

Magherafelt and District Gateway Club  
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### **Trustees Annual Report for year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025**

This report is prepared by the trustees of Magherafelt and District Gateway Club (Charity Number NIC 101541) having reflected on the clubs' achievements throughout the year and how these sit aside the Northern Ireland Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The report sets out to show how the club has helped to achieve the charity's purpose and provide many benefits to the beneficiaries.

Further the club continues to be administered in accordance with the Club's Constitution.

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of the charity is to offer support and guidance to those adults within our local communities that have a learning or physical disability. Further we aim to support the families and careers of our members by providing valuable respite time for them whilst their loved ones are in our care.

#### **Milestones / Achievements**

Throughout the year we have continued to fulfil our purposes by providing a warm and friendly environment in which everyone is treated with respect and dignity. The members came together on the last Wednesday of each month to interact and socialise with each other. They have gained friendships, support, guidance and self-development including improved communication skills, confidence and independence. Unfortunately, we had to cancel a couple of months due to losing access to bus transportation and lower volunteer numbers due to three on maternity leave and 2 taking retirement. The number of volunteers are back to normal and alternative transport arrangements are now in place.

#### **Discos and Live Entertainment**

Throughout the year we had an Elvis impersonator night and numerous discos for the members. The members love music and it encourages them to get some physical activity and have fun with their friends.

#### **Christmas Party**

For our annual Christmas party, we had a sit-down Christmas meal at a local restaurant specially reserved for our members. Everyone enjoyed getting out somewhere to enjoy the festive activities. Father Christmas made an appearance, with presents which the members loved. The local fire men



### Zumba and Line dancing classes

We are trying new activities for the Members and in the spring evenings we had instructors come along to take Zumba and Line Dancing classes which was very popular.

### Ice cream Van.

During our summer discos we treated the members to an ice cream van. This was a great way to cool down in the summer heat.

### Financial Position

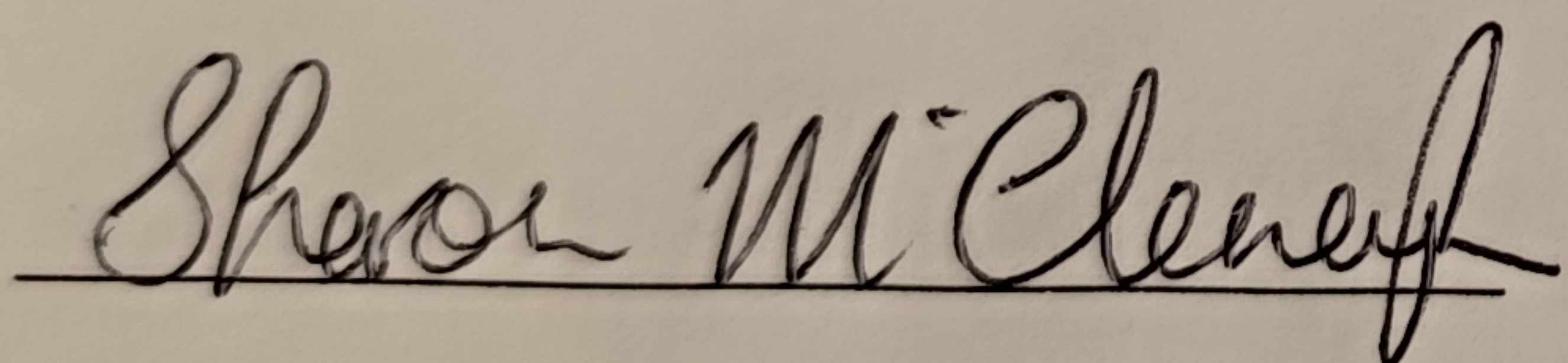
The charity had a total income of £628 (donation and interest) for the year and a healthy bank balance of £7,642 at the year-ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 with no debt. Major outgoings for the year were the Christmas meal, Elvis impersonator and insurance.

Magherafelt and District Gateway Club are look forward to many more years of helping those in need in our local communities.

### Trustees update:

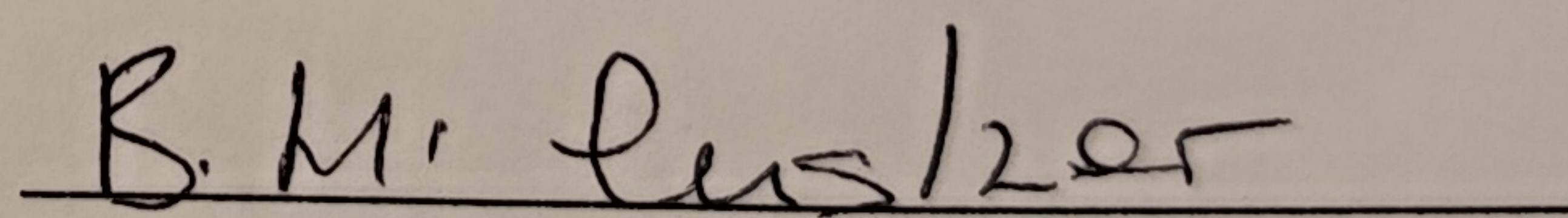
There have been several changes in the roles: Bridie McCusker handed over the roll of treasurer to Michaela Quinn (from 31/08/2025), Vice treasurer Cathal Moran (from 01/09/2025). The position of Chair transferred from Sharon McClenaghan to Erin McGuigan with Ciara McGuigan as vice chair. And finally, the retirement of Angela O'Neill in June 2025 after 25 years of service to the Gateway club.

Signed on behalf of the trustees of Magherafelt and District Gateway Club on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2026.



Mrs Sharon McClenaghan

Chairwoman



Mrs Bridie McCusker

Treasurer

### Full list of trustees

Bridie McCusker

Sharon McClenaghan

Charlie O'Neill

Jackie Sweeney

Ciara McGuigan

Mary McGarvey

Cathal Moran

Michaela Quinn

Carla McGovern

Erin McGuigan

Megan McGarvey