

Cairncastle Ulster-Scots Cultural Group

Northern Ireland · Charity number 104227

Details

Status	Overdue
Registered	2015-12-11
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

Contact

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Activities

Purposes: THE PURPOSES OF OUR ORGANISATION ARE: To provide the local community of the Cairncastle area of East Antrim with a means to: • Facilitate for public benefit the promotion of arts, culture and heritage, in particular that of Ulster Scots culture and heritage in an open and positive manner to encourage mutual understanding, • Provide for public benefits the opportunity to engage with and visit members of other community and cultural groups in order to exchange views, share information and experiences and participate in cultural and leisure activities.

What the charity does: The advancement of the arts, culture, heritage or science

How the charity works: Arts,Community development,Cultural,Education/training,Heritage/historical

Who the charity helps: Children (5-13 year olds),Older people,Parents,Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2018-12-31	£53,729	£51,315	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Adrian Rolston		
Dr. William Alexander Fraser Agnew		
Hugh Hunter		
Robert Hunter		

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SECRETARY	FRASER AGNEW
TREASURER	BOBBY HUNTER

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CAIRNCASTLE ULSTER-SCOTS CULTURAL GROUP

YEAR ENDED: 31 DECEMBER 2018

NIC: 104227

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Name: Robert Herron
Address: 2 Brooklands Close
Whitehead, BT38 9PW

Signed: Robert Herron

Date: 21-2-19

CAIRNCASTLE ULSTER-SCOTS CULTURAL GROUP

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2018**

	Note	£	2018 £	£
Bank balance at 1 st January 2018				£3,211.62
Income				
Festival	1	14,456.00		
Musical Events	2	11,401.00		
Tours	3	20,681.60		
Grants for 2017 events	4	2,556.90		
Charity Events	5	1,000.00		
Deposits for 2019 Trips	6	3,634.00		
Total		53,729.50	53,729.50	
Expenditure				
Festival	1	14,855.60		
Musical Events	2	12,157.35		
Tours	3	20,681.60		
Charity Donation	5	1,000.00		
Deposit for 2019 Trips	6	2,621.37		
Total		51,315.92	51,315.92	
Profit			2,413.58	2,413.58
Bank balance at 31 st December 2018				£5,625.20

The foregoing accounts was approved by committee on:

18/2/19

Signed on behalf of the Committee:

Tommy Stewart

Name:

THOMAS STEWART

CAIRNCASTLE ULSTER-SCOTS CULTURAL GROUP

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2018

1. Festival	2018
	£
Income	
Mid & East Antrim Council	2,500.00
Community Relations Council	2,500.00
Arts Council of Northern Ireland	3,600.00
Ticket Sales	<u>5,856.00</u>
	14,456.00
Expenditure	
Entertainment	5,032.75
Advertising	1,730.84
Equipment Hire, Hotel/Catering, admin	<u>8,092.01</u>
	14,855.60
2. Musical Events	2018
	£
Income	
Mid & East Antrim Council	1,466.00
Ticket Sales	<u>9,935.00</u>
	11,401.00
Expenditure	
Hotel, Entertainment & Miscellaneous	<u>12,157.35</u>
	12,157.35
3. Tours	2018
	£
Income	
Ticket Sales (Donegal)	8,292.60
Ticket Sales (Belgium)	<u>12,389.00</u>
	20,681.60
Expenditure	
Hotels	11,109.60
Coaches	<u>9,572.00</u>
	20,681.60
4. Income for 2017 Events	2018
	£
Arts Council of Northern Ireland - Festival	556.90
Mid & East Antrim Borough Council - Festival	1,250.00
Mid & East Antrim Borough Council - Volunteering	<u>750.00</u>
	2,556.90

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2018

5. Charity	2018
	£
Income	
Charity collections	<u>1,000.00</u>
	1,000.00
Expenditure	<u>1,000.00</u>
Charity donation	1,000.00
6. 2019 Events	2018
	£
Income	
Deposit – Donegal	1,800.00
Deposit – Scotland	1,800.00
Miscellaneous	<u>34.00</u>
	3,634.00
Expenditure	
Tattoo	2,444.50
Miscellaneous	<u>176.87</u>
	2,621.37
7. Debtors	2018
	£
Mid & East Antrim Borough Council (Musical Event -Volunteers)	750.00
Arts Council of Northern Ireland (Festival)	<u>400.00</u>
	1,150.00
8. Creditors and accruals	2018
	£
Loans from members	<u>5,200.00</u>
	5,200.00

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 Address: 2 Brooklands Close
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Signed: Robert Herron

