

First Ballynahinch Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 105194

Details

Known as	FPCB
Status	Received
Registered	2016-08-08
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

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Activities

Purposes: THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND, as a Reformed Church within the wider body of Christ is grounded in the Scriptures, and exists to love and honour God through faith in His Son and by the power of His Spirit, and to enable her members to play their part in fulfilling God's mission to our world

What the charity does: The advancement of religion

How the charity works: Religious activities

Who the charity helps: General public

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£158,915	£138,444	£0	1

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alan Davidson		
Brian Mckee		
Colin Barr		
Evaline Mccracken		
Fiona Davidson		
Gavin Martin		
Gordon Bleakley		
Helen Jackson		
Jill Mckee		
Martin Chambers		
Mrs Ann Armstrong		
Mrs Joanne		
Tom Morrow		

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Accounts

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/01/2024	To	31/12/2024
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
General Fund	90,755	-	-	90,755	92,382
Outreach	-	14,500	-	-	-
Donations & Bequests	371	-	-	371	303
Missions & Charity Fund	-	10,277	-	10,277	19,581
Utility contributions from Organisations	310	-	-	310	900
The Foodbank	-	20,050	-	20,050	19,759
Friends First	-	2,858	-	2,858	1,205
Ground rent	-	-	-	-	32
Bowling Club Fund	-	-	-	-	290
Sundry income	191	-	-	191	3,833
Property Fund	-	19,603	-	19,603	12,654
Other income relating to previous years	-	-	-	-	3,084
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income)	91,627	67,288	-	158,915	154,023
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	91,627	67,288	-	158,915	154,023
A3 Payments					
General Assembly Assessments	24,316	-	-	24,316	24,601
Pulpit Supply	515	-	-	515	1,638
First Youth ministry support	2,561	-	-	2,561	27,700
Presbytery Fees	824	-	-	824	779
General Church Expenses	18,566	-	-	18,566	17,119
Office Administration	2,935	484	-	3,419	2,828
Other General expenses	1,473	-	-	1,473	2,155
Missions & Charity Fund	-	7,278	-	7,278	23,358
The Foodbank	-	11,729	-	11,729	22,449
Property Fund	-	3,811	-	3,811	8,487
Minister's Salary & Expenses	38,800	-	-	38,800	37,425
Admin salary costs	10,652	14,500	-	25,152	-
Transfer to Restricted Funds	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	100,642	37,802	-	138,444	168,539
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	100,642	37,802	-	138,444	168,539
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 9,015	29,487	-	20,472	- 14,516
A5 Transfers between funds					
Business Reserve	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end					
	104,887	74,111	-	178,998	193,514
Cash funds this year end	95,872	103,598	-	199,470	178,998

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
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B1 Cash funds

Number 1 & Business Reserve Account	2,299	-	-
Ulster Bank Money Desk	94,077	102,038	-
Friends First		1,056	
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	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Total cash funds	96,376	103,094	-

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
General Investment Fund	Unrestricted	-	14,979
		-	
		-	

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use (Shown at insurance value)

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
Church & Contents - insurance valuation	Restricted	-	1,966,695
Hall & Contents - insurance valuation	Restricted	-	1,610,303
Manse - insurance valuation	Restricted	-	478,956
		-	

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
None		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Mr Brian Mc Kee	

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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
General Fund	84,882	7,500	-	92,382	84,677
Donations & Bequests	303	-	-	303	303
Missions & Charity Fund	-	19,581	-	19,581	20,470
Utility contributions from Organisations	900	-	-	900	750
The Foodbank	-	19,759	-	19,759	19,313
Friends First	-	1,205	-	1,205	1,205
Ground rent	-	32	-	32	32
Bowling Club Fund	-	290	-	290	2,184
Sundry income	278	3,555	-	3,833	966
Property Fund	-	12,654	-	12,654	8,290
Other income relating to previous years	-	3,084	-	3,084	17,623
	-	-	-	-	22,677
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income)	86,363	67,660	-	154,023	178,490
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	86,363	67,660	-	154,023	178,490
A3 Payments					
General Assembly Assessments	24,601	-	-	24,601	23,440
Pulpit Supply	1,638	-	-	1,638	1,815
First Youth ministry support	20,200	7,500	-	27,700	18,558
Presbytery Fees	779	-	-	779	692
General Church Expenses	17,119	-	-	17,119	16,918
Office Administration	2,828	-	-	2,828	3,400
Other General expenses	2,155	-	-	2,155	4,137
Resources for Youth	-	-	-	-	3,011
Missions & Charity Fund	-	23,358	-	23,358	20,409
The Foodbank	-	22,449	-	22,449	10,749
Property Fund	-	8,487	-	8,487	10,192
Minister's Salary & Expenses	37,425	-	-	37,425	36,637
Admin salary costs	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer to Restricted Funds	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	106,745	61,794	-	168,539	149,958
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	106,745	61,794	-	168,539	149,958
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 20,382	5,866	-	- 14,516	28,532
A5 Transfers between funds	31,829	- 31,829	-	-	-
Business Reserve	93,440	100,074	-	193,514	36,281
A6 Cash funds last year end	93,440	100,074	-	193,514	128,701
Cash funds this year end	104,887	74,111	-	178,998	193,514

