

## **Ballynure and District Friendship Club**

### **Trustees' Report for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022**

The AGM was held at 3.30pm after the monthly meeting on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

- **Attendance**

Members present: 44 as per attendance roll

- **The constitution**

There have been no changes to the constitution, and, because it still meets our needs, we will continue to adopt and use it.

Proposed by Margaret Baird Seconded by Wilma Park and agreed by all

- **Trustees' Report and Review of the year**

The following report of the activities for 2022 was given by the Chairman:

#### **Objectives**

The Club was established:

- to provide opportunities for older people, many of whom live alone or are in an isolated part of this rural community, to meet together, raise funds together, get to know each other and spend time in each other's company;
- to give older people a chance to be entertained and informed about interesting events, musical shows, activities or hobbies;
- to ensure that these older people, many of whom are widowed, divorced or single, are still able to get out and about to see, enjoy and experience the many attractions and entertainment that NI has to offer;
- to provide transport to venues so that this growing number of older people are not stressed out by having to drive or seek lifts;
- to cement friendships that will last.

#### **The activities in 2022**

- February: Sidlow McFarland talked about Digging for Turf
- March Jack McKinney shared some stories from his life
- April: A walk in the village ... launching the Co-op sponsored leaflet when over 100 people joined one of the five walks.
- September: Dr Joe McKee OBE, the well-known musician, organist and broadcaster talked to us about his life in music and entertained us on the church organ
- October: Wendy Davidson shared her experiences with the local branch of Christians Against Poverty (CAP)
- November: Richard Erskine, who, at an auction bought a box of Gladys Aylward's memorabilia, told us what he had learnt about this missionary to China.
- In December we went for a Christmas lunch in Ballyclare Golf Club specifically funded by ANBC.
- By far the most enjoyable afternoon was our Jubilee Celebrations on Friday June 3rd 2022. The event was funded by ANBC and 56 of us came together for a Barbecue and a Band. The Mayor was in attendance and a good time was had by all.



## Outings in 2022

All outings were postponed.

## Other news

Ballynure Village came first once again in **Ulster in Bloom** and Richard Wallace was the **Best Kept Village Community Achiever**.

## Financial Statement 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022

The chairman thanked Mrs Nance Mackey for keeping the books so well. He reported that the club had secured grants totally £2829.93 from Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council for the period April 2022 – March 2023.

Ballynure and District Friendship Club			
Charity Registration Number: NIC101824			
Summary Accounts 1st January 2022 - 31st December 2022			
Balance brought forward	£2,840.08	Speakers' and programme expenses	£220.00
Grants from ANBC for Platinum Jubilee	£950.00	Insurance	£204.93
Grants from ANBC for programme and insurance	£1,379.93	Ulster in Bloom initiatives	£956.39
Members' Subscriptions	£180.04	Gifts	£40.00
Christmas Outing: Members' subscriptions	£470.00	Postage and photocopying etc	£122.35
Grant from ANBC for Christmas Outing	£500.00	Bank Fees	£81.79
		Jubilee Events	£1,027.76
		Christmas Outing to Ballyclare Golf Club	£1,021.00
		Hire of halls	£210.00
		Co-op Walking Leaflet	£326.80
		Ulster in Bloom Booklets for ANBC	£157.00
		Food for meetings	£18.24
		Cash in Bank	£1,933.79
<b>Total</b>	<b>£6,320.05</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£6,320.05</b>

**Not Other than this bank account the charity has no other assets or liabilities.**

- The accounts, which have been audited and found correct were adopted at the AGM.  
Proposed by Bill Wells Seconded by Jim Simpson and agreed by all.
- Appointment of **Honorary Auditor**  
The Committee recommends that Neil Walker ACA, the current Honorary Auditor, should be re-elected.  
Proposed by Sam Campbell Seconded by Mabel Stewart and agreed by all.
- **Change of Bank**  
The change of bank to a Danske Business Account has taken place successfully.
- **Charitable Status**  
The current Trustees are Mrs Linda Dodds, Mrs Nance Mackey, Mrs Isobel Wallace, Mr Richard Wallace.  
Permission is sought to upload The Financial Statement, The Trustees' Report and the required Certification by Honorary Auditor to the Charity Commission.  
Proposed by Bertie Allen Seconded by Eileen Boyd and agreed by all
- **Appointment of Committee**  
The Current Committee is Richard Wallace (Chairman), Nance Mackey (Treasurer), Linda Dodds (Secretary) and Isobel Wallace (Committee member). The committee has power to co-opt.  
Tracey McIlwaine, the speaker from Air Ambulance took the chair. All posts were declared vacant and the proposals etc were:  
Chairman Richard Wallace. Proposed by Mavis Nelson and seconded by William Stewart  
Treasurer Nance Mackey. Proposed by Mabel Stewart and seconded by Sam Campbell  
Secretary Linda Dodds. Proposed by Bill Wells and seconded by Pearl Richards  
Committee members Isobel Wallace. Proposed by Jackie Wells and seconded by Ella Mawhinney  
Committee members Gordon Mackey. Proposed by William Stewart and seconded by Freda Allen  
Committee members Brian Falls. Proposed by Margaret Baird and seconded by Bill Wells

Agreed by all present.

Brian Falls will be added to the list of bank signatories.

Gordon Mackey and Brian Falls will be added to the Trustees for the Charity Commission.

- **AOB**

There was no AOB and the meeting finished at 3.55pm

Richard T Wallace

April 2023