Date: 12-2-18

CAIRNCASTLE ULSTER-SCOTS CULTURAL GROUP

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2017**

	Note	£	2017 £	£
Bank balance at 1 st January 2017				4,900.64
Income				
Festival	1	12,803.10		
Musical Events	2	6,340.00		
Bus Trips & Training	3	15,272.00		
Charity Events	4	1,000.00		
Grants for 2016 events	5	283.00		
Total			35,698.10	
Expenditure				
Festival	1	14,610.12		
Musical Events	2	7,122.00		
Bus Trips & Training	3	14,655.00		
Charity Donation	4	1,000.00		
Total			37,387.12	
Loss			1,689.02	1,689.02
Bank balance at 31 st December 2017				£3,211.62

The foregoing accounts was approved by committee on:

9/2/18

Signed on behalf of the Committee:

Tommy Stewart

Name:

THOMAS STEWART

CAIRNCASTLE ULSTER-SCOTS CULTURAL GROUP

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2017

1. Festival	2017
	£
Income	
Mid & East Antrim Council	1,250.00
Community Relations Council	2,500.00
Arts Council of Northern Ireland	4,172.10
Ticket Sales	<u>4,881.00</u>
	12,803.10
Expenditure	
Entertainment	5,822.00
Advertising	2,073.42
Equipment Hire, Hotel/Catering, admin	<u>6,714.70</u>
	14,610.12
2. Musical Events	2017
	£
Income	
Arts Council of Northern Ireland	840.00
Ticket Sales	<u>5,500.00</u>
	6,340.00
Expenditure	
Tuition	840.00
Hotel	756.00
Entertainment & Room Rental	5,500.00
Miscellaneous	<u>26.00</u>
	7,122.00
3. Bus Trips & Training	2017
	£
Income	
AIVCNI	960.00
Ticket Sales (Donegal)	4,586.00
Ticket Sales (Scotland)	9,086.00
Ticket Sales (2018 Donegal)	<u>640.00</u>
	15,272.00
Expenditure	
Volunteer Now	300.00
Hotels	9,720.00
Coaches	<u>4,635.00</u>
	14,655.00

CAIRNCASTLE ULSTER-SCOTS CULTURAL GROUP

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2017

4. Charity	2017
	£
Income	
Charity collections	<u>1,000.00</u>
	1,000.00
Expenditure	
Charity donation	<u>1,000.00</u>
	1,000.00
5. Income for 2016 Events	2017
	£
Mid & East Antrim Borough Council	<u>283.00</u>
	283.00
6. Debtors	2017
	£
Mid & East Antrim Borough Council (Festival)	1,250.00
Mid & East Antrim Borough Council (Volunteering)	750.00
Arts Council of Northern Ireland (Festival)	<u>556.90</u>
	2,556.90
7. Creditors and accruals	2017
	£
Loans from members	5,200.00
Deposit for 2018 Trip	<u>300.00</u>
	5,500.00

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**CAIRNCASTLE ULSTER-SCOTS CULTURAL
GROUP**

YEAR END REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2017

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Tommy Stewart
Hubert Hunter
Adrian Rolston
Jean Hunter
Fraser Agnew
Robert Stewart
Bobby Hunter

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CHARITY TRUSTEES

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MISSION STATEMENT

To Promote and Develop the understanding of History, Heritage and Culture of Ulster-Scots.

OBJECTIVES

Promoting Ulster-Scots Culture in a rural area on the East Antrim Coast, through mainly arts and musical events, rejuvenating dormant songs, reducing attendee's loneliness and increasing their wellbeing through the provision of social occasions.

BENEFICIARIES

Participants develop musical and presentation skills while performing at our wide range of events, and improve their competency in dancing and playing a variety of musical instruments.

Those Attending our arts, history and recreational events improves their knowledge and understanding of Ulster-Scots culture and tradition, developing friendships and increasing enjoyment.

Committee members and volunteers increase their skills in the execution of a variety of talks, while running their Group's programme of events and activities throughout the year, and increasing their knowledge in the event subject matter.

The local economy benefits from income generated by attendees at our events, which attract a significant number of regional, national and international visitors

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

As another busy year comes to an end I am pleased to note that as Chairman of the Cairncastle Ulster Scots Cultural Group we have continued to go from strength to strength. It has been said that success breeds success and that is certainly the history of our Group.

With a clearly defined ethos we have endeavoured to promote our Ulster Scots Heritage through Arts, Culture, Music, Talks and Workshops. We have a strong cross community involvement at all of our events and that has had an important role to play in creating a mutual understanding of who we are.

We rely heavily on volunteers and that support has been exceptionally good. As a non-profit making organisation this is vitally important.

