

CAVANAPOLE HISTORICAL & CULTURAL GROUP.

Trustees report 2023/24.

The annual report and Statement of Accounts with assets and liabilities for Cavanapole Historical & Cultural Group for the year 2nd April 2023 to 1st April 2024.

Objectives and Activities.

The charitable purpose of Cavanapole Historical & Cultural Group is to promote the advancement of community relations in the Cavanapole area and surrounding area. To establish a Community Development Initiative and to promote and provide education in the Ulster Scots music and culture.

Achievements, Performance and Public Benefit.

The Group has provided a hub to provide crafts, historical talks, clay pigeon shoot and quiz within the reporting period. We continue to meet as a Committee to organise events for the hub to provide events for our very isolated community. We held another Clay Pigeon Shoot which attracted some new people, a historical talk on the role of the USC in the history of N. Ireland and quiz. All these events were supported and appreciated by the local community. We continue to help with music classes in bagpipes and drumming and with the assistance of the Ulster Scots Agency were able to assist with tuition. The numbers involved in this activity has been maintained at the previous level with some new learners. The Group committee are now looking forward to running a diverse programme in the incoming twelve months. The Group has given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities entered into during the year have helped to achieve the Group's objectives and activities, as well as providing public benefit.

Financial Review.

The Group is currently in a good financial situation with the accounts. There is currently no deficit at the end of the 2024 reporting year.

Going Concern

The trustees have looked at the budgets for the incoming year and are satisfied that there are adequate potential funds in place to ensure the Group continue

in its activities and the financial statements for the year ended 1st April 2024 can be signed off as a going concern.

Structure, Governance and Management.

Paragraphs 3 & 4 of the Constitution of the Group governs our membership and management of the Group.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees.

Membership of the Group is open to all persons aged 18 or over, irrespective of sexual orientation, race, political affiliation, nationality or religious persuasion who subscribe to the objectives of the Group. An annual general meeting is held each year when Trustees are elected and re-elected accordingly. Trustees can be re-elected annually and there is no limit on the number of terms which may be served.

Pay and Remuneration.

The Group do not pay any salaries. All is done on a voluntary basis.

Organisational Structure.

The Trustees are responsible for the running of the Group. The Group consists of a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer and other interested persons wishing to achieve our objectives. We have met in person on five occasions this year. Average attendance at these meetings were 60%.

Statement of Trustees Responsibilities.

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the Statement of Receipts and Payments in accordance with applicable law and regulations. The Law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland with income less than £250,000 requires the Trustees to prepare a statement of receipts and payments and a statement of assets and liabilities for each financial year. The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Group's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the assets and liabilities of the Group. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Group and hence for taking responsible steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees.

Trustee 1 **Isaac Beattie**

Trustee 2 **Ashley Marshall**

Date: **11th November, 2024**