

Long Tower Youth & Community Centre  
Report of The Charity Trustees

The charity trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021 in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

**Principal activity**

The principal activities of the project are to promote, without distinction of sex, race, political, religious or other opinion, the education and personal development of young people so that they may achieve their full potential as individuals and members of society and that their conditions of life may be improved.

**Charity trustees**

The charity trustees who served during the year and since the year end were as follows:

James McCartney

Kellie McCallion

John McLaughlin

Kathleen Doherty

**Governing document**

Long Tower Youth Club (LTYC) was established in 1945 and is owned by Trustees of the Management committee. The building is located in the grounds of the Brandywell sports complex which resides with the Moore DEA and on the edge of the Brandywell and Creggan Estate. Our key catchment areas include the three wards - Diamond ward, Brandywell ward and Strand 1 ward.

The organisation is an unincorporated club with charitable status. It was established under a Constitution which outlined the area of benefit and the objects of the charitable organisation and is governed by its Constitution.

**Recruitment and appointment of the management committee**

The management committee must consist of no less than seven members and shall meet at least once every two months. A list of people who served on the management committee in the financial year is listed on the information page. The members of the management committee shall have the power to suspend or exclude any member whose general attitude and spirit are found to be in moral judgement to the best interest of the centre and its members. At present the committee has members from a variety of professional backgrounds relevant to the work of the charity.

**Public Benefit**

The direct benefits which flow from this centre include the improvement of well-being and quality of life of the residents in the area enabling them to fully participate in society, and preventing people from being socially excluded. This is done through the provision of activities, both indoor and outdoor, catering for a range of leisure, recreational, health and educational activities. And by providing support to all members of the area.

**Risk management**

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the association is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the association, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate the exposure to the major risks.

**Financial review**

The principal funding sources over the relevant financial year have been the Education Authority, and the Public Health Agency.

The financial performance is summarised in the enclosed accounts.

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### Plans for future periods

The association plans to continue the activities as outlined above in the forthcoming years subject to satisfactory funding arrangements.

### Covid 19 Implications

Long Tower Youth Club, and St. Mary's Youth Centre, developed a document in response to the emerging changes relevant to the delivery of youth services due to the ongoing Covid-19 (Coronavirus) outbreak.

Both Long Tower Youth Club and St. Mary's Youth Centre were actually aware of the potential delivery implications, based on the emerging medical information from the Public Health Agency. Both were also consistent of their organisations' responsibilities in relation to the duty of care to both the young people who utilise our services and our respective staff members. As this situation evolved into a recognised pandemic our management committees took the difficult decision to curtail our services and allow our staff cohorts time to plan and develop a proposed programme of work for the forthcoming period; in close working partnership between the two youth providers.

### Trustees responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

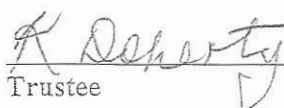
The law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

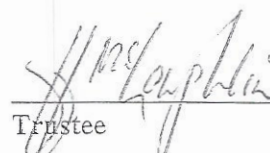
The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees have prepared a detailed report into the activities carried out by the charitable organisation throughout the financial year, this is available on request.

By order of the Charity Trustees

  
Trustee

Date: 2 November 2021

  
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