The monthly Soirees continued to play to a packed house and the special events held for Burns Night, St. Patricks Night and St. Andrews Night have been well supported. The Music Club continues to receive support particularly from Senior Citizens anxious to enjoy new skills.

Our five day Festival was again very successful. There was Bluegrass Music, Country Music, Scottish Music and Workshops on the impact that Ulster Settlers had on the development of American Country and Bluegrass Music. The week finished with a Praise Service with standing room only. All adding to the quality of life to an aging population but perhaps significantly we have seen lots of younger faces at our events.

If it wasn't for a hard working Committee it would not be possible to write such a positive report. All of our Committee members have vast experience and proper training and that in itself adds to the success to all of our ventures.

A special mention must go to Adrian Rolston in his important role of sourcing funding and developing our work. He has excellent administrative skills and quietly goes about his work helping to create a very successful Group of which I am proud to be Chairman.

As most of our Work is based in the Halfway House Hotel it is important that we acknowledge the Owners and Staff for all of their help and assistance. There is excellent hospitality and nothing is too much trouble.

REPORT ON ACTIVITIES

FESTIVAL

The Group was very grateful for ACNI, CRC and M&EAC funding and support from some suppliers, making it feasible to engage top class bands and develop the festival strategy. With the result we had a very successful festival, with large audiences at each event.

The musical evenings commenced with Bluegrass evening comprising Prairie Jaywalkers from Cork making their debut appearance in Cairncastle, Blue Stack Mountain Boys returning for the second year, followed with Ulster-Scots evening comprising Willie Drennan's band and Stonewall Group. The evening's finished with a Soiree of over twenty musicians playing a mixture of Scottish, Irish and Country music.

The festival also included a Cross Community evening of dance and music, comprising Irish, Scottish, Polish and Ugandan dancers, each performing their own dances and then performing as a group dancing a variety of Ethnic Minority dances. The evening finished with the local Grouse Beaters band and a Greek musician playing a variety of songs.

The festival also included workshops on the History of Bluegrass Music, playing a Keyboard, Manufacturing Bagpipes, Ulster Scots & Irish Languages, different tunes and sounds produced by the Accordion in various parts of Ireland and a discussion on the Battle of Passchendaele in summer 1917, when 36th Ulster Division and 16th Irish Division fought together against the German army.

As part of the festival a musical bus tour took place to Armagh City, with live music on coach and in Armagh City Hotel. The festival closed with an Ulster-Scots praise service on the Sunday, comprising musicians Full Armour Gospel Group, John Burns, Stewart Buchanan and others singing gospel hymns and songs.

SOIRÉES

The monthly Soirees continue to increase in popularity. The main Function Room in the Halfway House Hotel is packed to capacity on the last Wednesday of each month. The Grousebeaters are the resident band with visiting singers and groups providing a variety of music ranging from Irish and Scottish music to Country music. Storey telling is a regular feature at the Soirees and we always welcome beginners whether they are singers or musicians.

BURNS NIGHT, ST ANDREWS NIGHT AND ST PATRICKS NIGHT

We were successful in securing funding from M&EAC for the Burns Night, enabling us to engage for the event.

We also had a good variety of Artists participating at both St Andrews Night and Ulster-Scots at Patricks Night.

All events were well supported.

MUSIC GROUP

Members continued to attend meetings developing their musical and presentation skills and successfully participated at Cairncastle Ulster-Scots Festival, on both the cross community evening and Ulster-Scots musical evening

CHRISTMAS DINNER & MUSICAL EVENING

Thanks to M&EAC for funding the Christmas Dinner in early December. It enabled all those who gave their voluntary time to help run the activities in Cairnycastle, to meet on a social occasion, relax and enjoy themselves. The music afterwards, again by volunteers, was appreciated by all present.

Cultural Visits

There was large attendance on the trips to both Donegal when we were joined by members of East Donegal Ulster-Scots Association, and West Scotland when we were joined by members of Ardrossan Ulster-Scots Society. Members of East Donegal Ulster-Scots Association accompanied us on the Scottish Trip. On both trips culture and historical tours of each region took place along with musical session each evening, provided by musicians from the three regions and time for shopping.

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	£
Income	
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	1,000.00
Expenditure	
Charity donation	<u>1,000.00</u>
	1,000.00
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

In accordance with instructions given to me I have independently examined the annexed accounts from the accounting records of Cairncastle Ulster-Scots Cultural Group from the information and explanations provided to me and found them to be correct.