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Number 1 & Business Reserve Account	8,634	2,671	-
	Ulster Bank Money Desk	96,253	71,440	-
				-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	104,887	74,111	-

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	General Investment Fund	Unrestricted	-	14,979
	Bequest Capital - Ulster Bank	Restricted	-	37,693
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use (Shown at insurance value)	Church & Contents - insurance valuation	Restricted	-	1,966,695
	Hall & Contents - insurance valuation	Restricted	-	1,610,303
	Manse - insurance valuation	Restricted	-	478,956
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	None		-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
<i>Brian McKee</i>	Mr Brian Mc Kee	02/10/2024

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Annual report

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH BALLYNAHINCH

A CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended
31 December 2023

The Trustees present their Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 including a Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at that date.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

First Presbyterian Church Ballynahinch
58 Windmill Street
Ballynahinch
Co Down
BT24 8HB

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland NIC 105194

CHARITY TRUSTEES

The Charity Trustees at the date of this report are

Name Dario Leal; Jill McKee; Fiona Davidson; Helen Jackson; Evaline McCracken; Colin Barr; Gordon Bleakley; Martin Chambers; Alan Davidson; Gavin Martin; Brian McKee; Tom Morrow; Ann Armstrong, Joanne McFadzean.

PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS

Minister:	Rev Dario Leal
Clerk of Session:	Mr. Brian McKee
Treasurer:	Dr. Tom Morrow
Children, Youth and Family Worker	Mrs. Heather Anthony

BANKERS

Ulster Bank, 1A Main St, Ballynahinch, BT24 8AP

SOLICITORS

J Murland & Co, 2 Dromore St, Ballynahinch, BT24 8AG

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Shannon & Co, 39 Church St, Ballynahinch, BT24 8AF

STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT

The Kirk Session

The charity trustees of the congregation are the members of its Kirk Session. Under the congregation's governing document, The Code, the book of the constitution and government of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, the Kirk Session seeks to watch over and promote the spiritual interest of the congregation and of persons not connected with any congregation who are within its bounds. It ensures pastoral care is in place in the congregation and seeks to further the contribution of the Church to Christian witness and service in the local community. The Kirk Session has delegated to its Congregational Committee the temporal affairs of the congregation including administering all funds and property belonging to the congregation. Members of the Kirk Session are ex-officio members of the Congregational Committee.

The Kirk Session consists of the ordained minister and the ruling elders of the congregation. All members are entitled to propose, speak and exercise equal votes at meetings, except that the Moderator, the minister in active duty in the congregation, has no deliberative but only a casting vote.

Stated meetings of the Kirk Session are generally held monthly with a summer break, however a minimum of 2 Kirk Session meetings per annum are required

To be chosen for the office of the eldership in the congregation a person must be a voting member and a regular attendant on its ordinances. The selection of those proposed to be called to the office can be either by the congregation or by the Kirk Session. Members are elected if they obtain two-thirds of those who vote.

Presbytery

Under the Presbyterian Church in Ireland form of governance, the corporate oversight of a congregation is the responsibility of a Presbytery, which superintends generally the spiritual and temporal affairs of the congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. First Presbyterian Church Ballynahinch, a congregation of the Presbyterian Church has been assigned to the Down Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. The membership of the Presbytery consists mainly of the active ministers of congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly, ministers who have retired from active duty and an elder appointed by the Kirk Session of the congregation.

The General Assembly

The General Assembly is the supreme court of the Church, representing in one body the whole Church and acting as its supreme legislative, administration and judicial authority, in dealing with all matters brought before it. The General Assembly is normally constituted during the first week in June for worship and to conduct its business. At the end of business, it is dissolved. The membership of

the General Assembly consists mainly of the active ministers of each congregation, retired ministers and a representative elder appointed by the Kirk Session of each congregation.

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE

The charitable purpose of the congregation is the advancement of religion.

First Presbyterian Church Ballynahinch is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. The Presbyterian Church in Ireland, as a Reformed Church within the wider body of Christ is grounded in the Scriptures and exists to love and honour God through faith in His Son and by the power of His Spirit, and to enable her members to play their part in fulfilling God's mission to our world.

At First Presbyterian Church, Ballynahinch, our vision and core values are:

Our vision:

Is to be a vibrant, worshipping Christian community, growing in love for God, love for each other and love for the world in which we live.

Our core values:

God's Presence – we value the person and work of the Holy Spirit and therefore seek to depend upon and keep in step with the Holy Spirit.

Hearing God's Word – all scripture is God breathed, therefore we seek to discern what God is saying through His word and by His Spirit.

God's unique call on us – recognising that God has gifted this church in particular areas of ministry, we offer ourselves and those gifts, to the wider church.

