

Dollingstown Ulster Scots Cultural and Heritage Society

Northern Ireland · Charity number 101950

Details

Known as Dollingstown Ulster Scots Society

Status Overdue

Registered 2015-12-22

Register [View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register](#)

Contact

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Activities

Purposes: The purposes of the charity are: the relief of need and the advancement of education of the inhabitants of the Dollingstown area and its environs in the Taughrane, Ballmacateer, Edenballycoghill, Killfullert and Ballymacmaine areas(hereinafter described as "the area of benefit") without distinction of age, sex, race disability, political, religious or other opinion. It will do so by associating the statutory authorities, voluntary organisations and inhabitants in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of the social welfare, education, recreation or other leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants; To advance knowledge and appreciation of the Ulster-Scots language and culture and to encourage understanding and acceptance of all indigenous cultures to the area of benefit.

What the charity does: The prevention or relief of poverty, The advancement of education, The advancement of citizenship or community development, The advancement of the arts, culture, heritage or science, The advancement of amateur sport, The relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage

How the charity works: Community development, Cultural, Education/training, Heritage/historical, Rural development, Sport/recreation, Volunteer development

Who the charity helps: Carers, Children (5-13 year olds), Community safety/crime prevention, General public, Language community, Men, Older people, Parents, Physical disabilities, Preschool (0-5 year olds), Unemployed/low income, Voluntary and community sector, Volunteers, Women, Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees	
2023-12-31		£50	£270	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
A. Kidd		
B. Kidd		
D. Russell		
R. Mccoy		
S. Mccoy		

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Accounts

Dollingstown Ulster Scots Cultural and Heritage Society

Statement of Assets & Liabilities 2023

Fixed Assets	£	£	£
F&F at Valuation		5585	
Current Assets			
Cash at Bank	2311		
Debtors	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
			7896
Liabilities			
Long Term Loan	500		
Creditors	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	500		500
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
			7396

I have examined the foregoing Financial Statement of Dollingstown Ulster Scots Cultural and Heritage Society and find it to be in accordance with the books and records of the Society



Independent Examiner 17th October 2024

Richrd Hewitt (CGMA)
07775958195

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Accounts

Dollingstown Ulster Scots Cultural and Heritage Society

Financial Statement 1st January 2022 - 31st December 2022

Income

Grants		
Ulster Scots Agency	3,600	
Donation	<u>50</u>	3,650

Expenditure

Ulster Scots Agency	3,600	
ABC Council - Good Relations	840	
ABC Council - Queen's Platinum Jubilee	403	
New Lighting	191	
Queen's Jubilee Mugs	135	
Wreaths for Queen's Death	40	
Part repayment of Long Term Loan	<u>1,500</u>	6,709

Deficit for period	<u><u>3,059</u></u>
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Independent Examiner 20th September 2023

Dollingstown Ulster Scots Cultural and Heritage Society

Statement of Assets & Liabilities 2022

Fixed Assets	£	£	£
F&F at Valuation		<u>5,585</u>	
Current Assets			
Cash at Bank	2,581		
Debtors	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Assets			8,166
Liabilities			
Long Term Loan	500		
Creditors	<u>50</u>		
	550		550
Total Assets Less Liabilities			<u>7,616</u>

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Annual report

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**Annual Report
and
Statement of Accounts**

**For the year
1st January - 31st December 2022**

Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2022

The trustees of Dollingstown Ulster Scots Cultural and Heritage Society (DUSS) are pleased to present their report and accounts for the period 1st January – 31st December 2022.

Community Programme

The Society's Community Programme is a vital tool, as we aim to reach more members and promote inclusiveness through social, educational and recreational programmes.

The Society would like to record their gratitude to all volunteers and members who work closely with them and give so generously of their time.

Membership

The membership of the society, as at 31st December 2022, was : 5 Management Committee and 14 Volunteers.

Accommodation

DUSS hold a lease until June 2029. They meet in Dollingstown Orange Hall, 79 Belfast Road, Dollingstown, Lurgan, Co. Armagh BT66 7JS

Financial Review

Financial Performance

Financial performance in the year to 31st December 2022 has been positive.

INCOME

Income receipts for the year totalled £3,650.

The Society's income is healthy.

EXPENDITURE

Expenditure for the year totalled £6,709.

Support in Kind

In assessing the finances of the Society it must be noted that many members and trustees give a great deal of support in kind.

Members give generously of their time; without the many hours given to preparing and delivering talks, running events and managing the Society its growth and success could not be achieved.

The Trustees wish to place on record their recognition of and gratitude for all these contributions.

Major Risks

In our Annual Report and statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2022 we identified no major risks.

