>1,792,825</u>	<u>1,808,720</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
		<u>1,792,825</u>	-	<u>1,792,825</u>	<u>1,808,720</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>					
		<u>1,792,825</u>	-	<u>1,792,825</u>	<u>1,808,720</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>					
Unrestricted funds	8			<u>1,792,825</u>	<u>1,808,720</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>					
				<u>1,792,825</u>	<u>1,808,720</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The notes form part of these financial statements

**BALLYMOTE COMMUNITY PROJECT LIMITED**

**Balance Sheet - continued**  
**31 MARCH 2023**

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These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 31 October 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:



Mr P J Kelly - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

## BALLYMOTE COMMUNITY PROJECT LIMITED

### Notes to the Financial Statements FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

##### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

##### **Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

##### **Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

##### **Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold Property - 2% straight line  
Plant and Machinery - 20 % reducing balance  
Fixtures and Fittings - 10% reducing balance  
Equipment - 20% reducing balance

##### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

##### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

##### **Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits**

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

**BALLYMOTE COMMUNITY PROJECT LIMITED**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

**2. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)**

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31/3/23	31/3/22
	£	£
Independent examination fees	2,200	2,000
Depreciation - owned assets	50,790	50,559
	<u>50,790</u>	<u>50,559</u>

**3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

**4. STAFF COSTS**

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31/3/23	31/3/22
Employees	4	5
	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

**5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Freehold property £	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Equipment £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>					
At 1 April 2022	2,307,616	17,560	78,520	5,773	2,409,469
Additions	38,695	-	-	-	38,695
	<u>2,346,311</u>	<u>17,560</u>	<u>78,520</u>	<u>5,773</u>	<u>2,448,164</u>
At 31 March 2023					
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>					
At 1 April 2022	803,948	13,518	48,080	5,714	871,260
Charge for year	46,926	808	3,044	12	50,790
	<u>850,874</u>	<u>14,326</u>	<u>51,124</u>	<u>5,726</u>	<u>922,050</u>
At 31 March 2023					
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>					
At 31 March 2023	<u>1,495,437</u>	<u>3,234</u>	<u>27,396</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>1,526,114</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>1,503,668</u>	<u>4,042</u>	<u>30,440</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>1,538,209</u>

**BALLYMOTE COMMUNITY PROJECT LIMITED**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

<b>6. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>				
		<b>31/3/23</b>		<b>31/3/22</b>
		<b>£</b>		<b>£</b>
Trade debtors		15,678		14,226
Other debtors		617		407
		<u>16,295</u>		<u>14,633</u>
<b>7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>				
		<b>31/3/23</b>		<b>31/3/22</b>
		<b>£</b>		<b>£</b>
Trade creditors		3,632		790
PAYE & NIC		-		666
Pension		-		240
VAT		6,894		6,468
Accruals and deferred income		8,519		8,304
		<u>19,045</u>		<u>16,468</u>
<b>8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>				
	<b>At 1/4/22</b>	<b>Net</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>At</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>movement</b>	<b>between</b>	<b>31/3/23</b>
		<b>in funds</b>	<b>funds</b>	<b>£</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	1,738,720	(15,895)	38,695	1,761,520
Designated fund	70,000	-	(38,695)	31,305
	<u>1,808,720</u>	<u>(15,895)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,792,825</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>1,808,720</u>	<u>(15,895)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,792,825</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	<b>Incoming</b>	<b>Resources</b>	<b>Movement</b>
	<b>resources</b>	<b>expended</b>	<b>in funds</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	185,049	(200,944)	(15,895)
	<u>185,049</u>	<u>(200,944)</u>	<u>(15,895)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>185,049</u>	<u>(200,944)</u>	<u>(15,895)</u>

**BALLYMOTE COMMUNITY PROJECT LIMITED****Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023****8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued****Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1/4/21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/22 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	1,737,981	739	1,738,720
Designated fund	70,000	-	70,000
	<u>1,807,981</u>	<u>739</u>	<u>1,808,720</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>1,807,981</u></u>	<u><u>739</u></u>	<u><u>1,808,720</u></u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	169,321	(168,582)	739
	<u>169,321</u>	<u>(168,582)</u>	<u>739</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>169,321</u></u>	<u><u>(168,582)</u></u>	<u><u>739</u></u>

**Transfers between funds**

The charity has designated £70,000 of its current reserves for the future replacement of car parking facilities onsite and joint funding of a new filling station project. During the financial year the charity incurred expenditure of £38,695 in relation to the car park. This has been transferred to general reserves leaving a designated reserves balance of £31,305 to fund the remaining filling station project.

**9. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2023.

**Ballymote Community Project Limited**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 101358

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# Annual report

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## **Ballymote Community Project Ltd Trustees Report 2022-23**

Ballymote Community Project Ltd (BCPL) is a (not for profit) company limited by guarantee (Co. number NI027554). The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland (CCNI) have recognised BCPL as a charity since 2015 (CCNI Charity reference no. NIC101358) and HMRC subsequently accepted that BCPL is a charity for Tax purposes.

### **Board Members (Trustees/Directors) for 2022/23**

Paddy Kelly (Chairman)

Joe Torney (Treasurer)

Eamonn McGrady (Secretary)

Stephen Austin

Paddy Peake

Richard McGreevy

Joe McStay (Appointed November 2022)

Dermott McNabb

### **Ballymote Centre for Community & Business**

The Ballymote Centre for Community & Business is the sole responsibility of Ballymote Community Project Limited (BCPL).

