

Gelvin Area Community Association Ltd

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

INCORPORATION

The charitable company was incorporated on 9 April 1999 and commenced trading on the same date.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The company's charitable objectives are to make provision for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Gelvin district and surrounding area irrespective of age, gender, race, political opinion or religion by bringing the community together in an effort to provide educational and social activities, to assist and cater for the elderly, to preserve the environment and heritage of the area and to provide facilities for recreational and leisure activities thereby improving the quality of life for all.

Significant activities

The company operates from its own premises and provides all necessary equipment for its day to day activities. The group, the committee and members are all employed on a voluntary basis and fund raises for its own benefit and also for the benefit of other local and national charities.

After activities had been severely curtailed or suspended due to the Covid-19 situation last year, the company can now report that many of these are now up and running again. Some of the social and educational activities that have been carried out in 2022 are as follows:

- showing of a film re Agricultural Activities in the 1930's/1940's
- fun days - mainly for our senior citizens
- card nights
- coffee mornings
- quiz nights for Ukraine - £1781 raised and given to the Church along with £500 donated by the company.

Plans are also in hand for the following educational activities:

- history talk re Castlewellan Castle
- reading club

We have also secured funding for ten years from Evishagaran Wind Farm Ltd - £7500 received in this financial year and this funding is unrestricted.

The company is conscious of the difficulties the cost of living crisis is currently inflicting on households, especially the elderly and housebound and actively seeks funders who will deliver projects in support of good/charitable causes. The company has recently made a funding application to The ARN Foundation Tackling Isolation for older people Fund and if successful will be in a position to financially support a number of households in a meaningful and worthwhile way with a particular focus on food and fuel. Assuming sanction of the application the company will provide an additional contribution from its own resources.

The company continued to receive rental income from the Old School House and, as in previous years, it maintained and cared for this heritage building. The trustees continue to meet on a regular basis to ensure that the necessary business of the group receives attention.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governance arrangements

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

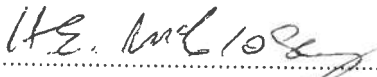
Gelvin Area Community Association Limited is currently governed by a Board of four trustees.

The board can co-opt new trustees as and when required. The charity's chair is elected from the members on an annual basis and is ratified at the Annual General Meeting.

Induction and training of new trustees

New directors are briefed on their legal obligations under charity and company law, the content of the Articles of Association, the committee and decision making process, and recent financial performance of the charity.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 23/11/22 and signed on its behalf by:


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Hugh Eugene McCloskey - Trustee