

**Ballymagroarty Hazelbank Community Partnership**  
**(A company limited by guarantee)**

**Director's Report**

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.

**Objectives and activities**

The charitable company objectives are:

- Encouraging and fostering community engagement with delivery agencies and organisations in the Outerwest area providing community safety interventions, so that everyone is aware of what needs to be done and what impact the interventions are meant to have.
- Ensuring the delivery of community interventions and programmes appropriate to the area, informed by the needs of residents, tailored to meet those needs and delivered cooperatively within and in partnership with the community.
- Ensuring the best use of available resources to improve the quality of life for residents living in the Outerwest area.
- Providing a partnership for statutory and non-statutory organisations and communities in which to discuss issues of community safety and ways of addressing them.
- Developing and delivering a system of performance management to establish progress against agreed objectives and outcomes.

**Directors and their interests**

The directors of the charity for the purposes of charity law and throughout this report are collectively referred to as the directors.

The directors serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Eamon McGinley  
Caroline Rogan  
James McColgan  
Francine Moran  
Sinead Murphy

**Governing Document**

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee. The entity was incorporated and registered as charity on 17 July 1998. The company was established under Memorandum & Articles of Association which outlined the area of benefit and the objects of the charitable organisation. Every member of the company in accordance with the Memorandum, undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company, in the event of the same being wound up while it is a member, or within one year it ceases to be a member, for payment of the debts or liabilities of the company contracted before it ceased to be a member, and of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and for the adjustments of the rights of the contributions among themselves, such amount as may be required not exceeding £1.

**Appointment of Directors**

Directors are appointed at the Annual General Meeting and hold office until the next AGM following their appointment.

New board members are given an induction by the chairman covering the charity's structure and how it operates, the board meets once every month to receive reports from management and deal with strategic and policy matters.

### **Risk Management**

The directors have a risk management strategy which consists of establishing a system of identifying risks and mitigating such risks.

### **Achievements & performance**

Ballymagroarty Hazelbank Community Partnership Ltd. (BHCP) is a partner and is represented by its Directors on the Outer West Foyleside Local Growth Ltd. (Outerwest FLG) Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership (NRP) Board. BHCP takes the lead on Social Renewal and its pillars of Education and Health, and has representation on all of the Outer West Taskforces. BHCP is in regular contact with the Outer West Strategic Manager and Administrator, and communicates on an ongoing basis with all relevant statutory, voluntary & community groups and funding agencies relevant to the Derry City & Strabane District Council (DCSDC) Foyleside area.

BHCP led on the Outer West Health Needs Analysis and this is being used to inform an action plan designed to reduce health inequalities within the area.

BHCP provides in-school support to students at the local St Marys College to provide mechanisms to ensure the most disengaged pupils receive the support they need to reach their potential. The programme has been re-named SMILE - St. Marys Individualised Learning Experience.

OW Community Education - BHCP had been liaising with the NWRC and other training agencies to ensure that the community education programme is delivered successfully within the Outer West NRA, and that all barriers to participation are removed.

New Build project at Ringfort Road- DCSDC provided funding for a Design Team who engaged with BHCP in developing the designs. A New Build Taskforce, made up of BHCP, DCSDC, HMD Architects, WHSCT and residents was set up. Two consultation sessions were held to engage residents in the consultative design for the new facility. The design phase, which includes both BHCP and WHSCT as anchor tenants, is now complete and was submitted to Planning in August. Planning was approved in October 2020 and the decision was taken to proceed with the construction with BHCP being the only tenant. The WHSCT were unable to commit to engaging with the project any further.

Pitch & Play - These new facilities open up a range of exciting opportunities for BHCP to engage with the community in a more meaningful manner. The pitch generates revenue for BHCP whilst providing an excellent facility for community use - Council have advised that it is the busiest of all the pitches in the City. The play park has flourished since it opened and is a tremendous asset for the community.

BHCP engaged in a number of funding applications in partnership with The Glen Development Initiative (GDI) and Outer West to ensure that there was adequate provision of programmes and projects for the residents in Ballymagroarty, Hazelbank and the wider Outer West. We collaboratively worked on applications for the Cohesion Fund & Good Relations. We also worked alongside the Outer West and Glen Development Initiative to provide a Community Fridge for the local residents including benefits advice and training opportunities.