The organisation continues to consolidate its position as a successful social enterprise making a positive impact on the local population in Downpatrick and wider Lecale area.

### **Background**

Ballymote Community Project Ltd is a Social Enterprise company managed by a voluntary board of Directors. The company built the Ballymote Centre in 1994 with £800,000 from Department of Environment (DOE) and International Fund For Ireland (IFI). The Centre was created to provide a commercial and social heart to an area of housing on the south east edge of Downpatrick which had been built to house over 800 families displaced during the 70s and 80s at the height of "The Troubles". Until that time, the area had no facilities and residents had to travel to Downpatrick town centre for all their needs. The centre filled a huge gap in provision and was immediately taken into the hearts of the people in this area. The centre was almost fully occupied by 1997 and has thrived ever since. From the year 2000, the Ballymote Board worked with the local community (largely through the Flying Horse Ward Community Forum), County Down Rural Community Network and others to raise another £1.4 million to extend what has become one of the most successful social economy projects in Northern Ireland. The newly refurbished and extended Ballymote Centre opened in July 2010.

An additional £2.5 million was raised through BCPL and working with then Down District Council they created the recently built Ballymote Health & Well- Being Centre which has become a major centre for sports and youth benefitting many people across Downpatrick and further afield. A new petrol filling

station was opened in January 2022 and has proven to be a great success for the local community and commuters alike.

## **TRUSTEES REPORT**

### **Tenants & Facilities**

The Ballymote Centre continues to boast a major supermarket (Supervalu), McGreevy's Butchers, Ballymote Pharmacy, Pretty Please Salon, SVDP Charity shop and Peking Garden chinese take-away. McGreevy's extended their premises into Unit 1 and opened a delicatessen in October 2023. A ground floor childrens centre provides playgroup and after school facilities for local families managed by Action For Children and Surestart. Office accommodation on the first floor are the base for a wide range of community development and Health services including County Down Rural Community Network, Community Advice Newry Mourne & Down, Flying Horse Ward Community Forum Office, Surestart, Action for Children, and a wide range of other organisations on a weekly and casual rental basis. A 3000 square feet Community Hall is used by Downpatrick Special Olympics, Downpatrick Men's Group, Irish Dancing, Downpatrick Womens Group, County Down Rural Community Network, AWARE NI and Downpatrick Indoor Archery club as well as conferences and training events by a wide range of organisations. A purpose built health suite provides clinics usually 5 days per week including Podiatry, Lymphoedema, Physiotherapy, Counselling, Diabetics and Dietetics coordinated by the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust. Additional Counselling services are provided by Lifeline, PIPs and other private counsellors as well as an excellent service by Women's Aid to vulnerable women. A group formed by local women with support from Macmillan Cancer hold a weekly bra fitting service for women battling cancer and is hugely popular. For three years now a service replacing batteries in hearing aids and advising people with hearing difficulties has been delivered from the Ballymote Centre to the whole of Downpatrick and Lecale to great success. The centre is managed on a day to day basis by David McCarthy. The centre is fully self-sufficient and has never received any grants for running costs since 1996 and has a growing turnover on a yearly basis. The centre provides over 150 full and part-time jobs. The car park is busy from morning to night and is the shopping, health and community choice for many in the area

Ballymote community Project Ltd is one of the most successful social economy projects in Northern Ireland and is testament to the small group of volunteer Directors involved since 1994.

### **Staffing**

There is now 1 part time manager ( David McCarthy), 1 full-time caretaker, 1 part time finance officer and 2 Part-Time Caretaker/cleaners directly employed in the centre by BCPL. This means that the Centre is rarely without Caretaker cover and a more flexible maintenance and cleaning rota can be maintained. The caretaking team provide an excellent service to the centre and the building has benefitted greatly this year as in every year. The Ballymote Centre has earned a reputation for being clean, tidy and does not tolerate litter, graffiti or any political overtones and that continues in this period. Occasional anti-social behaviour still blights the surrounding area and the Ballymote centre with its manager/board and partners in the PSNI, Council and other agencies consistently resists such behaviour and tries to provide diversionary and educational activities, including activities in the centre itself. Initiatives such as the "RAPID" drugs bin is designed to give people 24/7 access to a safe disposal for prescription and illegal drugs. This is an increasing scourge on the local community and drugs have been attributed to deaths by

suicide in the Ballymote area. The drugs bin is regularly emptied by the PSNI and partners and reports increasing usage for safe and anonymous disposal.

### **Proposals for the Future**

The centre is oftentimes a victim of its own success and due to the heavy traffic throughout the day and night, parking can be an issue. With the construction of the petrol filling station, vehicular traffic has increased and the BCP are currently exploring options to create more parking space at the rear of the centre. An environmental efficiency survey was carried out in January 2023 to assess how improvements can be made to the building structures, particularly around the heating & lighting systems. The BCP will continue to invest in these structures on a phased basis. The BCP made numerous donations throughout 2023 to the local primary schools in the area to support them during the cost for living crisis and difficult budgetary cuts. The donations made were instrumental in allowing many school programs to continue, such as breakfast clubs, which would otherwise have been under threat without this financial assistance. The BCP will continue to support the local primary schools and identify other needs in the area which could be supported.

**Ballymote Community Project Limited**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 101358

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# Annual return

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