People – every person has been created in the image of God and is loved by Him. Since we value people we seek to respond to the needs of people, as God desires.

The community of 'First' – we prize building, maintaining and restoring relationships with one another, as we seek to grow in relationship with God.

Discipleship Training – we value lives being transformed as people follow Christ. Therefore we have as priorities, enabling people to mature in their relationship with Christ and preparing God's people for works of service.

Every member ministry – the Church is the body of Christ on earth and each person who belongs to Jesus has a call on their lives to minister to others. We value encouraging everyone to participate in the mission of God.

Partnership – as a witness to the unity of the body of Christ and in recognition of our interdependence, we value partnering with other churches in ministry.

ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES

The congregation meets for worship every Sunday and visitors are welcome to attend. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper is observed on *circa* five occasions during the year. All those who have been baptised, have made a profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and who are in accordance with the legislation of the General Assembly are admitted to the Lord's Supper.

The congregation holds regular Bible study and prayer meetings and has a wide range of organizations including:

- *Mother and toddlers group – 'First Steps'*
- *Sunday School – 'First Kids'*
- *Creche – Sunday morning*
- *Bible class*
- *Youth Programme – 'First Youth'*
- *'Friends First' Presbyterian women*
- *Home Groups -Small group ministry for discipleship*
- *Creative Worship Group -*
- *Bowling Club*
- *Friendship Circle for senior members – 'Whatever Wednesday's'*

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship and prayer

The congregation meets for worship each Sunday at 11 am. Special services of worship are conducted during Holy week, at Harvest and at Christmas. Special All Age Services are also held regularly.

Our Home Groups meet regularly, where we study and discuss scripture and pray together in peoples' homes. We meet and pray before morning worship service every Sunday morning. We are also part of an inter-Church prayer group in Ballynahinch, via Zoom, on a Wednesday afternoon.

As well as our regular services during the year we acknowledge God's gift of new life at the Sacrament of Baptism. In addition, at times of bereavement, we conduct funerals of congregational members, to give thanks for faithful service and seek to comfort those who have experienced the loss of a loved one.

At 31 December 2023 there were 158 communicant members and 147 families connected with the congregation. The weekly attendance at morning worship, was typically 70-100 persons.

Pastoral care

Members of the congregation who are unable to attend church due to sickness or age are visited by the minister or elders.

Mission and outreach

In First Ballynahinch, we have strong links with other churches regarding mission. We share in many united projects such as The Foodbank which is based in our premises; Ballynahinch Counselling Service, BCS, (formerly The Hub); Alpha courses where we host and/or participate in the courses. We support and engage in these areas of Mission with prayer, voluntary manpower and finance.

At Halloween we organise a 'Light Party' for the congregation and local community, to bring the Gospel alternative to the usual children's parties or traditions held outside the church at this time of year.

We support The Edge, a non-denominational youth outreach project, which provides a drop-in facility in a building in the heart of Ballynahinch. In particular, it's Mission week held annually in August is supported by teams of young people including young leaders from the congregation. These teams deliver programmes geared to children and teenagers as well as providing socially responsible, practical assistance to members of the community. The Edge also utilising our Hall building for some of their weekly programmes including the P7 Drop in every Wednesday afternoon with approximately 40 children each week.

Our Halls are also used by the local Scouting and Guiding organisations. Scouting includes Cubs, Beavers and Squirrels.

Similarly, the Guiding organizations, comprising senior Guides. At Christmas, they organize a "Giving Tree" donating gifts, which are provided by members of the congregation, to children in less fortunate circumstances in the locality, distributed by Social Services.

The congregation supports the United Appeal for Mission, which is a central fund of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. This fund enables congregations to support the wider mission of the denomination and to do mission and outreach on a denominational basis beyond what the congregation could do on its own. The United Appeal fund provides financial support for mission personnel at home and overseas, assists congregations with the deployment of locally based staff, enables church planting, provides grant support for the upkeep of church premises, assists with the running costs of Union Theological College, the Church's training college for ministry students, and provides financial support to congregation in the areas of worship, discipleship, global mission, outreach, leadership and pastoral care.

Presbytery

The congregation was represented at the regular meetings of Presbytery by our minister and one of the ruling elders. This representation provides an important link between the congregation and the wider structures of the church.

General Assembly

The minister and a nominated ruling elder are entitled to attend the meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland in June.

Property

Small scale, routine maintenance to property was carried out during the year; There were no major building projects during the year.

Organisations

Children's Ministry

First Steps

First Steps is a pre- school ministry that takes place each week in the Church Hall. Attendees include parents, grandparents, care givers and children from within and without the church membership. There are special activities at Easter and Christmas. Average attendance in normal times is up to 20 children and 16 adults.

Sunday morning crèche

Crèche is held during our Sunday morning worship service in the Hall to support parents with very young children who wish to avail of the facility, enabling them to be part of the Worship Service.

First Kids (Sunday School)

First Kids is for children aged 4 to 11 years, and is held during the latter part of our morning service. Numbers averaged 4 - 10.

