

Trustees' Report (Incorporating the Director's Report)

The board present their report and audited accounts for the year ended 30th November 2022.

Objects and activities

The Charity's objects ("Objects") are to:-

- (1) Advance community development, in particular rural social and economic regeneration and the promotion of the efficiency and effectiveness of voluntary and community sector groups and organisations.
- (2) Promote industry and commerce by providing business incubation units for start-up businesses and making available meeting rooms and office space with integrated services to such start-up businesses.
- (3) Provide access to and training in information communication technologies for the benefit of the public.
- (4) Advance conflict resolution and reconciliation and the promotion of peace and good community relations.
- (5) Promote such other charitable purposes as may from time to time be determined.

Charitable purposes

Purpose One

The direct benefit flowing from this, is a safe and neutral facility for residents of the said area of benefit to use for meetings or training courses with various educational or government bodies. The benefit is evidenced by word of mouth from the attendees and feedback after using the Centre from the organisational bodies. This purpose does not lead to any harm. The benefit is for all inhabitants within the environs of Tanvalley, Anaghlonge, Katesbridge and Corbet. A private benefit flowing from this is that a trustee or family member may use the Centre in same manner as all other residents, this is purely incidental and necessary, so that the benefit is available to all.

Another direct benefit is a united community which has come together as one to achieve its targets. Further benefits is a more vibrant and inclusive society via the educational programmes and recreational activities. These benefits are evidenced through the diverse set up within the organisation, also through feedback generated from the activities laid on by the organisation. The purpose does not lead to any harm. These benefits are for all residents within the Tanvalley, Anaghlonge, Katesbridge, and Corbet area. Private benefits from these are purely incidental and necessary to any group member, as family members of all can avail of any opportunities arising.

Purpose Two

The direct benefit flowing from this a more informed society and healthier community lifestyle, giving them a better standard of living conditions and environment. This is evidenced by feedback both qualitative and quantitative. This benefit is for all within the Tanvalley, Anaghlonge, Katesbridge, and Corbet community. The private benefit for Group members is in line with the rest of the community, which is gaining a healthier lifestyle, and being better informed, this is purely incidental and necessary so that the benefit is available to all.

Achievements

2023 was a very busy year for the organisation posing its own set of complications and some exciting opportunities.

The achievements to date are:

- **Rural capital support services.** RCSS is an initiative by Tanvalley & Anaghlonge project, designed to deliver essential support to rural organisations that operate across the borough. We assist rural community development organisations around capital development projects, we generally assist in a number of areas such as capital project planning, architectural planning and statutory compliance, funding strategies and funding procurement, procurement of construction elements, project management including financial control, post project monitoring and evaluation and finally community planning and implementation. We deliver some elements (planning & process management) free and some incur charge. In 2022 we saw this service increasing in engagement but lowering in output as more and more organisations were looking assistance in post COVID, not in capital but in running costs needs. We are currently working with over 34 groups on 24 capital projects and 12 running costs and up scaling requirements We are currently working with groups in 3 counties in NI.
- We have resumed most of our community **capacity development programs**. We continue to focus a lot of our efforts and resources on ensuring that we can meet the diverse needs of our local beneficiaries. In 2023 we delivered online access clinics, IT literacy, creative writing, business signposting and a renewed focus on the arts with a heritage and cultural theme
- We continue to provide clean and modern facilities circa 6000ft² for community use throughout the year in the Tanvalley & Anaghlonge area of south Down with a catchment area of a 7 mile radius of our facility with an estimated potential beneficiaries in excess of 1800 people
- We continue to operate our technology for our lower income beneficiaries with a particular emphasis on young people and the need for connectivity for academic and training requirements.
- We are successfully utilising disused agricultural space into a self storage facility for storing short medium and long term items. All profits derived will be returned for social programmes.
- We have co-delivered for the fourth year running with the **Nifty over fifty's** for over 50's access, one on one to IT and internet training and clinics, this is a volunteer program that assists people who are older and have little or no IT and internet skills, we provide access to HMRC, ebay, Amazon, Tesco's food delivery, etc. This has proved popular and hugely beneficial. COVID has restricted some elements of the program but we can still deliver the majority of the benefit.

Public benefits

We have delivered a number of public benefits namely:

