

WALKWAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2024**

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WALKWAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION CHARITY INFORMATION

Committee

Stephen McDonald (Chairperson)
Mandy Lee (Secretary)
Violet Hudson (Vice Chair)
Ann Grierson
Arlene Llewellyn
Andrew Steed
Janice Hill
Whilma Harvey
Catriona McCabe
Nuala Symmington

Secretary

Mandy Lee

Registered Charity Number

NIC 103713

Accountants

Gavin Reid and Company
Unit 1
212-218 Upper Newtownards Road
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BT4 3ET

Bankers

Ulster Bank Limited
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TRUSTEES REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Charity Name: Walkway Community Association

Charity Reg No: 103713

Public Address: 1-9 Finvoy Street, Belfast, County Down, BT5 5DH

Trustees:

The following served as charity Trustees during the year and up to the date of this report:

Stephen McDonald
Mandy Lee
Violet Hudson
Ann Grierson
Arlene Llewellyn
Andrew Steed
Janice Hill
Whilma Harvey
Catriona McCabe
Nuala Symmington

Objectives and Activities:

Walkway Community Association is founded to provide a range of activities and services to residents of the Ravenscroft/Bloomfield area.

Walkway Community Association provides local community development support through programmes and activities such as youth work, young mothers and toddlers, women's groups, senior women's group. We also work with local nurseries and creche providers to support local families.

The advancement of education
The advancement of health or the saving of lives
The advancement of citizenship and community development
Promote good community relations, religious and racial harmony and equal and diversity

Who Walkway Community Association helps:

- Adult training
- Carers
- Children (5-13 years)
- Community safety / Crime prevention
- Ethnic minorities
- General public
- Interface communities
- Men
- Mental Health
- Older people
- Parents
- Preschool (0-5 years)
- Specific areas of deprivation
- Unemployed / low income
- Voluntary and Community Sector
- Volunteers
- Women
- Youth (14-25 years)

How we help:

- Advice/advocacy/information
- Community development
- Cross border / Cross community
- Education / Training
- Playgroup / After Schools
- Relief of poverty
- Volunteer Development
- Youth Development

Achievement and Performance:

Walkway Community Association continues to serve the local community in the Bloomfield/Ravenscroft area and the wider community in East Belfast. The organisation has moved into our new building and held an official opening day on the 14th September 2023. The staff and volunteers ensured that there was a smooth transfer of groups and their resources into our new home.

The Department for Communities provides the funding for core staff enabling the organisation to continue to operate as a community facility offering services in the area of benefit. We are funded under Neighbourhood Renewal to assist in improving the lives of the residents in our area. Through funding from DFC, we have been able to sustain the staff who have been responsible for the management and daily operations of the organisation, the new building and the user groups. We continue to support and mentor our groups offering guidance on community development practice and principals. Staff continue to participate in training relating to their positions, two members are currently attending University.

Volunteers are the mainstay and the backbone of our organisation. Without their commitment and dedication to support the work of Walkway Community Association we would be unable to deliver services in the area. Their skills and abilities add to the rich mixture of professionalism shown by the staff and management committee. We remain eternally grateful for their service.

Walkway Community Association continues to deliver programmes and projects designed to meet the needs of our members and residents. Financial support from Belfast City Council, Education Authority, Urban Villages, DFC, Awards for All, Halifax and others have enabled the organisation to work in the local community on many identified projects.

The organisation is represented on many networks, making connections within the community to share experiences and promote partnership working. We have been involved in supporting and delivering community capacity building programmes, cultural awareness, community safety and community engagement activities.

We continue to deliver programmes for youth in partnership with other voluntary and statutory organisations. The Education Authority continues to support the organisation by funding staff and programmes listed below:

Rugrats Junior Youth Club, Ravers Senior Youth Club, Football Programme, Detached work.

Our youth team has increased and has been able to deliver many educational programmes for all young people in our area as per their delivery plan for the year. The new building has attracted new members and our numbers continue to grow significantly.

Funding from Urban Villages has allowed us to continue with the Young Mum's programme. 30 young mums are enrolled in the programme and creche is provided for 31 children. This is a successful programme recognised by Government departments and held as a model of good practice.

Other groups continue to benefit from the projects delivered by the organisation, Parents & Tots, Trinity Theatre Arts, Walkway Women's Group, etc. Walkway Community Association also deliver many seasonal programmes and projects designed to meet the needs of the local community. A significant focus for this reporting period was the cost-of-living issues faced by many people in our community. Walkway Community Association were able to provide support with rising food and utility costs for individuals and families. Continued support from local churches has also allowed us to support families during crisis periods.

A strategic planning exercise was completed by the Management Committee to ensure the service delivery is tailored to meet the needs of the community. The strategic plan for the period 2023-2026 has been prepared and reflects the needs of the organisation, the community and the voluntary sector in East Belfast. It also highlights the future objectives for the organisation.