Youth Ministry

We have a dedicated youth ministry for junior and senior young people, meeting Sunday Evening with special events during the year. Numbers averaged 15. We encourage attendance at the Presbytery's Down Youth events, and the Ballynahinch Churches Together Youth Event which meets once a month.

First Bible Class

The Bible class is held in our Hall during the latter part of the morning service on Sundays. It is for children of 11yrs + and has an attendance of up to 8.

Adult Ministry

Home Groups

Home groups are held in members' homes on any one of three nights in the week (Mon - Weds), for Bible study, prayer and fellowship. They provide an opportunity for teaching and Bible study in an informal and friendly environment. Home groups are geared to equip the people of God for the work of God and this is done by the reading of His word in the Bible, the use of good

teaching materials, worshipping together and fellowship that bonds brothers and sisters in faith. The average overall attendance was up to 40 attendees.

Sunday morning prayer

Prayer time is normally held in the prayer room prior to the morning service, with an average attendance of up to 7.

Prayer

We encourage participation in the Churches Together Prayer meeting by Zoom on Wednesdays, 1.00-2.00pm.

Whatever Wednesday

Every Wednesday morning the Hall is open for anyone who wants to drop in for a chat, share hobbies etc. Senior members are especially encouraged to come along

Friends First (P.W.)

The Friends First meeting schedule is each month in the Hall from September to April with an organised programme around an annual theme. Financial donations are used to support PCI PW projects. Normal attendance is up to 20.

Worship Team

We have a worship team, which leads the praise on a rota basis each Sunday morning

Technical Team

A technical team provides the amplification of sound through the audio system, and image projection screens.

Bowling Club

The bowling club schedule is to meet weekly with a summer break, Wednesday evenings, in the Hall with matches for members, and matches against visiting teams. There would be approximately 30 members.

Creative Worship Group

The creative worship group meets as required for special events, e.g. Easter harvest and Christmas, to provide visual opportunity to express worship in and outside the Church building.

Flowers

We maintain a "flowers rota" whereby , a person or a family provides flowers in the sanctuary as a visible demonstration of the beauty of creation.

Foodbank

The Foodbank is open each week to distribute food to those in need. This is an initiative supported by other churches in the town and organisations in the wider Ballynahinch area. In the year to end-December 2023, the number of people seeking help was 3,862 and the total number of meals provided was

34,958. The stock in the Foodbank store is replenished by donations of food and by purchases of food, paid for by the very generous financial contributions of supporters.

Volunteers

The Trustees wish to acknowledge their deep appreciation of those who give freely of their time by serving on committees, covering administration duties, providing catering, helping with running and leading organisations and groups, working at the Foodbank and all of the other activities that are part of Church life and community.

PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

The Presbyterian Church in Ireland meets the public benefit requirement by providing benefit to its members and the general public by making known the Christian Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ through the advancement of religion. The direct benefits which flow from the purposes of the Church include the gaining of an understanding in Christian beliefs as set out in the Bible and in the Church's subordinate standards (the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Shorter and Larger Catechisms) leading to spiritual and moral development and opportunities for response to Bible teaching. In turn, this framework leads to practical expressions of Christian beliefs and standards in the local community such as through the care of those in need (including the sick, disabled and bereaved).

Generally the above benefits are delivered locally by congregations and their members, or are facilitated through presbyteries or are organised and delivered centrally. Local delivery is facilitated by central resources in almost all cases. Public access is made known through the use of noticeboards, printed material, press advertisement, websites, and social media or in other ways.

The benefits are demonstrated through regular evaluation of the services and informal and ad-hoc feedback from members, their families, and members of the public.

The purpose does not lead to harm. The only private benefit flowing from our purpose is related to Ministers, Missionaries, Deaconesses, Irish Mission workers and Lay Agents who receive benefits as a result of their holding office or employment. However, this is incidental and necessary in order to further our charitable purpose. There are no other private benefits. The beneficiaries of this purpose are members, their families, other individuals that the Presbyterian Church in Ireland is in direct and indirect contact with, the community in which pastoral services are provided and other communities throughout Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland, and worldwide which benefit from our engagement with and support for both Christian and other secular organizations, charities and individual members of the public.

The Kirk Session has had regard to the Charity Commissions Public benefit requirement statutory guidance.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The congregation's main source of income is members' contributions through weekly and monthly freewill and other offerings. There were 123 contributors during the year [159 in 2022] donating a total of £84,882 (£84,677 in 2022)

The Total Income of the congregation during the year 2023 was £154,023, compared to £178,490 in 2022. Total expenditure in 2023 was £168,539 compared to £149,958 in 2022.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements of the congregation in accordance with applicable law and generally accepted accounting practice.

As the congregation's total income does not exceed £250,000, the Trustees have elected under Section 64(3) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 to prepare a receipts and payment account and a statement of assets and liabilities. The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the congregation's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time its financial position. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the congregation and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Kirk Session via email on 31/10/2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Brian McKee

Brian McKee
Clerk of Session

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Annual return

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of First Ballynahinch Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland.