- Tap have delivered training, awareness and capacity development to circa 145 people across NI within the defined period via Zoom and other Online media.
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- Rural capital support services have delivered pre defined services to over 34 groups on 24 capital projects 12 revenue projects and are working with groups in 3 counties in NI with potential beneficiary number in excess of 15,000 people in rurally deprived areas.
 - TAP was appointed employers' agents to 2 major capital development Projects in the ABC Council to assist in the management of DAERA Axis 6 RDP programme and 1 is currently completed and the second project has initiated an extension that is still ongoing
 - We benefitted 21 people in **over fifty's access clinics**, some examples include, we accessed HMRC to execute farm VAT payments, online health service for elderly care, online food, service and goods delivery, as well as addressing Mortgage and personal debt. Numbers still continue to remain low due to the effects of COVID
 - We have provided and maintained a facility for groups, individuals, and professional organisations for over 500 beneficiaries. Numbers continually remain due to the effects of COVID.
 - We are currently implementing a new rural strategy for developing and delivering on previously identified needs as well as a post COVID re-emergence and regeneration strategy.
 - We have partnered with an alternative funder to develop a platform for community share offerings and micro protection strategies for the rurally deprived areas of Down and Armagh. We have fully explored the use of Tier 1 Capital trades "good causes" element to fund this ALT investment strategy and have secured potentially in excess of £20M of annual funds, this is provisional upon financial regulators approval and due to commence circa June 2024.
 - TAP have officially partnered with the NIVSO and have secured for £1.2 Million of Funding from the AFCTF to deliver a Suite of mental and physical health and well being programmes that are envisaged to improve the lives and physical conditions of over an anticipated 100,000 veterans and their families living in NI. This is a two year programme agreed in December 2021 and has begun successful delivery. We are currently developing a strategy to deliver a new social housing arm of the Charity to cater exclusively for Veterans and their complex needs in NI and the UK.
 - TAP have undertaken the research and development of a new social enterprise with aim of creating a not-for-profit water bottling and sales company on lands secure in the locale. We have tested the market and are content of product viability and we fully intend to launch 2 line of mineral water sales. One line will sell water to the MOD and any profits after costs will be redirected into veteran's charities for further distribution. The 2nd line is also not for profit with all profits being used to tackle climate change issues through on the ground delivery of renewable energy products and projects. Our goal is to use all proceeds to physically implement ground breaking carbon neutral projects that will inevitably create energy independence through the installation of micro generation strategies and localised energy generation as well as creating greater efficiencies in waste disposal and circular energy recovery and re use projects. This project is at a critical stage of fundraising, we have undertaken hydrogeological testing with a proven aquifer onsite as well as applied for a commercial change of use for our agricultural property. This still ongoing in the planning department of ABC council and is expected to be approved in July 2024. We have begun identifying customers and supply chains and are as stated in the provisional fundraising stage.
 - Tap has provided advice and support to business modelling services to 5 Social enterprises in 2023, most notable an All-Ireland housing project in collaboration with 5 county councils in the ROI in areas of funding and project design, management & delivery, business modelling, HR and Financing.
 - We have delivered a number of food poverty programmes including assisting 14 families to access readymade meals and food banks. We have entered into negotiations with ABC council to become a food bank or assistive food distribution partner.
 - We assisted 8 people to gain assistance with Universal credit and rate rebate benefits.
 - We continued a volunteer "call your neighbour" scheme to ensure that the most vulnerable were kept to the forefront of the community's attention.
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- We continue to deliver a “Be a Volunteer” scheme to attract new volunteers as we have lost much of the volunteer capacity due to COVID and its effects, many have had to take on new jobs, new roles and responsibilities and are in addition to this we have lost three of our hardest working volunteers to death or bereavement. This scheme has proven to be slow but is showing steady growth to date.

Projects for 2023 onwards.

Due to an inward look at our organisation in 2023 a number of key areas were identified as a weak strategically and operationally. It was decided that we would initiate new social enterprises to address community deficits and structural deficiencies. Those projects will include:

- 1) A complete strategic review and plan and operational plan coming into effect from 2025-2030.
- 2) The delivery of our first ever coffee catering business aimed at creating a sustainable income for low-income veterans and their families. This Social enterprise will not just sell bespoke coffee blends to discerning event goers but to train a number of volunteers and beneficiaries in barista and catering qualifications whilst providing gainful employment or top-up income for struggling families. This was at funding stage in December 2023.
- 3) We have taken possession of 15 acres of rural land in South Down to convert it into a public space with forested areas, walkways and natural arts space. This will be aimed at combatting mental and physical issues. We are planning and statutory permissions stage.
- 4) We have agreed to purchase a space for a veteran’s respite and recovery centre. We agreed to purchase this 20-bed former nursing home and convert this into a state-of-the-art centre. We have applied to Community Ownership fund and the armed forces community trust fund to assist us to develop this space.
- 5) Lastly we are looking to develop a programme for rural families to diversify their agricultural storage areas into much needed logistics storage facilities, we have piloted one scheme and we intend to roll this scheme out in 2025

Corporate governance

Tanvalley & Anaghlonge Project is a company limited by guarantee and as such it does not have share capital. The company is registered with the Inland Revenue as a charitable body for taxation purposes. The company is also registered with the Charity Commission Northern Ireland under charity number NIC103338. The company was incorporated on 23 November 2013 and its governing instrument is the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

The governing body is the board of whose members are also directors for the purposes of companies’ legislation. Members of the board are listed on page 1.

Accounts presentation

The Company’s accounts have been presented this year in the format set out as best practice by the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities accounts in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The Statement of Financial Activities (“SOFA”) focuses on showing the total incoming resources, both revenue and capital, which have been made available to the company during the year and the way in which those resources have been used, whether as direct charitable expenditure in carrying out and supporting the company’s activities, or in the management and administration of the company itself. The SOFA also show those incoming resources for the year received from sources which place restrictions on the way in which the company can use the funds, and the level of incoming resources that can be used by the company without restriction, within the company’s charitable objects.

Responsibilities of the Board

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a truer and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, for the period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Going Concern

The board consider that the company has adequate resources to continue in business for the foreseeable future, and that for this reason they should continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the accounts.

Changes in fixed assets

The movements in fixed assets during the period are set out in note 9 to the accounts.

Special provisions relating to small companies

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Special Provisions of part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

This report was approved by the board on 17 July 2024.

Signed on behalf of the trustees

P. Hampton

Paul Hampton
Director
