

MALLUSK COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The trustees present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

Charity Registration number	104205
Office Address	3 Highgate Drive Newtownabbey Co. Antrim BT36 4WQ

The Trustees

The trustees who served the charity during the period were as follows:

Mr Colin Buick
Mr Thomas Ivan Anderson
Mrs Leanne Foster
Mr Richard Gregory
Mr Thomas Wylie

Independent Examiner

Mr James Lowry Grant
FPM Accountants Ltd
Unit 1, Building 10
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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The organisation is an unincorporated registered charity, governed by its constitution. Mallusk Community Action Group (MCAG) have a management committee elected by local residents at the annual general meeting. The committee meets monthly.

CHARITABLE OBJECTIVES

MCAG was formed in 2008 in response to residents' concerns around the environmental damage, road safety, village cleanliness, anti-social behavior, and absence of community facilities in the Village. Mallusk had suffered from the effects of the Landfill site in the village and the increased industrialization of the area.

Key objectives are:

- Creating a sense of community
- Having clean and safe roads for visitors and residents
- Implementing a Village Improvement Scheme and a Heritage Program
- Put in place the infrastructure to improve community cohesion and establish a community meeting facility for events and activities

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

MCAG has established a community base at the Academy Sports Club premises with a long-term lease and lobbied successfully and secured grants for a range of environmental improvements in the Village.

MCAG produce a quarterly newsletter and circulate to 800 households. The quarterly newsletter helps all within the village keep track of what is happening in the area with updates regarding local various club news including Football, Running, Keep-fit, Badminton etc. Regular village clean ups and litter picks are held, which also become a social event within the area. Quiz nights are held. The annual Christmas tree light switch on event is held with a visit from Santa as well as a party for all to include music and dancing along with refreshments.

MCAG have strongly supported the NOARC21 group, fighting the building of an incinerator close by and have won several high court battles. We remain in close contact with management of the nearby landfill site as well as council, monitoring the road and path cleanliness as well as potential odour issues. We have made the acquaintance of the new environmental officer from NIEA due to previous incumbent has now moved to a different department.

MCAG joined an incentive to highlight speed through the local village. MCAG have a speed indicator device, situated within the village which is looked after and maintained by committee members who also submit the data downloaded from it.

Extensive enlargement to local quarry is being objected to due to feared increase in blasting, dust, noise etc. affecting the local area as well as prolonged & heavy road use caused from it.

There are several proposed planning applications in the village for substantial housing estates and MCAG continue to monitor and meet with the developers to try to ensure best outcomes for both existing and potential residents. Some of these plans are now being erected with more to come.

The work and lobbying done as stated above helps our core values of trying to make the village of Mallusk a healthier, safer and cleaner and more pleasant place to live and bring up our children as well as putting on various events to help bring the community together. We work with and support the various churches, play groups and integrated primary school within the village. The transformation of the primary school to integrated status has been a huge success with 110 pupils now attending.

Talks are ongoing with regard to trying to identify more funding opportunities with regard to extending the community hub as more space is needed to cope with extra usage.

Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the charity commission on public benefit.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

For the year ended 31 March 2023 the net deficit was £219.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustee's report above.

Signed on behalf of the trustees



Mr Ivan Anderson

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