

Dunluce Christian Fellowship (Formerly Portrush Christian Trust)

Registered Charity

For the year ended 31 December 2023

The Trustees' report

The Trustees of the charity, present their report together with the financial statements and independent accountants report of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Objectives and Activities

Objects and aims

The purpose of Dunluce Christian Fellowship (Formerly Portrush Christian Trust) is to promote the Christian faith by using the Scheduled Property as a centre for instruction of young people and adults in the Christian faith and demonstration of the Christian way of life and to encourage Christians to grow in their faith and in connection with said activities to organise such classes, lectures, seminar meetings and playgroups or other events as they may deem appropriate for these ends and to obtain such permission as may be required by any public or government body in relation to said activities.

Objectives and activities

The Trust operates out of a building owned by the Trustees at Dunluce Avenue Portrush which is the meeting place of Dunluce Christian Fellowship. The meetings and activities of the church are open to all. In connection with the church there is a Sunday School open to all children and also youth meetings run from October to April each year open to all children of primary school age. There is also a mothers and toddlers group which meets regularly in the building and is open to all mothers and toddlers living in the vicinity. In association with this there are special Children's days. The church also runs an annual community Carol Service and organises regular meetings for international students studying at the University of Ulster. The church co-operates with other fellowships in the use of the building in connection with church outings etc. There are also regular Irish dancing classes held in the building which are open to all in the community.

Public Benefit

The public benefits which flow from the religious purpose set out above include: the increased understanding of the Christian faith among those to whom the charity reaches out, and the evidence of lives touched and indeed transformed thereby; the practical support which those in the fellowship seek to provide to those who are in need or under pressure in different ways; and the promotion of community cohesion in terms of the community and cross-community events organised by the Fellowship. These benefits can be demonstrated by the involvement of varying numbers of young people from the vicinity in activities organised by the Fellowship, and the fact that these young people come from different social backgrounds and from both sections of the Northern Ireland community. Young peoples' meetings are held in each year from October through to April. The Scheduled Property is used for other activities in the community e.g. CEF public meetings, and a mothers and toddlers group. The Fellowship also organises meetings at regular intervals for international students studying at Ulster University, which helps to forge links among students of different nationalities. The Fellowship also engages with the adult population of the local area, who are welcome at all of our meetings. There is an annual community Carol Service which is well supported by the local community. Dunluce Christian Fellowship keeps up strong pastoral contacts with many in the local community and especially with those who are experiencing difficult personal circumstances. There is no harm which we can envisage being caused directly or indirectly by any of the activities carried on. Current Child Protection requirements are at all times adhered to. The charity's beneficiaries are young people and adults in the North Coast Triangle area of Portrush, Portstewart and Coleraine, (the area of benefit). There are no private benefits flowing from the purpose.

The Trustees are satisfied that the Charity has achieved its objectives in the year under review.

Trustees

The Charity is governed by its Trust Deed.

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The Trustees' report (Continued)

The Trustees who served during the year are as stated below:

Mr Thomas David Blair (Deceased 29th July 2023)

Mr Colin Glass

Mr Stephen Richards

Mr David Brown

Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Trust Deed.

Trustees have assessed major risks to which the Charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure.

Achievements and Performance

Total incoming resources for the year amounted to £13,708 (2022 - £21,065) and after deducting total resources expended of £11,382 (2022 - £26,370) net incoming resources amounted to £2,326 (2022 net outgoing resources - £5,305). At the year end, unrestricted funds amounted to £101,503 (2022 - £99,177).

All resources received and expended are treated as unrestricted funds.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Charity Legislation requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the affairs of the charity and the incoming resources and application of the resources, including the net income or expenditure, of the charity for the year. In preparing these 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 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 a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable Charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charity's SORP. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 10 December 2024 and signed on its behalf by;


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Mr David Brown
Trustee