I report on the accounts of First Ballynahinch Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 1 to 2.

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:

1. Examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
2. Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
3. 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.

Signed: 

Name: Kelly Gillespie

Relevant professional qualification or body: Chartered Accountants Ireland

Address: 39 Church Street, Ballynahinch, Co Down, N Ireland, BT24 8AF

Date: 25/10/2024

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Receipts and payments accounts
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For the period from	01/01/2020	To	31/12/2020
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
General Fund	86,814	-	-	86,814	95,259
Donations & Bequests	-	259	-	259	309
Missions & Charity Fund	-	41,533	-	41,533	26,829
Utility contributions from Organisations	-	-	-	-	500
Friends First	-	-	-	-	100
Ground rent	-	32	-	32	32
Sundry income	-	-	-	-	2,498
Property Fund	-	6,869	-	6,869	11,721
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income)	86,814	48,693	-	135,507	137,248
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	86,814	48,693	-	135,507	137,248
A3 Payments					
General Fund	56,672	-	-	56,672	55,086
Missions & Charity Fund	-	25,571	-	25,571	25,828
First Youth ministry support	-	67	-	67	100
Friends First	-	-	-	-	1,022
Property Fund	-	13,070	-	13,070	15,417
Minister's Salary & Expenses	26,136	-	-	26,136	35,672
Admin salary costs	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer to Restricted Funds	13,401	13,401	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	96,209	25,307	-	121,516	133,125
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	96,209	25,307	-	121,516	133,125
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 9,395	23,386	-	13,991	4,123
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	104,132	18,334	-	122,466	118,343
Cash funds this year end	94,737	41,720	-	136,457	122,466

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Number 1 account	108,138	27,651	-
	Property account	-	668	-
				-
		-		-
		-		-
		-		-
		-		-
		-		-
		-		-
		-		-
	Total cash funds	108,138	28,319	-

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	General Investment Fund	Unrestricted	-	26,567
	Bequest Capital - Ulster Bank	Restricted	-	35,693
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use (Shown at insurance value)	Church & Contents - insurance valuation	Restricted	-	1,742,365
	Hall & Contents - insurance valuation	Restricted	-	1,426,625
	Manse - insurance valuation	Restricted	-	424,343
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	None		-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
Signed T B Morrow	Thomas B Morrow	28/02.21

First Ballynahinch Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105194

Annual report

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH BALLYNAHINCH.

A CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended
31 December 2020

The Trustees present their Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2020 including a Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at that date.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

First Presbyterian Church Ballynahinch
58 Windmill Street
Ballynahinch
Co Down
BT24 8HB

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland NIC 105194

CHARITY TRUSTEES

The Charity Trustees at the date of this report are

Name Dario Leal; Jill McKee; Fiona Davidson; Helen Jackson; Evaline McCracken;
Colin Barr; Gordon Bleakley; Martin Chambers; Alan Davidson; Gavin Martin;
Brian McKee; Tom Morrow; Jackie Scott; Terry Stuart.

PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS

Minister Rev Dario Leal
Clerk of Session Mrs. Jill McKee
Treasurer Dr Tom Morrow

BANKERS

Ulster Bank, 1A Main St, Ballynahinch, BT24 8AP

SOLICITORS

J Murland & Co, 2 Dromore St, Ballynahinch, BT24 8AG

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Shannon & Co, 39 Church St, Ballynahinch, BT24 8AF

STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT

The Kirk Session

The charity trustees of the congregation are the members of its Kirk Session. Under the congregation's governing document, The Code, the book of the constitution and government of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, the Kirk Session seeks to watch over and promote the spiritual interest of the congregation and of persons not connected with any congregation who are within its bounds. It ensures pastoral care is in place in the congregation and seeks to further the contribution of the Church to Christian witness and service in the local community. The Kirk Session has delegated to its Congregational Committee the temporal affairs of the congregation including administering all funds and property belonging to the congregation. Members of the Kirk Session are ex-officio members of the Congregational Committee.

The Kirk Session consists of the ordained minister and the ruling elders of the congregation. All members are entitled to propose, speak and exercise equal votes at meetings, except that the Moderator, the minister in active duty in the congregation, has no deliberative but only a casting vote.

Stated meetings of the Kirk Session are held monthly with a summer break.

To be chosen for the office of the eldership in the congregation a person must be a voting member and a regular attendant on its ordinances. The selection of those proposed to be called to the office can be either by the congregation or by the Kirk Session. Members are elected if they obtain two-thirds of those who vote.

Presbytery

Under the Presbyterian Church in Ireland form of governance, the corporate oversight of a congregation is the responsibility of a Presbytery, which superintends generally the spiritual and temporal affairs of the congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. First Presbyterian Church Ballynahinch, a congregation of the Presbyterian Church has been assigned to the Down Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. The membership of the Presbytery consists mainly of the active ministers of congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly, ministers who have retired from active duty and an elder appointed by the Kirk Session of the congregation.

