

Mazetown Rural Action Collective

Northern Ireland · Charity number 103387

Details

Known as	MRAC
Status	Received
Registered	2016-02-26
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

Contact

Address	Maze Orange Hall 15 Kesh Road Lisburn County Antrim BT27 5rp BT27 5RP
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Activities

Purposes: (I) The relief of need and the advancement of Education of the inhabitants of the Mazetown area and its environs in Aghnatrisk, Anacloy, Blaris, Culcavy & Lurganure (hereinafter described as "the area of benefit") without distinction of age, sex, race, disability, political, religious or other opinion. It will do so by associating the statutory authorities, voluntary organisations and inhabitants in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of the social welfare, education, recreation or other leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants; (II) To advance knowledge and appreciation of the Ulster-Scots language and culture and to encourage understanding and acceptance of all indigenous cultures to the area of benefit.

What the charity does: The advancement of education, The advancement of citizenship or community development, The advancement of the arts, culture, heritage or science

How the charity works: Arts, Community development, Cultural, Disability, Education/training, Environment/sustainable development/conservation, Heritage/historical, Human rights/equality, Relief of poverty, Rural development, Volunteer development

Who the charity helps: Adult training, Children (5-13 year olds), Community safety/crime prevention, General public, Men, Older people, Parents, Preschool (0-5 year olds), Unemployed/low income, Volunteers, Women, Youth (14-25 year olds)

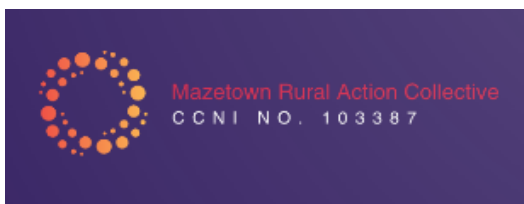
Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£19,183	£12,962	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dennis Watson		
Eric Hewitt		
Karen C. Shields		
Mr Harry Turkington		
Mrs Ruth Nelson		
Philip Nelson		

Accounts



Income	2023	2024
Credit/Refund /Sundry Sales	13	125
Fund Raising & Donations	1,722	465
Event Ticket Sales	0	2234
LCCC - Community Grants & Support	10,701	14949
National Lottery - Awards for All	9,735	0
Rent	1,355	1410
	0	0
Total Income	23,527	19183

Expendiure	2023	2024
Fixed:		
Electricity	-609	-240
Water	-252	-345
Heat/Gas	-1365	-1756
Rent	0	0
Internet	-292	-533
Insurance	-851	-910
Flexible:		
Stationary, Postage, Printing	-85	-40
Misc Sundries	-165	-90
Equipment (Exc IT)	-8736	-780
Maintenance & Repairs (inc Cleaning)	-2734	-751
IT	-800	0
Bank Charges	-142	-125
Event/Programme Expenses	-9321	-6917
Hospitality	-450	-475
Total Expenditure	-25802	-12962

Total Income	23527	19183
Total Expenditure	-25802	-12962
Accural/Timing	0	0
Surplus/[Deficit]	[2275]	6221

Chairperson:Signed: *Dennis Watson*

Date: 02/10/2025

Treasurer: Ruth NelsonSigned: *R Nelson*

Date: 02/10/2025

Accounts



Year Ending: 31st December 2023

Income	2022	2023
Credit/Refund /Sundry Sales	588	13
Fund Raising & Donations	2673	1,722
Event Ticket Sales	654	0
LCCC - Community Grants & Support	16,492	10,701
National Lottery - Awards for All	-	9,735
Rent	770	1,355
		0
Total Income	21,177	23,527

Expenditure	2022	2023
Fixed:		
Electricity	-796	-609
Water	-271	-252
Heat/Gas	-1567	-1365
Rent	-250	0
Internet	-324	-292
Insurance	-784	-851
Flexible:		
Stationary, Postage, Printing	-115	-85
Misc Sundries	-487	-165
PPE Equipment/Covid Recovery	0	0
Equipment (Exc IT)	-2915	-8736
Maintenance & Repairs (inc Cleaning)	-11707	-2734
IT	-1670	-800
Bank Charges	-132	-142
Event/Programme Expenses	-9249	-9321
Hospitality	0	-450
Total Expenditure	-30265	-25802

