

Muintir na Mointeach Ltd

Trustees' Report (Nov 2024)

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 30 November 2024.

Objectives and Activities

Objects and Aims

Muintir na Mointeach is a community-based group which works from the Washingbay Healthy Living Community Centre based in the Washingbay area of Co Tyrone. The group provided and managed this facility and the Washingbay wetlands park area for the delivery of educational activities, arts, culture, social activity, health and wellbeing, environmental improvements, and leisure and recreational activities which it also organizes.

The group provided various opportunities through training to develop the capacity and skills of the members of the area, particularly those from socially and economically disadvantaged communities of Washingbay and the surrounding area. Activities and classes in this year included art, storytelling, music sessions, children's Irish dancing, health information sessions, information and talks, cultural and language classes, coffee mornings, historical and reminiscence sessions, First aid/CPR, yoga, keep fit, bowls, martial arts, walking, running, chess, youth and Gaelic games.

The centre was also used for family occasions such as anniversary parties/dinners and birthday celebrations which assisted in social cohesion and community support. The group also provided walking, cycling, and boating safety sessions. Muintir na Mointeach has a strong environmentally friendly ethos, demonstrating renewable energy efficiencies and developing regeneration projects in the Washingbay Wetlands Park and general area.

The group promoted community development approaches to local issues and aims to increase the participation of as many local people and visitors in community activity. Muintir na Mointeach also promote such other charitable purposes as may from time to time be determined.

Public Benefit

Muintir na Mointeach is the local community organisation located in the Washingbay Area, south-west of Lough Neagh and is managed by a voluntary board of directors. The benefits flowing from our purposes are that people from the community receive ongoing access to

educational activity, capacity building, health promotion and awareness, environmental awareness and increased social interaction in their own local rural area through a community facility and community development approaches which ensures greater participation in positive community activity.

The group provides the necessary opportunities to learn new skills and obtain new experiences through its community projects aimed at a wide range of local people who gain benefit from activity we deliver related to community development, capacity building, health and wellbeing, and regeneration issues.

This has led to improving competencies, informal education, skill sets, health and wellbeing, and general living conditions. Individuals and groups improve their community development practice and civic leadership roles by having access to the community centre and its activities, and local people are able to provide greater voluntary time contributions, which provides a more effective and improved local community with a greater sense of belonging.

The direct benefit of promotion of sustainable development within this rural community has led to more appropriate development in this rural area which preserves and protects the environment whilst achieving sustainable economic growth and regeneration. No harm arises from any such purpose.

Public benefits are measured by the number of projects and the number of people attending the activities scheduled, as well as the number of organisations utilising the building. The development and sustaining of positive community development activity and the engagement of the rural community in both indoor and outdoor projects are important community benefit measures. Our activities are also monitored and measured regularly by funders such as the local council. There is no harm flowing from our activities and no private benefit, other than the increase in knowledge, skills, and understanding of individuals, which may be transferable to other situations, but which are incidental and necessary because of the need for local individuals to build their skills and knowledge to ensure that the community group better meets the needs of the community.

Reference and Administrative Details

Charity Registration Number: 102149

Company Registration Number: NI052281

Registered Office & Principal Office: Washingbay Wetlands, 15 Ferry Road, Coalisland, Co Tyrone, BT71 4QT

Independent Examiner: K Donnelly , Kane's Rampart, Derrylaughan, Coalisland, BT71 4QY

Trustees and Officers

Chairman: Mr Kevin Quinn

Treasurer: Mr John Francis Corr

Secretary: Mr Brian Quinn

Other Trustees: Ms Mary Brigid McAliskey, Mr Henry Martin Cathaoir Corr

Structure, Governance and Management

Nature of governing document: Memorandum and Articles of Association

Financial Instruments

The charity's activities expose it to a number of financial risks including credit risk, cash flow risk and liquidity risk. The charity does not use derivative financial instruments for speculative purposes.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of Muintir na Mointeach Ltd for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and UK Accounting Standards.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 25th June 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Mr Kevin Quinn – Chairperson and Trustee