BHCP also has significant Youth Provision in the area with funding from both the Education Authority for the provision of a FT voluntary youth club 5 days per week and additional funding from BBC Children in Need to deliver outreach and detached youth work 3 nights per week. We were also fortunate to receive funding from PCSP to deliver one to one intervention and diversionary activities.

We are continuing to provide much needed programmes in the community for residents including mental health, physical health and to deal with social isolation within the community. We have also been able to secure DFC funding for the staff throughout the year to sustain our work in the community. We are continuing to develop relationships within the community and engage with the people we support to ensure that we are continuing to be responsive to the needs of the local people.

We have also completed a summer of fun filled activities for the young people within the local community including family events and diversionary activities to minimise the anti-community behaviour that can occur throughout the community in the summer months.

The Board of Directors and Staff thank all those who have and continue to support BHCP in its efforts to develop the community and deliver programmes of support that impact upon the health and well-being of its residents.

#### **Financial review**

The reserves policy of the charity is to have sufficient reserves to cope with temporary shortfalls.

The deficit from charitable activities during the year was £3,584 (Surplus in 2023: £2,460).

Total incoming funds in the current year shows a 11.11% decrease from the previous year. Total expenditure in the current year also decreased by 9.71% from the previous year.

The total funds available at the year end were £52,318, this is equivalent to approximately 2 months operational costs.

Net current assets has increased to £46,826 (2023 - £46,665). The total bank and cash has increased by £3,351. Cash at bank for year was £24,831 (2023 - £21,480). Overdrawn bank balances for year £2,697 (2023 - £10,071). Grants receivable and other debtors has decreased by £18,196, and creditors and accruals have decreased by £7,632.

The principal funding sources for the charity are currently way of grants and donations. The main funders/donors for the year were:

- Department for Communities
- Derry City and Strabane District Council
- BBC - Children in Need
- NHIP
- Pathways
- Department of Health
- Education Authority

#### **Directors Responsibilities In Relation To The Financial Statements**

The directors of Ballymagroarty Hazelbank Community Partnership for the purposes of company law are responsible for preparing the Directors' Annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year that give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charity at the end of the financial year and of its surplus or deficit for the financial year. In doing so the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe methods and principles in the Charities SORP (FRS102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK 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 business.

The directors are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enables them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The directors 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

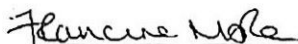
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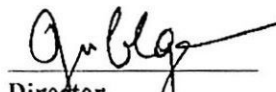
- there is no relevant information of which the company's independent examiner is unaware, and
- the directors have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the independent examiner is aware of that information.

A resolution will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting that McGroarty Mc Cafferty & Company Ltd be re-appointed as accountants for the charity for the ensuing year.

This report is prepared in accordance with the special provisions of part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

This report was approved and authorised for issue by the Board on and signed on its behalf by

  
Director

  
Director



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**Independent examiner's report on the unaudited financial statements to the directors of**  
**Ballymagroarty - Hazelbank Community Partnership**

We report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 March 2024, which are set out on pages 7 to 16.

**Respective responsibilities of charity directors and examiner:**

As the charity directors you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006. Having satisfied ourselves that the charity is not subject to audit under company law, and is eligible for independent examination, it is our responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act 2008;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act 2008.
- state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

We have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and our 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. The 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 a consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity directors concerning any such matters.

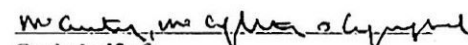
Our role is to state whether any material matters have come to our attention giving us cause to believe:

- that accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006;
- that the accounts do not accord with those accounting records;
- that the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and the methods and principles of the 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;
- that there is further information needed for proper understanding.

**Independent examiner's statement**

We have completed our examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters listed above and, in connection with following the directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, we have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

As the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 the examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. We can confirm that we are qualified to undertake the examination as we are a member of the Chartered Accountants Ireland, which is one of the listed bodies.

  
On behalf of:

**McGroarty McCafferty & Company Ltd**  
**Accountants & Tax Consultants**

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**Date:**