Total Income	21177	23527
Total Expenditure	-30265	-25802
Accural/Timing	0	0
Surplus/[Deficit]	[9088]	[2275]

Chairperson: HT Turkington

Signed: *H Turkington*

Date: 17/10/2024

Treasurer: Ruth Nelson

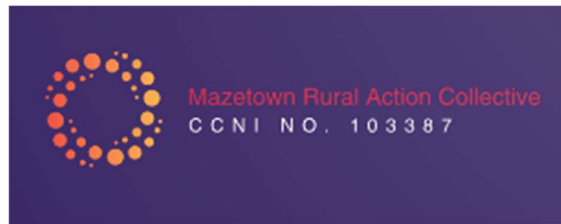
Signed: *R Nelson*

Date: 17/10/2024

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Annual report



Trustee Annual Report

Mazetown Rural Action Collective

Reg No. 103387

1st January 2023

31st December 2023

Purpose

For the advancement of the inhabitants of the Mazetown area, without distinction of age, sex, religion, disability, political, or other opinion. To provide facilities in the interests of social welfare, education, recreation, or other leisure time activities for local inhabitants.

Address

15 Kesh Road Maze, Lisburn, BT27 5RP

Trustees

Harold Turkington

Karen Shields

Eric Hewitt

Ruth Nelson

Philip Nelson

Dennis Watson

Finance

Year ended 31st December 2023

Income **£23,526.56**

Expenditure **£25,801.59**

Activities

During the year we held a number of classes and talks. These included a Pool Tournament, Night at the Races, Community Quiz, Line Dance Class and Floral & Sewing Classes. Talks on Green Energy, Painting on Silk Workshop, PowerPoint and talk on CCNI Registration, Children's Christmas party, and Festive Fayre. Certain Groups use our premises on a regular basis, such as: RBL, WI, Arts and Lecture Classes. Feedback from our activities has been most positive, and we hope to continue to bring benefits to our community in the future.

Public Benefit Requirement

The trustees have all necessary policies and systems in place, such as Conflict of Interest and Safeguarding policies. Quarterly meetings are held and recorded. Regular updates on the financial position are received. Community programmes are held throughout the year for the benefit of all. Regular contact is kept with funding agencies, and local council employees. Training programmes are attended, and information is circulated through FB and WhatsApp.

Year End Financial Position

A slight deficit of £2,275.00 was recorded for the year, however, we had net current debts due of £3,100.00, which have since been settled.

In September 2023 we installed a PV System. This has been most successful, reducing our kWh usage for the following 10 months by 45%. In addition, we exported the equivalent kWh to the grid. This has reduced any impending threat to the charity, by way of energy costs.

No other threats are envisaged.

We have current policies in place such as Financial and Anti- Fraud, which are regularly updated.

Funds In deficit

None

Signed: *H T Turkington*

Trustee

Date: 17.10.2024

Signed: *E Hewitt*

Trustee

Date: 17.10.2024

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Annual return

Independent Examiners Report

Mazetown Rural Action Collective

I report on the accounts of the MRAC for the year ended 31st December 2023.

Respective Responsibilities of Charity Trustees and Examiner

As the charities trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 65 of the charities act
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the charities act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting Records were not kept in accordance with section 65 of the Charities Act.
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records.
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act.
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the account reached.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the directions of the Charity commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Name: Kirsty Leathem

Profession: Business Proprietor

Address: 8a Agars Road, Magheragall, Lisburn, BT28 2TQ

Date: 17/10/2024

Signed: *Kirsty Leathem*

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Annual report



Annual Report and Statement of Accounts

For the year
1st January 2022 - 31st December 2022

Registered with The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland NIC103387

Annual Report

For the year ended 31st December 2022

The trustees of Mazetown Rural Action Collective (MRAC) present their report for the period above.

Meeting Programme

MRAC meets quarterly throughout the year, to discuss and prepare programmes, receive feedback from other Hall user groups i.e. (Maze/Brookfield WI 62 members, LV Historical Society 12 members, Maze Lodge 60 members, Mazetown Women Together 27 members, Ribbons Group 8 members, Maze Lecturers Class 15 members) consider financial reports and explore possible avenues of funding.