Stephen McDonald

Chair



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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Walkway Community Association

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2024, which are set out on pages 6 – 10.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity's 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. The accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 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 accounts to be 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gavin Reid". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Gavin Reid FCA
Unit 1
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9 December 2024

WALKWAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds <u>2024</u> £	Restricted Funds <u>2024</u> £	Total Funds <u>2024</u> £	Total Funds <u>2023</u> £
Income and Expenditure					
Incoming Resources					
Grants receivable		-	216,988	216,988	228,807
Other income		<u>28,204</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,204</u>	<u>14,459</u>
Total Incoming Resources		<u>28,204</u>	<u>216,988</u>	<u>245,192</u>	<u>243,266</u>
Resources Expended					
Project expenditure				106,687	118,198
Administrative expenses				<u>126,518</u>	<u>115,325</u>
Total Resources Expended				<u>233,205</u>	<u>233,523</u>
Net Incoming / (Outgoing) Resources for the Year				11,987	9,743
Unrestricted Fund Balance Brought Forward at 31 March 2023				<u>20,033</u>	<u>10,290</u>
Unrestricted Fund Balance Carried Forward at 31 March 2024				<u>32,020</u>	<u>20,033</u>

There were no recognised gains or losses other than those included in the Statement of Financial Activities above.

The Notes on pages 8 to 10 form part of these Accounts.

**WALKWAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
BALANCE SHEET AT 31 MARCH 2024**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	£	£
Current Assets		
Grants outstanding	3,740	11,878
Prepayments	2,625	1,087
Other debtors	<u>41</u>	<u>465</u>
	6,406	13,430
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>39,685</u>	<u>39,381</u>
	46,091	52,811
Current Liabilities – Amounts Falling Due within One Year		
Grants received in advance	1,000	7,549
Grants to be repaid	6,252	16,633
Creditors and accruals	<u>6,819</u>	<u>8,596</u>
	(14,071)	(32,778)
	<u>32,020</u>	<u>20,033</u>
Net Current Assets		
Represented by:		
Accumulated Funds Account – Unrestricted Funds		
Revenue surplus	<u>32,020</u>	<u>20,033</u>

These Financial Statements are signed on behalf of the Committee as a result of their approval by the Committee at their meeting on 9 December 2024.



(Chairperson)

**WALKWAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
31 MARCH 2024**

1. Accounting Policies

The Principal Accounting Policies are as follows:

These Financial Statements are prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting by Charities" issued in October 1995 (Revised 2002), and applicable Accounting Standards.

Accounting Convention

The Accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

Basis of Accounting

Revenue Grants are credited to the income and expenditure account on an accruals basis.

Restricted Funds

All Grants which specify a purpose for the Grant, including Core Grants, are included as Restricted Funds. It is the Association's policy to meet all Restricted Fund Deficits by transfer from the Accumulated Unrestricted Funds.

Resources Expended

It is considered that, with the exception of management and administration costs and costs generating funds, all support costs are part of the total expenditure directly relating to the objects of the charity.

There were no costs in this year of generating funds. As a Project Based charity, the cost of managing and administrating each project is classed as a Direct Charitable Expense.

Management and Administration costs are based on the cost of staff time spent on these activities and includes salaries and an appropriate proportion of certain support costs.

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2. Incoming resources	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	£	£
<u>Grants receivable</u>		
Department for Communities	62,030	54,622
The Executive Office	51,979	58,485
Education Authority	44,631	30,375
Belfast City Council	35,832	36,350
NI Alternatives	6,840	4,116
Halifax	3,413	-
Urban Villages	3,248	4,527
Awards for All	2,750	17,250
EBCDA	2,440	10,250
East Belfast Surestart	2,000	-
Radius Housing	1,250	-
East Belfast Alternatives	575	1,980
CFNI	-	7,950
CED running costs	-	1,500
ESP	-	1,402
	<u>216,988</u>	<u>228,807</u>
<u>Other income</u>	£	£
Rents received	25,859	1,230
Other income	545	800
Donations – Bloomfield Presbyterian Church	1,800	2,446
Other	<u>-</u>	<u>350</u>
	<u>28,204</u>	<u>4,826</u>

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3. Resources expended	<u>2024</u> £	<u>2023</u> £
<u>Administrative Expenditure</u>		
Wages and salaries	92,946	76,435
Social security costs	5,443	5,464
Staff pension cost	607	276
Staff training	401	28
Rent	-	2,382
Water rates	554	247
Insurance	5,120	2,560
Heat and light	6,879	11,568
Cleaning	2,561	2,840
Repairs and maintenance	3,819	2,808
Printing, postage and stationery	1,440	1,694
Telephone	2,630	3,392
Computer costs	96	856
Travel expenses	-	195
Legal and professional	565	498
Accountancy	1,920	1,680
Bank charges	452	304
General expenses	973	1,983
Subscription	<u>112</u>	<u>115</u>
	<u>126,518</u>	<u>115,325</u>