

# TAMNAMORE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

## CHAIRPERSON's REPORT 2023

### **ACTIVITIES**

All activities that have been undertaken have done so in line adhering to COVID19 guidelines and Health & Safety.

### **Key activities over the past year have included:**

- Weekly art club
- Weekly patchwork group
- Kids movie nights
- Youth Club for 4-11 year olds, Summer Camp
- Drive Thru Christmas Tree Switch on
- Publication of bi-monthly Community News Sheet and distribution of 500 copies
- Maintenance and interaction of Community FACEBOOK page
- Child Protection training ( June for new Youth Group Leaders)
- Walk Leader training (09<sup>th</sup> June)
- First Aid training (April/May )
- Access NI for new Youth Group Leaders
- Update & review of all Policies and Procedures
- Continual update of activities in Tyrone Courier notes
- Book & video library
- Recognition of Volunteers Week (01 – 07<sup>th</sup> June)
- BBQ & Car Treasure Hunt
- Main collection point for K C Counts Charity with DAERA green bin
- Rental of premises to IncredABLES& Soroptimists (Dungannon branch),  
Ramblers Club.
- Monday Club (in conjunction with Sports Disability)
- "ME Time" project, a support group for carers in the community
- Crochet ,Knit, &Knatter Group (Tuesday morning)
- Celebrations for the Queens Platinum Jubilee
- Consultations on the reduction of Disability & Rural Transport Support
- Meetings at NIHE on issues affecting rural residents.
- Training on Quality Standards for delivering Carers Support.
- Consultations and network meetings on the reduction of community grant support  
in line with Government Budgets.

### *Successful application of various grants*

Mid Ulster & District Council (Christmas Grant Aid Arts; Grant Aid for Ceramics)

Live Here, Love Here

MUDC – Festive Lights Grant

Clear & PHA

CFNI & Fibrus

Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE)

CFNI & Dept of Health

ASDA – community youth grant

### **ACHIEVEMENTS**

Our Annual Report for 2023 reflects how Tamnamore Community Development Association continues to expand and our yearly programme reflects the needs of the community. The Centre is now in use five days per week and at the weekends. Our monitoring has noticed a wide increase of people from across the MUDC area and we welcome everyone at the activities. This has been a challenging year due to food and fuel poverty and it affects the running of a Community Centre – but participants have been still attending and enjoying their social activities.

The Fibrus grant aid providing new computers has assisted in obtaining the opportunity to now participate in Zoom meetings in the office. Also, the laptops will greatly increase assistance for the Treasurer and the Secretary in recording all finance and documents. We hope now to be able to be more efficient in producing our Quarterly News Editions.

Our main grant from The National Lottery Community Fund ensures that we have sustainability for the next incoming year in terms of running costs and programme costs. To date the grant officer is very happy with our outcomes and achievements.

As we move into our final year of Community Fund grant aid we will endeavour to source other grants to help with ongoing overhead costs.

In conjunction with our grant from The Community Fund we were successful in securing several further external grants from CFNI & Department of Health for a carers project; we also secured a 6 month grant from CLEAR & PHA for the Carers; we received three small grants from Mid Ulster District Council which was greatly appreciated

Monitoring & Evaluating our activities and events has helped to determine the most effective activities and in response with the community they have had an input into future programme events.

Alongside our successful news edition the Community group continues to operate a hugely popular social media presence via our FACEBOOK page and Kylie has to be congratulated on the modern and constant updating. It certainly looks now more professional and attractive. The page following continues to grow and interaction with the community which has seen our presence in the local community and wider neighbourhood increase. This page is managed and monitored closely to ensure that our community is promoted in a positive manner and to date it has become an integral part of highlighting our activities and events.

Social enterprise namely the IncredABLES who use our facilities each Friday to produce and pack chocolate lollies have now achieved their Food Safety Grade 5 food award, and we delighted to be associated with this award.

Monthly and ad hoc rental of our premises is also given to Dungannon Ramblers, Soroptimists (Dungannon branch).

We continue to keep in regular contact with our local Councillors and PSNI which have met and helped TCDA as needed. We remain in regular contact and network tirelessly with our neighbouring Community groups. This past year we have had more network events with STEP, the Consumer Council and the Health Trust covering our location, neighbouring Annaghmore Mens Shed, plus other charitable organisation such as Disability Sport, Alzheimer's Society etc.

We continue to have representation with a member on the local COSTA Board and are also represented on Dungannon area Supporting Communities committee – which is a platform for local groups to voice their views on the areas they live in and how the NIHE in conjunction with other statutory bodies can improve and deal with issues.

This year has seen the second phase of our Youth Club with a Summer Scheme and new volunteers to assist and deliver the programme into the end of 2023.

I also want to pay tribute to Sandra Martin (Chairperson) who stood down from her role in November last year due to health issues. We thank her and wish her well.

Last year our administrator nominated TCDA for acknowledgement on our voluntary work for an award under the Queen's Award, as the Queen died these awards did not take place. But, this year she is applying with assistance from our Treasurer to the The Kings Award for Voluntary Service. We will await the outcome next Spring 2024.

In conclusion, as Chairperson of Tamnamore Community Development Assoc. I would also like to say a huge THANK YOU to each of the committee members as

without your valuable experience, support shown to me and dedication our community group could not continue to flourish, grow and embrace the many opportunities being made available.

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