Community Programme

The Group's Community Programme is a vital to the sustainability of our organisation, by promoting inclusiveness through social, educational and recreational programmes.

The events included a summer Festival, Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebration, Country Jive classes Children's Christmas Party, Christmas Craft Fayre, Night at the Races, and a programme of talks supported by the Community Relations department in Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council. Mazetown RAC wishes to place on record their gratitude to all volunteers and members, without them, and the support of the wider community, our programmes would not have been delivered.

Membership

The membership of the Group, as at 31st December 2022 was 160.

Accommodation

Mazetown RAC rents the Maze Orange Hall, 15 Kesh Road, Maze, Lisburn, BT27 5RP.

Financial Review

Financial Performance

Financial performance in the year to 31st December 2022 is as follows:

INCOME

Income receipts for the year totalled £21,177.09

EXPENDITURE

Expenditure for the year totalled £30,265.03

Support in Kind

In assessing the finances of the MRAC, it must be noted that many members and trustees give a great deal of support in kind, by planning and delivering events, managing the Group itself, and liaising with the numerous user groups in our Hall. Not forgetting regular maintenance of the premises, in order to maintain a warm and safe environment.

The Trustees wish to record their sincere thanks, to all those whose contribution has led to the continued success of our group.

Major Risks

In our Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2022, the only major risk identified was the high cost of energy, impacting almost every other running cost as well. We have worked hard with our stakeholders through this difficult period, making savings in energy costs where possible, with draft exclusion fittings around doors, and good practice information to user groups.

We believe this will stand us in good stead to meet the financial challenges ahead in 2023.

Financial Management Policies

MRAC has adopted the following policies:

Fraud, Anti-Corruption and Bribery, together with written procedures on Management and Financial Controls.

All are reviewed regularly.

Reference and Administrative Details

Charity Name:

Mazetown Rural Action Collective

Charity Number:

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Principal Address:

Maze Orange Hall, 15 Kesh Road, Maze, Lisburn, BT 27 5RP

Charity Trustees:

Mr Dennis Watson	Chairperson
Mrs Karen Shields	Vice-Chairperson
Mr Eric Hewitt	Secretary
Mrs Ruth Nelson	Treasurer
Mr Philip Nelson	
Mr Harry Turkington	

Structure Governance and Management

Governing Document and Constitution

MRAC is registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland and works in the Community Development sector.

We were governed by a Constitution adopted in December 2001, as Mazetown Cultural Society.

A change of name to Mazetown Rural Action Collective, and new constitution was adopted on the 8th April 2016.

The Group is run by a management committee. They consult with their volunteers and other Hall user groups on a regular basis.

Trustee Selection and Management

MRAC is managed by a committee, which consists of all the appointed trustees together with approved volunteers.

Committee meetings offer a forum to review recent activities within our programme, and to plan forthcoming events.

Further ad hoc meetings are called, if required, for example to plan and manage special events or projects.

The Annual Report and Statement of Accounts are approved by the chairperson and independent examiner, before being presented to the members at the Annual General Meeting.

MRAC can appoint sub-committees which can meet and report as and when necessary.

Related Organisations

Mazetown RAC is not a member of any related organisation or organisations

Objectives and Activities

Charitable Objects

The object of MRAC, as set out in our Constitution, is the relief of need and the advancement of education of the inhabitants of the Mazetown and surrounding areas, without distinction of age, sex, race, disability, political, religious or other opinion.

Public Benefit Statement

In setting our objectives and planning our activities for the year, the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit, to ensure that the activities have helped to achieve the charity's purposes, and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.

Summary of Main Activities

The main activities of our Group are to provide a varied range of services and activities for our community, in this isolated rural area.

We aim to provide social interaction and learning opportunities for all sections of the community, and for all age, to develop and enhance community spirit, community relations and civic pride; and

encourage integration and reduce loneliness.

Through operating our social activities to the people living in this area, the charity has benefited them by improving their health and well-being, and reducing their social isolation.

We promoted learning through our programmes and other Hall User Groups programmes, and inclusivity through opening our events to all, in the wider community.

Dennis Watson

Chairperson

26.10.2023

Date

Eric Hewitt

Secretary

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Date: 26/10/2023

Signed: *Kirsty Leathem*