The General Assembly

The General Assembly is the supreme court of the Church, representing in one body the whole Church and acting as its supreme legislative, administration and judicial authority, in dealing with all matters brought before it. The General Assembly is normally constituted during the first week in June for worship and to conduct its business. At the end of business it is dissolved. The membership of the General Assembly consists mainly of the active ministers of each congregation, retired ministers and a representative elder appointed by the Kirk Session of each congregation.

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE

The charitable purpose of the congregation is the advancement of religion.

First Presbyterian Church Ballynahinch is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. The Presbyterian Church in Ireland, as a Reformed Church within the wider body of Christ is grounded in the Scriptures, and exists to love and honour God through faith in His Son and by the power of His Spirit, and to enable her members to play their part in fulfilling God's mission to our world.

At First Presbyterian Church, Ballynahinch, our vision and core values are:

Our vision:

Is to be a vibrant, worshipping Christian community, growing in love for God, love for each other and love for the world in which we live.

Our core values:

God's Presence – we value the person and work of the Holy Spirit and therefore seek to depend upon and keep in step with the Holy Spirit.

Hearing God's Word – all scripture is God breathed, therefore we seek to discern what God is saying through His word and by His Spirit.

God's unique call on us – recognising that God has gifted this church in particular areas of ministry, we offer ourselves and those gifts, to the wider church.

People – every person has been created in the image of God and is loved by Him. Since we value people we seek to respond to the needs of people, as God desires.

The community of 'First' – we prize building, maintaining and restoring relationships with one another, as we seek to grow in relationship with God.

Discipleship Training – we value lives being transformed as people follow Christ. Therefore we have as priorities, enabling people to mature in their relationship with Christ and preparing God's people for works of service.

Every member ministry – the Church is the body of Christ on earth and each person who belongs to Jesus has a call on their lives to minister to others. We value encouraging everyone to participate in the mission of God.

Partnership – as a witness to the unity of the body of Christ and in recognition of our interdependence, we value partnering with other churches in ministry.

ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES

The congregation meets for worship every Sunday and visitors are welcome to join. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper is observed on *circa* five occasions during the year. All those who have been baptized and who have made a profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and who are in accordance with the legislation of the General Assembly are admitted to the Lord's Supper.

The congregation holds regular Bible study and prayer meetings and has a wide range of organizations including

- *Mother and toddlers – First Steps*
- *Sunday School – First Kids*
- *Bible class*
- *Youth programme*
- *Friends First - PW*
- *Home Groups*
- *Creative Worship Group*
- *Bowling Club*
- *Friendship Circle for senior members*

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship and prayer

The congregation meets for worship each Sunday at 11 am and on two Sundays each month at 6.30pm. Special services of worship are conducted during Holy week, on Children's day, at Harvest and at Christmas.

Our Home Groups meet regularly, where we study and discuss scripture and pray together in peoples' homes. We meet and pray before morning worship service every Sunday morning. We are part of an inter-Church prayer group, and take our turn in hosting early-morning prayer on a weekly basis.

As well as our regular services during the year we acknowledge God's gift of new life at the Sacrament of Baptism. In addition, at times of bereavement, we give thanks for faithful service and seek to comfort those who have experienced the loss of a loved one.

In common with other congregations in the denomination, our activities were curtailed by the outbreak of the COVID19 pandemic. Church services were suspended on and from 22nd March 2020 and recommenced on 26th July 2020. We were also closed on 29th November and 6th December 2020. Initially, services were recorded for members and others to view online and in December we commenced the live-streaming of services.

At 31 December 2020 there were 236 communicant members and 195 families connected with the congregation. The weekly attendance at morning worship, pre-lockdown, was typically 105 persons.

Pastoral care

Members of the congregation who are unable to attend church due to sickness or age are visited on a regular basis by the minister or elders. Visiting in homes and hospital was not possible through much of the year (due to lockdown) but contact was maintained by telephone.

Mission and outreach

In First Ballynahinch, we have strong links with other churches regarding mission. We share in many united projects such as The Foodbank which is based in our premises; Ballynahinch Counselling Service, BCS, (formerly The Hub); Christians Against Poverty, CAP, a debt management initiative; Alpha courses where we host and/or participate in the courses; and a child Contact Centre, which facilitates the visiting rights of parent and child. We support and engage in these areas of Mission with prayer, voluntary manpower and finance.

We support The Edge, a non-denominational youth outreach project, which provides a drop-in facility in a building in the heart of Ballynahinch. In particular, it's Mission week in August is supported by teams of young people including young leaders from First in delivering programmes geared to children and teenagers as well as providing socially responsible, practical assistance to members of the community.

Our Halls are used by the local Scouting and Guiding organizations. Scouting includes Scouts, Cubs, Beavers and Squirrels, which cater for all age groups. The Scouts usually develop an Environment Challenge award by carrying out litter pickups on the local beach twice a year and at Christmas, they have a "Giving tree" donating gifts to children in less fortunate circumstances in the locality. However, due to Covid restrictions, no meetings took place after the middle of March.