SIGNED: Robert Herron DATE: 1-2-2017

NAME: ROBERT HERRON

ADDRESS: 2 BROOKLANDS CLOSE
WHITEHEAD BT38 9PW

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Volunteers Scheme	4	100.00		
Miscellaneous	5	3,122.61		
Grants for 2015 events	6	3,901.40		
Total			30,650.56	
Expenditure				
Festival	1	14,923.08		
Soiree	2	4,679.95		
Music Club, Burns & St Patrick's Night	3	3,495.40		
Volunteers Scheme	4	100.00		
Miscellaneous	5	3,456.13		
Total			26,654.56	
Surplus			3,996.00	3,996.00
Bank balance at 31st December 2016				£4,900.64

The foregoing accounts was approved by committee on:

17/1/17

Signed on behalf of the Committee:

Thomas Stewart

Name:

THOMAS STEWART

CAIRNCASTLE ULSTER-SCOTS CULTURAL GROUP

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2016

1. Festival	2016
	£
Income	
Mid & East Antrim Council	2,217.00
Community Relations Council	2,500.00
Arts Council of Northern Ireland	5,013.00
Ticket Sales	<u>5,166.00</u>
	14,896.00
Expenditure	
Entertainment	6,845.00
Advertising	2,809.26
Equipment Hire, Hotel/Catering, admin	<u>5,027.82</u>
	13,466.76
2. Soiree	2016
	£
Income	
Ticket Sales	<u>4,679.95</u>
	4,679.95
Expenditure	
Entertainment & Hotel Room Rental	<u>4,679.95</u>
	4,679.95
3. Music Club & St Andrews Night	2016
	£
Income	
Mid and East Antrim Council	1,568.60
Arts Council of Northern Ireland	300.00
Ticket sales/subscriptions	<u>2,082.00</u>
	3,950.60
Expenditure	
Tuition & Entertainment	1,440.00
Advertising	659.40
Hotel & room hire	<u>1,096.00</u>
	3,495.40

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2016

4. Volunteering	2016
	£
Income	
AIVCNI	<u>100.00</u>
	100.00
Expenditure	
Hire of facility	<u>100.00</u>
	100.00
5. Miscellaneous	2016
	£
Income	
Arts Council of Northern Ireland	1,890.00
Praise Service & charity event	900.00
General Fundraising	<u>332.61</u>
	3,122.61
Expenditure	
Loan repayment	300.00
Charitable Donation	900.00
Insurance	356.13
Scottish Country Dance classes	1,890.00
Minor expenses	<u>10.00</u>
	3,456.13
6. Income for 2015 Events	2016
	£
AIVCNI	760.00
Community Relations Council	2,478.00
Mid & East Antrim Borough Council	<u>663.40</u>
	3,901.40
7. Debtors	2016
	£
Mid & East Antrim Borough Council	<u>283.00</u>
	283.00
8. Creditors and accruals	2016
	£
Loans from members	<u>5,200.00</u>
	5,200.00

Cairncastle Ulster-Scots Cultural Group

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104227

Annual report

**CAIRNCASTLE ULSTER-SCOTS CULTURAL
GROUP**

YEAR END REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2016

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Tommy Stewart
Hubert Hunter
Adrian Rolston
Jean Hunter
Fraser Agnew
Robert Stewart
Bobby Hunter

OFFICERS

CHAIRMAN	TOMMY STEWART
SECRETARY	FRASER AGNEW
TREASURER	BOBBY HUNTER

ADDRESS	28 SALLAGH ROAD BALLYGALLY LARNE CO ANTRIM BT40 2NE
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CHARITY TRUSTEES

Tommy Stewart
Hubert Hunter
Adrian Rolston
Fraser Agnew
Robert Stewart
Bobby Hunter

The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland Number NIC104227

A Charity (Inland Revenue) Number XT31532.

MISSION STATEMENT

To Promote and Develop the understanding of History, Heritage and Culture of Ulster-Scots.

OBJECTIVES

Promoting Ulster-Scots Culture in a rural area on the East Antrim Coast, through mainly arts and musical events, rejuvenating dormant songs, reducing attendee's loneliness and increasing their wellbeing through the provision of social occasions.

BENEFICIARIES

Participants develop musical and presentation skills while performing at our wide range of events, and improve their competency in dancing and playing a variety of musical instruments.

Those Attending our arts, history and recreational events improves their knowledge and understanding of Ulster-Scots culture and tradition, developing friendships and increasing enjoyment.

Committee members and volunteers increase their skills in the execution of a variety of talks, while running their Group's programme of events and activities throughout the year, and increasing their knowledge in the event subject matter.

