

Ballynure and District Friendship Club

Trustees' Report for the year ending 31st December 2024

The AGM was held at 3.20pm after the monthly meeting on Friday 25th April 2025. Valerie Brown from Mission Aviation Fellowship who had been the speaker, took the chair for the election of office bearers.

Attendance

41 members were in attendance as per the roll. Apologies were received from Amanda and David Best, Linda Dodds, Sidlow and Margaret McFarland and Anne Willey.

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 Bertie Allen, seconded by Wilma Park and agreed by all.

Trustees' Report and Review of the year

The Chairman gave the following report of the activities for 2024:

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 2024

January: Rev John Nelson talked about Kilwaughter Castle;

February: Ivan Neish gave us his life story 'The wind beneath my sails';

March: Visit to Stormont Buildings;

March: A Reflection for Good Friday;

April: Guide Dogs with Jackie Gormley, one of their volunteers;

May: Outing to Ulster Aviation Society in Lisburn with tea at the Temple Golf Club;

September: 'Ballynure from above' with Matthew Gilmore and his drone videos;

October: 'A year in a camper van' with Chris Bennett;

November: 'The Village of Straid' with Dr Robson Davison;

December: Christmas Dinner supplied by Iris Farmhouse Cuisine with musical entertainment from Ballyclare Victoria Flute Band and a visit from Santa along with his little helper.



Hymns we know and love

This new venture continues on the second Tuesday of the month. It has been reasonably well attended. Speakers have been Rev Amanda Best, Rev Sidlow McFarland, Rev Matthew Kelso, Isobel Wallace and Richard Wallace.

Other news

Ballynure Village came runner-up in both **Ulster in Bloom** and in the **Best Kept Village** competition. It was highly commended in **Ireland in Bloom**.

Financial Statement 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024

The chairman thanked Mrs Nance Mackey for keeping the books so well. He reported that the club had secured grants totally £2742 from Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council for the year and a donation of £500 from the Progressive Building Society, specifically for the Christmas Lunch.

Ballynure & District Friendship Club			
Charity Registration NIC 101824			
Summary Accounts for 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024			
Balance carried forward	£2,113.47	Bank Fees	£38.70
Grants from ANBC	£2,742.50	Speakers	£220.00
Members' monthly donations	£237.50	Transport	£810.00
Payment for trips	£1,036.00	Ulster in Bloom initiatives	£216.57
Christmas Donation from Progressive BS	£500.00	Food on outings	£901.50
Christmas Lunch	£552.00	Entrance Fees	£120.00
		Hire of Premises	£180.00
		Token for Auditor	£50.00
		Refunds for outing	£100.00
		Christmas Lunch and Celebration	£1,795.18
		Hymns we know and love	£115.10
		Food at meetings	£103.46
		Stamps and Photocopying	£60.40
		Insurance	£218.14
		Cash in Bank	£2,252.42
Total	£7,181.47	Total	£7,181.47

The accounts, which have been audited and found correct were adopted at the AGM.

Proposed by Bill Wells, seconded by Ellie Gingles, 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 Margaret McCowan, seconded by William Stewart, and agreed by all.

Charitable Status

The NI Charity Number is NIC101824. The current Trustees are Mrs Linda Dodds, Mrs Nance Mackey, Mr Gordon Mackey, Mr Brian Falls, 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 Margaret Holden, seconded by Freda Allen and agreed by all.

Appointment of Office Bearers and Committee ... with Valerie Brown in the chair.

Chairman: Richard Wallace, proposed by Mabel Stewart, seconded by Pearl Richards, and agreed by all.

Treasurer: Nance Mackey, proposed by Ella Mawhinney, seconded by Jackie Wells, and agreed by all.

Secretary: Linda Dodds, proposed by Bill Wells, seconded by Maureen Allen, and agreed by all.

Committee Members: Re-election of the committee ie Isobel Wallace, Gordon Mackey and Brian Falls en bloc: proposed by William Stewart, seconded by Wilma Park and agreed by all.

At the end of the election, Nella Weatherup proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman, Office Bearers and Committee. All responded positively with a round of applause.

There was no AOB.

The meeting finished at 3.40pm.

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