Similarly, the Guiding organizations, comprising senior Guides, Guides, Brownies and Rainbow Guides did not meet in person between March and December 2020 though Guides and Senior Guides did join together for meetings by Zoom.

The congregation supports the United Appeal for Mission, which is a central fund of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. This fund enables congregations to support the wider mission of the denomination and to do mission and outreach

on a denominational basis beyond what the congregation could do on its own. The United Appeal fund provides financial support for mission personnel at home and overseas, assists congregations with the deployment of locally based staff, enables church planting, provides grant support for the upkeep of church premises, assists with the running costs of Union Theological College, the Church's training college for ministry students, and provides financial support to congregation in the areas of worship, discipleship, global mission, outreach, leadership and pastoral care.

The congregation contributed to the denomination's Christmas appeal from the Moderator; a Sunday School project; and other special appeals.

Presbytery

The congregation was represented at the regular meetings of Presbytery by our minister and one of the elders. This provides an important link between the congregation and the wider structures of the church.

General Assembly

The minister and one of our elders were nominated to attend the meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland scheduled for Belfast, in June; but COVID19 intervened.

Property

Small scale, routine maintenance to property was carried out during the year; and we upgraded the heating system in our Hall changing from oil fuelled to a gas fuelled system. There were no major building projects during the year.

Organizations

Children's Ministry

First Steps

First Steps is a pre- school ministry that takes place each week in our Hall. Attendees include parents, grandparents, care givers and children from within and without the church membership. There are special activities at Easter and Christmas. Average attendance in normal times is 25 children and 15 adults. Meetings halted mid-March due to Covid restrictions.

Sunday morning crèche

Crèche is held during our morning worship service in the Hall to support parents with very young children who wish to avail of the facility. We were unable to offer this facility after mid-March due to Covid restrictions.

First Kids (Sunday School)

First Kids is for children aged 4 to 11 years, and is held during the latter part of our morning service. Numbers averaged 12 until mid March when meetings stopped due to Covid restrictions and the social events, which would normally take place, could not be held.

Youth Ministry

We have a dedicated youth ministry for junior and senior members. Meetings are normally held fortnightly in our Hall though this year; however, no meetings took place after mid-March.

First Bible Class

The Bible class is held in our Hall during the latter part of the morning service on alternate Sundays. It is for children of 11yrs + and has an attendance of up to 5. Meetings halted mid-March due to Covid restrictions.

Adult Ministry

Home Groups

Home groups are held in members' homes on any one of three nights in the week, for Bible study, prayer and fellowship. A home group aimed at young adults has been established. They provide an opportunity for teaching and Bible study in an informal and friendly environment. Home groups are geared to equip the people of God for the work of God and this is done by the reading of his word, the use of good teaching materials, worshipping together and fellowship that bonds brothers and sisters in faith. The average overall attendance was 40 until Covid restrictions meant in-person meetings could not be held. Some groups began to meet via Zoom to enable contact and study to continue.

Sunday morning prayer

Prayer time is normally held in the prayer room prior to the morning service, with an average attendance of 7, though this did not take place after mid-March due to Covid restrictions.

Prayer

The Churches Together, early morning Tuesday prayer group, which had met each week around different Churches for many years, moved to The Edge and changed the meeting time in March 2020 to Wednesdays at 1pm. After only 2 meetings the Covid restrictions came into place and the meetings continued by Zoom from 1 to 2pm on a weekly basis for the remainder of the year with an attendance of around 10 to 12 people.

The 'Number 50' Inter-Church group, which meets twice a month on Thursdays from 10 to 12 noon, to pray for the town and community, also continued to meet by Zoom from April with attendance around 7 people.

Prayer Ministry Team

The team, of up to 16 persons, meets periodically for training and fellowship. In turn, members of the team provide prayer ministry in Church immediately after each morning service and at other times as required. This was not possible after

mid-March due to Covid restrictions although members can receive prayer by telephone.

Friendship Circle

The Circle is for our senior members and meets each month from October – April in the Hall at mid-day, for fellowship and food and often a guest speaker on a topic of interest. The normal attendance is 20. No meetings took place after February due to Covid restrictions and in the absence of a pre-Christmas function, a small Christmas gift was distributed to members instead.

Friends First (P.W.)

The Friends First meeting schedule is each month in the Hall from September to April. Financial donations are used to support PCI PW projects. Normal attendance is 20. No meetings took place after February due to Covid restrictions and the special springtime Church service followed by lunch was not held.

Choir and Worship team

The Church choir, made up of some 15 persons, meets twice a month for practice led by our Music Co-ordinator. In addition to the music, there is fun and companionship. The choir joins in worship at morning services. Special choir music and solos are rendered at services to mark Easter, Harvest and Christmas. We also have a Worship team, of 5 or more persons, and can call on members of this team to lead the praise along with the Choir at services. The choir is backed by 4 or more persons on keyboard, drums, flute and stringed instruments. After mid-March the choir did not practice nor participate in services of worship due to Covid restrictions. Members of the worship team recorded music remotely for the online services and when meeting in person resumed, leading praise was restricted to one musician and one singer.