Financial Management Policies

The Society has a Fraud policy, an Anti-Corruption and Bribery policy and written procedures on Management and Financial Controls.

Reference and Administrative Details

Charity Name

Dollingstown Ulster-Scots Cultural and Heritage Society

Charity Number

Registered with The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland
NIC101950

Principal Address

Dollingstown Orange Hall
79 Belfast Road,
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Charity Trustees

Mr. B. Kidd, Chairman
Mr. R. McCoy, Secretary
Mr. D. Russell
Mrs. A. Kidd
Mrs. S. McCoy

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document and Constitution

The Society is registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland and works in the Community Development sector. We are governed by a Constitution adopted in August 2008 and amended in September 2015.

The Society is run by a management committee. They consult with their volunteers regularly.

Trustee Selection and Management

The Society is managed by a committee which consists of all the appointed trustees.

Committee meetings offer a forum to review recent activities within our programme and to plan forthcoming events.

Further ad hoc meetings are called, if required, for example to plan and manage special events or projects.

The Annual Report and Statement of Accounts are approved by the chairman and independent examiner and then presented to the members at the Annual General Meeting.

The Society can appoint a sub-committee which would meet on an ad hoc basis to oversee and manage projects, e.g. renovations. No sub-committees met during 2022.

Related Organisations

The Society is not a member of any related organisations.

Objectives and Activities

Charitable Objects

The object of our Society, as set out in our Constitution, is the relief of need and the advancement of education; and to advance knowledge and appreciation of the Ulster-Scots language and culture and to encourage understanding and acceptance of all indigenous cultures to the area of benefit.

Public Benefit Statement

In setting our objectives and planning our activities for the year, the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities have helped to achieve the charity's purposes and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.

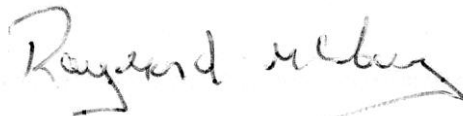
Summary of Main Activities

The main activities of our Society are to provide a good range of services and activities for our community in a rural area. We aim to provide social interaction and learning opportunities for all sections of the community and for all ages; to develop and enhance community spirit, community relations and civic pride; and encourage integration and reduce loneliness.

Our social activities benefit participants by improving their health and well-being and reducing their social isolation. We promote learning, activity and inclusivity through opening our events to all local people.



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Bruce Kidd
Chairman



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Raymond McCoy
Secretary

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Annual return

Dollingstown Ulster Scots Cultural and Heritage Society

I report on the accounts of DUSS for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Respective Responsibilities of Charity Trustees and Examiner

As the charities trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 65 of the charities act
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the charities act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe :

1. That accounting Records were not kept in accordance with section 65 of the Charities Act.
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records.
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act.
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the account reached.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the directions of the Charity commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Name : Richard Hewitt

Profession : Chartered Management Accountant

Address : 49 Laurelhill Road, Lisburn, Co. Antrim BT28 2UH

Date 20/09/2023

Signed : 

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Accounts

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Financial Statement 1st January 2020 - 31st December 2020

Income

Grants		
DAERA	<u>376</u>	376

Expenditure

DfC Small Capital Grant	<u>1584</u>	1584
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Deficit for period

1208

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Independent Examiner 15th April 2021

Dollingstown Ulster Scots Cultural and Heritage Society

Statement of Assets & Liabilities 2020

Fixed Assets	£	£	£
F&F at Valuation		2893	
Current Assets			
Cash at Bank	2850		
Debtors	<u>0</u>	<u>2850</u>	5743
Liabilities			
Long Term Loan	2000		
Creditors	<u>0</u>		<u><u>2000</u></u>

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Meeting Programme

The Society were unable to meet in person due to Covid-19 restrictions. However, they consulted with the committee members throughout the year, via telephone, and made decisions on possible grants that could be applied for.

Community Programme

The Society's Community Programme is a vital tool, as we aim to reach more members and promote inclusiveness through social, educational and recreational programmes.

Unfortunately, this was not viable this year due to Covid-19 restrictions.

However, there is an interest to arrange further projects going forward when it is safe to do so.

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INCOME

Income receipts for the year totalled £375.68.

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EXPENDITURE

Expenditure for the year totalled £1,583.89.

Support in Kind

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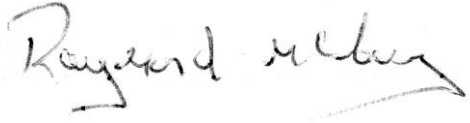
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Name : Eric Hewitt

Profession : Retired Company Director

Address : 30 Kilwarlin Crescent, Hillsborough BT26 6QF

Date 12/10/2021

Signed : 