

# Trustees Annual Report for Lisnaskea Community Enterprises Ltd to the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

Charity Number 102372.

22/10/2024

To whom it may concern

The objects of the charity are to promote for the public benefit urban and rural regeneration in Lisnaskea and its environs by all or any of the following means. 1/

To promote well-being and prosperity in all sections of the community through

a/ the provision of education facilities to promote the development of individual capabilities, competencies, skills and understanding. b/ the provision of suitable employment premises and opportunities for all.

c/ to promote new and existing businesses, social enterprises and charities to stimulate economic growth through provision of facilities and workspace on favourable terms. d/ the provision of suitable premises for daily respite care for adults with special needs.

2/ The advancement of community development and environmental protection or improvement through the maintenance, improvement or provision of amenities and recreational facilities for the public.

During the year ended 2023 Lisnaskea Community Enterprises Ltd made a profit of £73,135 from normal trading. As the company is a non-profit taking company all profits are reinvested into the company for future development.

At the AGM it was proposed and agreed that G O Brien accountants be reappointed as independent examiners and accountants.

Throughout the year we were able to keep the walks and the allotment area at the Lough Head open to the public. The walks were extensively used throughout the year and they along with the Garden of Hope proved to be a highly appreciated facility for the entire community. The entire allotment area is used by all sections of the community and those with mental health are particularly welcome. We provide poly tunnels, gardening equipment, safe storage, and also public liability insurance for the allotment area. The area is well kept, well used and is of good benefit to the public. The area is safe and is ideal for training and education in horticultural activities.

We continue to provide workspace units of varying sizes to accommodate differing requirements of potential occupants, at favourable terms. The range of sizes allows us to

provide suitable employment premises and opportunities for all. During the year we were able to continue to accommodate our local school by providing a unit to be used as a classroom because of lack of space at their school. We also continue to have a centre for adults who have special needs, in one of our units. It is used for daily respite care. We have facilitated their carers in a request to have additional external space that can be fenced around to create an enclosed, safe area to allow them to have recreational and educational facilities outside at no cost to them. We also facilitated the erection of a timber gazebo, on the site, made by the Men's shed for their exclusive use.

We continue to provide Lisnaskea Men's Shed with a safe, modern, spacious work place with designated parking. The Men's Shed organisation is particularly beneficial to those who are unemployed and those suffering from mental health issues. The Men's Shed is a part of Oak Healthy Living which is an organisation set up to counsel and help people with mental health, alcohol / drug additions and suicide issues. They also use the Lough Head Park regularly for therapy, walking and other activities for their members which is now recommended also as a social prescription from the local health centre.

We continue to provide free storage space for St Vincent De Paul Charity to store second hand furniture for redistribution for those in need.

We continue to maintain the entire area including the paths at the Lisnaskea Lough Head Park. In recent years more than 50,000 people were recorded using the paths at the park annually. It continues to be very popular with walkers from the town and surrounding areas. It is suitable for all ages and abilities. We continue to make great effort to ensure that all the paths are clear and usable by the disabled and their carers. The garden of hope and the wildflower beds are continuing to mature and provide wonderful colour during the year. The two ponds in the park are kept safe and suitable for pond dipping by local school children.

We have maintained and improved the employment premises throughout the year. The level of rent is favourable to all tenants. This helps to promote new and existing businesses and also stimulates economic growth which helps to improve the charity's sustainability. In the past year we have purchased a defibrillator which has been erected on an external wall for the use of anyone who comes on to the site who may need it.

Our Trustees are keen that our charity supports the local community in all matters relating to climate change and the promotion of the circular economy. Throughout the year we have worked with our local college to develop a project that will result in a local community building having net zero carbon emissions. When the retrofitting work is complete the community building will be used as a facility to provide information and education on energy poverty, energy conservation, alternative energy sources, insulation, rainwater harvesting etc. Other themes will be healthy food, nutrition, food waste, recycling, composting, biodiversity. We will also provide information and advice on climate change,

sustainability, renewables and the circular economy. This will be for the benefit of our local community and beyond. We intend to carry out a community survey on energy costs so that an energy master plan can be developed for the area. We expect that some of this work will commence within the next year.

We are very proud of the work we have done and continue to do for the public benefit and hope to continue this work in the future.

Signed: Mr Gareth Reihill .....  
Chairman and Trustee

Date: 25/10/24

Mr W Warrington .....  
Secretary and Trustee

Date 25/10/24