

## **Greenisland Football Club**

**Financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2024**

### **TRUSTEE'S REPORT**

The Management Board (Trustees) present their report and financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2024

#### **Structure, Governance and Management**

Greenisland Football Club is governed by a constitution and the day to day affairs are managed by a committee which is elected from the body of the floor at the AGM.

The Committee will ensure that Club members adhere to the aims and rules as described in the constitution.

The Committee will be responsible for the appointment of the Trustees. These individuals will only be appointed when the committee is clear that they fulfil the criteria of the Charities Commission:-

That they are eligible by:-

- Having no unspent convictions

- To promote the ethos of the Club and to be fully knowledgeable of the Constitution

- Take decisions made free from prejudice and in the Charity's best interests

- Make sure the Club's resources are managed responsibly

- Be accountable to the members

#### **Objectives and activities**

The Club has been established to promote fitness, advance education and facilitate social development, particularly in relation to 10 to 18 year olds through healthy participation in sports and Association Football, who reside in Greenisland and its environs of County Antrim without distinction of age, gender, disability, sexual orientation, nationality, ethnic identity, political or religious opinion, by associating the statutory authorities, community and voluntary organisations and the inhabitants in a common effort to advance education, and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure-time occupation, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.

## Achievements and performance

The last 12 months continued to see growth in our Community section. Various clubs and teams continued to expand and our contribution to the local community and area continued to develop. Thanks to the various very kind funding from the likes of The National Lottery and Children in Need, clubs and teams such as Cuppa Club, Visually Impaired Club, Community Football, Bears, Wee Bears and our physical and mental health programmes with local schools continued to flourish.

July 2023 seen x5 of our 2009 National League squad get selected for the County Antrim Super Cup NI squad, namely Caleb Sweeney, Ross Campbell, Harry Moore, Finlay Jackson and Max McGrillis.

August 2023 seen our Women's First Team gain promotion from Division Two to Division One of the NIWFA, securing back to back promotions in doing so. The momentum of our Women's team surging through the leagues also give us the ability to launch a Womens Second Team, which started training and playing friendlies in late summer of 2023 and this grew into the Women's second team going into NIWFA Division Six in April 2024.

August 2023 also saw a number of teams take part in club trips. Our 2010 National League side enjoyed a very successful week as the first ever Greenisland FC team to take part in the Galway Cup. Our 2012, 2013 and 2014 squads enjoyed a long weekend in Liverpool at the LLS experience and then our 2009, 2010 and 2011 squads had the same experience at Halloween time.

Finally in a month of firsts for the club, as a result of winning the NIBFA Cup earlier in the year, our 2009 National League side represented Northern Ireland in the All Island 2009 Cup against the Republic of Ireland cup winners, Middleton FC. Despite losing the final, played in Armagh, it was a great day for the club.

September 2023 saw the beginning of our new Girls section. Ranging in ages from 5/6 years old to 14/15 years old this was the start of what is hoped can grow into the "conveyor belt" of players to supplement our Women's squads in years to come.

November 2023 saw our GFC Bears take part in their first set of IFA Disability Programme game and this was a great success for all involved and our participation has continued ever since with this programme.

The last month of 2023 saw us give support to our club charity for the 2023/2024 season, namely Cancer Focus. A Club Day was held during a Saturday in December in which volunteers from Cancer Focus came and done a fundraising collection at all Greenisland Team games on that weekend, plus free cancer screen checks and advice were available to all club members. This was followed up with all donations from our Boxing Day charity game going to Cancer Focus as well.

Away from the pitch, the latter part of the year, into the early part of 2024 saw all club coaches sit the IFA Safeguarding Course at our clubhouse across x5 sessions and a number of club coaches also renewed their First Aid qualifications.

March 2024 saw us awarded the IFA's Prestigious Clubs and People award, which was recognition to the club and the people who all contribute.

Back to the football aspect and in March and April 2024 members of our football section contributed to the IFA's Youth Framework. This will see once in a generation changes occurring in football in Northern Ireland in the near future which whilst we were happy to contribute to, as a club we need to be aware of how this could affect our club.

Around Easter 2024, we had a number of positive developments in terms of facilities with us being approved for or making it to the next stages of applications for a Car Park extension facilitated by Mid and East Antrim Borough Council, receiving funding for conversion of our Bowling Green area into a small sided games pitch via the Grassroots Sports Club Capital Funding and making the next stage of the Renewable Energy NI fund via Sport NI for replacement of floodlights on our small 3G pitch.

The year ended with in May our 2009 National League side winning the NIBFA Plate final and to top the year of, our facilities were recommended to UEFA for a training base for the upcoming Uefa Under 19 Men's Championships being held in Northern Ireland later in 2024.

Overall, a positive year with progression but also a desire to develop facilities in order to keep up with our growing onfield and community participation levels.

## Future

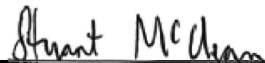
We look forward to the future with optimism and plan to develop and improve the club for the benefit of our community.

## Financial Review

Total income for the period under review was £304,780, and revenue expenditure was £287,439

Reserves totalled £772,495 (2023 £755,154) of which £467,499 was held in the form of fixed assets.

There were £306,528 of unrestricted funds available at the balance sheet date for general use.



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**Stuart McClean**  
Chair Person

28 April 2025