Technical team

A technical team of 4 persons provides the amplification of sound through the audio system; and image projection onto walls and screens. When Church services were suspended in March, the team ensured our worship was able to continue by recording services and up loading them to be watched on line. Live streaming began in December.

Bowling Club

The bowling club schedule is to meet weekly, Wednesday evenings, in the Hall with matches for members, matches against visiting teams, and an inter-Church match with St Patrick's and Edengrove. Attendance of members in normal times is 20. The club was unable to meet after mid March due to Covid restrictions.

Creative Worship Group

The creative worship group meets bi-monthly in our Hall, and additionally as required for special events. The group meets to pray and listen, seeking to facilitate God communicating to us through visual and artistic media. The average attendance is 9. In-person meetings weren't possible after March 2020 due to Covid restrictions but the group stayed in contact and decorated the church building at Harvest and Christmas.

Flowers

We maintain a “flowers rota” and when church was open, a person or a family provided flowers in the sanctuary as a visible demonstration of the beauty of creation.

Foodbank

The Foodbank is open each week to distribute food from our church to those in need. This is an initiative supported by other churches in the town. The service remained open during lockdown with changed working practices to protect volunteers and recipients. The impact of COVID19 pandemic and lockdown resulted in an increased demand for support from the Foodbank. In the year to end-December 2020, the total number of meals provided was 18,325 – an almost 200% increase on 2019 when 6,500 meals were distributed. The stock in the Foodbank store is replenished by donations of food and by purchases of food, paid for by the very generous financial contributions of supporters.

Meals Ministry

A volunteer runs a meals ministry to support members in need at a particular time.

Volunteers

The Trustees wish to acknowledge their deep appreciation of those who give freely of their time by serving on committees, covering administration duties, providing catering, helping with organizations, working at the Foodbank and all of the other activities that come with Church life.

PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

The Presbyterian Church in Ireland meets the public benefit requirement by providing benefit to its members and the general public by making known the Christian Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ through the advancement of religion. The direct benefits which flow from the purposes of the Church include the gaining of an understanding in Christian beliefs as set out in the Bible and in the Church’s subordinate standards (the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Shorter and Larger Catechisms) leading to spiritual and moral development and opportunities for response to Bible teaching. In turn, this framework leads to practical expressions of Christian beliefs and standards in the local community such as through the care of those in need (including the sick, disabled and bereaved).

Generally the above benefits are delivered locally by congregations and their members, or are facilitated through presbyteries or are organized and delivered centrally. Local delivery is facilitated by central resources in almost all cases. Public access is made known through the use of noticeboards, printed material, press advertisement, websites, and social media or in other ways.

The benefits are demonstrated through regular evaluation of the services and informal and ad-hoc feedback from members, their families, and members of the public.

The purpose does not lead to harm. The only private benefit flowing from our purpose is related to Ministers, Missionaries, Deaconesses, Irish Mission workers

and Lay Agents who receive benefits as a result of their holding office or employment. However, this is incidental and necessary in order to further our charitable purpose. There are no other private benefits. The beneficiaries of this purpose are members, their families, other individuals that the Presbyterian Church in Ireland is in direct and indirect contact with, the community in which pastoral services are provided and other communities throughout Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland, and worldwide which benefit from our engagement with and support for both Christian and other secular organizations, charities and individual members of the public.

The Kirk Session has had regard to the Charity Commissions Public benefit requirement statutory guidance.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The congregation's main source of income is members' contributions through weekly and monthly freewill and other offerings. There were 191 contributors during the year [213 in 2019] donating a total of £69,847.60 (£ 78,856.30 in 2019)

The Total Income of the congregation during the year 2020 was £135,507.55, compared to £137,248.09 in 2019. Total expenditure in 2020 was £121,516.13 compared to £133,125.44 in 2019.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements of the congregation in accordance with applicable law and generally accepted accounting practice.

As the congregation's total income does not exceed £250,000, the Trustees have elected under Section 64(3) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 to prepare a receipts and payment account and a statement of assets and liabilities. The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the congregation's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time its financial position. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the congregation and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 09 09 2021 and signed on its behalf by Minister and Clerk of Session.

Signed Rev Dario Leal
09 09 2021

Signed Mrs Jill McKee

First Ballynahinch Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105194

Annual return

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of First Ballynahinch Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland.

I report on the accounts of First Ballynahinch Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on pages 1 to 2.

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:

1. Examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
2. Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
3. 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.

Signed: 

Name: Ivan Shannon FFA, FFTA

Relevant professional qualification or body: Institute of Financial Accountants

Address: 39 Church Street, Ballynahinch, Co Down, N Ireland, BT24 8AF

Date: 25 February 2021