

The Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) In Ireland, Moyallon Preparative Meeting Annual Report & Accounts for year ended 31 December 2024

Trustees (at 31st December 2024) Daniel H. Sinton, Elizabeth M. O'Halloran.

Registered Address:

155 Whitepark Rd, Ballycastle, Co. Antrim BT54 6NH Charity number :107095

Bankers : Danske Bank

Trustees' Report for year ended 31st December 2024

Introduction

This report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 and in line with the guidance produced by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland.

Constitution and governance

The Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) In Ireland, Moyallon Preparative Meeting is governed by its governing document which was agreed by the Preparative Meeting on 18th March 2018. The Meeting was registered as a charity by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland on 18th May 2018.

The Trustees, of whom there should be not less than two, are appointed at the Annual General Meeting. They are appointed for a period of up to three years and are eligible for re- appointment for a further two terms. Trustees who served during the year ending 31st December 2024 were as follows:

Daniel H. Sinton, Elizabeth M O'Halloran.

The Trustees are responsible for the policies, activities and assets of the charity. No Trustee received any remuneration for services as a member of the Board of Trustees and the charity has no employees. The Trustees have put in place a data protection policy and a child protection policy, both of which are reviewed annually.

Purposes of the charity

Moyallon Preparative Meeting was established by Lurgan Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends in Ireland. It is primarily a Meeting for Worship that practises in accordance with the principles of the Religious Society of Friends, also known as Quakers. We are based in a Meeting House at 117 Stramore Road, Gilford, Craigavon. As well as the main meeting room where we meet for worship on a Sunday, we also have a small upstairs meeting room. Our caretaker lives in a small cottage attached to the building. The purpose of our charity, as set out in our governing document, is the advancement of the general religious purposes of the Religious Society of Friends by the following means, in so far as they are exclusively charitable:

- i. Strengthening the Christian understanding and religious development of the Quaker meeting both in the geographical area of the Preparative Meeting and beyond;
- ii. Contributing financially and practically to the relief of suffering at home and abroad;
- iii. Providing for the pastoral care of individual Members and Attenders including assistance to those in need .

At 31st December 2024 we had a total of 53 adult members and 8 adult attenders as well as 9 child members and 8 child attenders recorded.

Our activities during 2024

While Meeting for Worship is the centre of the Moyallon meeting, we held, on the 4th February, a Meeting for Business during which arrangements were made to manage the affairs of the meeting for the ongoing year. The required duties for running the meeting were assigned to individual members and these have all been successfully carried out during the year. This included the reading of the general Christian Counsel and the Advices and Queries for Serious Consideration. In addition, we agreed to offer

financial support to a number of charitable bodies, including two locally. 2024 has been a busy year for Moyallon Friends. Meeting for Worship was held on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of each month with an average attendance of 13 adults and 2 children. However, numbers were boosted on many occasions by groups staying at Moyallon Centre – Junior Yearly Meeting in April, Junior Moyallon camp in June, and Senior Moyallon camp in July.

There is regular ministry given during MfW, and often a passage from the Bible is read, or a poem recited. Meeting for Worship in Moyallon is followed by refreshments. This gives us a chance to talk to visitors and get to know newcomers to our meeting. It also gives us the chance to chat and catch up with each other. Just before Christmas we shared a 'pot luck' lunch, where we were joined by family members. On a Saturday in August we opened our doors to the cyclists raising funds for Friends school, Lisburn. Our treasurer presented them with a cheque for £500.

On a Saturday in November we were able to welcome visitors from the South Lough Neagh Historical Society. The group of around 18 people were very interested in the Meeting House and burial ground as well as finding out about how we worship. We encouraged them to come along to experience a Meeting for themselves..

Public Benefit

The trustees of Moyallon Preparative Meeting are pleased to confirm that they have complied with their duty to have regard to the public benefit requirement statutory guidance of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland. Our public benefit has been demonstrated in a number of ways over the past year:

- We held Meetings for Worship at Moyallon on the first and third and fifth Sundays of each month and these Meetings were open to members of the public as well as our own members and regular attenders – these Meetings provide spiritual nourishment and deepen the Christian experience and understanding of those who attend;
- Using legacy funds that have been left to the Meeting in the past, we provide some financial support to those in need within our Meeting;
- We make annual donations to Quaker Charities and other charities as agreed by our members.

Financial Review

Our financial statement for the period 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024 is attached to this report and shows a reduced but adequate bank balance of £17,902.

Declaration

This report was approved at the Annual General Meeting on 4th February 2024 and is signed on behalf of trustees.

Elizabeth O'Halloran

Trustee, Moyallon Preparative meeting
26th October 2025