

Ballinderry War Memorial Hall Management Committee

Year ending 31st December 2024

Ballinderry War Memorial Hall Management Committee continue to work towards their principal aim which is to restore, regenerate, maintain and manage the Ballinderry War Memorial Hall for the purpose of improving the wellbeing of the inhabitants of Ballinderry and the surrounding area.

Since the finance required to renovate the Ballinderry War Memorial Hall cannot be achieved by fund raising alone, the Management Committee continue to explore Grant opportunities and have been successful in securing funding in 2024 as follows:

- National Lottery Heritage Fund, the Department of Foreign Affairs and the Architectural Heritage Fund - £96,500
- A letter of offer in principle from LCCC's Community Investment Fund for £350,000

The Ballinderry War Memorial Hall Management Committee are grateful for the continued support of a number of funders and for the support of various individuals and friends.

Opened on 7th November 1924, Ballinderry War Memorial Hall celebrated 100 years in 2024. A range of events were held to mark this very special anniversary year which included:

- An anniversary dinner in June
- A community BBQ in July
- Family Fun Day in September to coincide with European Heritage Weekend
- An anniversary concert in November

During this year £15,500 was raised which comprised hall income, fundraising events and generous donations. In addition £16,676 was secured from the National Lottery Awards for All scheme and £2,695 from Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council Community Festival Fund to support our centenary celebrations.

During 2024 progress has been made in preparing for the commencement of the refurbishment of the Hall in that approval has been received for listed building consent. The Feasibility Study and Business Plan has also been signed off. Our five year financial projections have now been finalised and we have concluded and agreed our Outline Business Case.

As we move closer to the commencement of the renovation project we are excited about the future and what lies ahead.

The Management Committee of Ballinderry War Memorial Hall are indebted to all who give of their time and expertise to support this project. The Committee will continue to work towards the renovation and refurbishment of the Hall, to provide the people of the Ballinderry area with a meeting place to get together with others to enjoy social interaction,

to take part in activities of a social and recreational nature, to address rural isolation and to enhance the health and wellbeing of the local population.