The local economy benefits from income generated by attendees at our events, which attract a significant number of regional, national and international visitors

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

As Chairman of the Cairncastle Ulster Scots Cultural Group it is with pleasure and a lot of pride that I write this report.

As a non-profit making organisation we rely heavily on Volunteers and the support of those who attend our Events and Classes. That support has been magnificent.

Our aim is to promote in a positive manner the Ulster Scots Heritage through Arts, Culture, Music, Talks and Workshops. Already we have seen the mutual understanding that exists through cross community involvement at so many of our events.

We have seen an increase in numbers at our Monthly Soirees and over the past year the Burns Night, St. Patricks Night and St. Andrews Nights have proved to be an unbelievable success. The Music Club and Highland Dancing classes continue to provide interest with many including Senior Citizens enjoying new skills.

The five day Festival in July was yet again an unqualified success. From Bluegrass, Scottish and Country music to the largest Praise Service yet to finish the week we continue to provide a service that adds to the quality of life to an aging population.

I would like to thank a hard working Committee all of whom have vast experience and proper training. Adrian Rolston has an important role to play in sourcing funding and developing our work. He has excellent administrative skills that have helped to create the ongoing success of the Committee's work.

Finally, a word of thanks to the owners and staff of the Halfway House Hotel for their help and assistance. They are excellent hosts and their hospitality is second to none.

REPORT ON ACTIVITIES

FESTIVAL

The Group was very grateful for ACNI, CRC and M&EAC funding and support from some suppliers, making it feasible to engage top class bands and develop the festival strategy. With the result we had a very successful festival, with large audiences at each event.

The musical evenings commenced with Bluegrass evening comprising Blue Stack Mountain Boys making their debut appearance in Cairn castle, Watery Hill Boys and Down & Out

Bluegrass band, followed with Ulster-Scots evening comprising Willie Denman's band and the Grouse beaters. The week finished with a musical evening and a Soiree of Scottish, Irish and Country musicians.

The festival also included a Cross Community evening of dancing, comprising Irish, Scottish, Indian, Polish and Ugandan dancers, each performing their own dances and then performing as a group dancing a variety of Ethnic Minority dances.

The festival also included workshops on the History of Bluegrass Music, playing a Harmonica, Manufacturing a fiddle, Ulster Scots & Irish Languages, different tunes and sounds produced by the Accordion in various parts of Ireland and a discussion on the 1916 Uprising-from both Irish & British perceptions.

As part of the festival a musical bus tour took place to Enniskillen, with live music on coach and in Saddlers in the town. The festival closed with an Ulster-Scots praise service on the Sunday, comprising musicians Full Armour Gospel Group, John Burns, Stewart Buchanan and Wilbert Clarke singing gospel hymns and songs

SOIRÉES

The monthly Soirees continue to increase in popularity. The main Function Room in the Halfway House Hotel is packed to capacity on the last Wednesday of each month. The Grousebeaters are the resident band with visiting singers and groups providing a variety of music ranging from Irish and Scottish music to Country music. Storey telling is a regular feature at the Soirees and we always welcome beginners whether they are singers or musicians.

BURNS NIGHT, ST ANDREWS NIGHT AND ST PATRICKS NIGHT

We were successful in securing funding from M&EAC for both the Burns night and Ulster Scots St Patricks night, enabling us to engage a variety of quality bands and artists participating at both events, with both events well supported.

MUSIC GROUP

Although the senior citizens music club tutor resigned her post due to taking up an additional school post, members continued to develop their musical and presentation skills and successfully participated at Cairncastle Ulster-Scots Festival.

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE CLASSES

The Group continued to be successful in securing ACNI funding for tuition of Scottish Country dance classes run by Ruth Barnes. With members displaying their dance skills at our festival and St Andrews Night

CHRISTMAS DINNER & MUSICAL EVENING

Thanks to (AIVC) Association of Independent Volunteer Centres – LCDI Ltd, Limavady, for funding the Christmas Dinner in early December. It enabled all those who gave their voluntary time to help run the activities in Cairncastle, to meet on a social occasion, relax and enjoy themselves. The music afterwards, again by volunteers, was appreciated by all present.

Cairncastle Ulster-Scots Cultural Group

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104227

Annual return

CAIRNCASTLE ULSTER-ECOTS CULTURAL GROUP
YEAR ENDED: 31 DECEMBER 2016
NIC: 104227

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of:

Cairncastle Ulster-Scots Cultural Group

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2016, which are set out on pages 01 to 04 of their accounts.

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. That 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.

Name: Robert Herron
Address: 2 Brooklands Close
Whitehead
BT38 9PW

Signed: Robert Herron

Date: 15-8-2017