

Knocknagin Hall Committee
Company Limited by Guarantee
Financial Statements
Year ended 30 April 2024

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, present their report of the charity for the year 1st May 2023– 30th April 2024

Reference and administrative details,

Registered charity name: Knocknagin Hall Committee

Charity registration number: NIC107121

Company registration number: NI645386

Principal office and registered office: 53 Knocknagin Road
Desertmartin
Magherafelt
BT45 5LQ
Co Derry

The trustees:

Mr. Gerard Walls	Chair
Mr. Patrick McQuillan	Vice Chair
Ms. Kathleen Mallon	Secretary
Mrs. Veronica Wilson	Assist. Secretary
Mrs Catherine Ferguson	Treasurer
Mr. Seamus O'Hagan	Vice Treasurer
Fr. Dermot McGirr	
Mrs. Annie McGuigan	
Mr. Bernard Walls	
Mr. Michael Higgins	
Miss Olive Walls	

Non-trustee committee members

Mrs Anne Moran
Michael Hegarty
Angela Walls
Jennifer Jordan

Independent examiner:

PFS Accountants and Auditors Ltd
Chartered Certified Accountants
122 Main Street, Dungiven
Co Derry
BT47 4LG

Bankers:

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 24th April 2017 and registered as a charity on 15th August 2018. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association adopted: February 2017, which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the company's Articles are known as members of the Management Committee. During the year, Catherine was added as a director with Companies House. There are also three additional non-trustee members of the Management Committee. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association the members of the Management Committee are elected to serve for a period of three years after which they must be re-elected at the next Annual General Meeting.

PURPOSES:

The main objectives of Knocknagin Hall Committee, as set out in our Articles of Association, are to manage Knocknagin Hall on behalf of the wider community in order to provide effective and necessary services and activities for our isolated rural community. To advance education, including vocational training, relieve poverty and to conserve and protect the local environment and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for all the inhabitants of the Desertmartin area without distinction of gender, race or of political, religious or other opinions.

ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

During the year, Knocknagin Hall Committee (KHC) continued to focus on providing classes to promote health and wellbeing. In addition to the activities provided in previous years, Yoga classes commenced in January and jiving classes commenced in March. The following activities were provided:

- Knit & Natter- 35 x 1.5 hr sessions
- Chair based exercises- 33 x 1.5hr sessions plus 4 x 1.5 hr sessions funded by CWSAN plus Oct23?
- Line dancing - 12 x 1.5hr sessions plus 4 x 1.5 hr sessions funded by CWSAN plus Oct 23?
- Social Dancing –12 x monthly session
- Yoga – 12 x 1 hr? sessions running into the next financial year
- Christmas Craft Fare
- Boxing Day Dance
- Jiving classes x 5 sessions commencing on 20/03/24

With the help of many volunteers, to whom we are very grateful, the following events were also hosted during the year

- 5 funeral dinners
- 2 Month's mind teas
- Celebration tea for Fr Madden's 40th anniversary as a priest

In addition, the number of functions and activities in the Hall has been gradually increasing, and there is more demand from groups/individuals seeking to make use of the facilities. The following groups/individuals regularly use the facilities:

- Gymnastics Club which ran for 43 weeks in the year
- Knocknagin Primary School, as well as their regular P.E. classes, they also ran sessions of Mental health programme, Drama & Story Telling, Yoga, Dance and Sporting activities over a period of 6 weeks each. They also organised Breakfast with Santa.
- Friends of Knocknagin PTA, organised a Big breakfast, fun bingo session, retro disco night in aid of Knocknagin PS.
- Sarsfield's Accordion Band used the premises regularly for their practice sessions.
- SPRED Group as well as fortnightly meetings held a coffee morning and a Christmas party.
- SGARA as well as their monthly meetings, they organised two very successful Sunday afternoon tea dances and a six-week programme of Health and Wellbeing talks accompanied by breakfast
- Charity dance in aid of Laurel House organised by Seamus McKenna
- Céilí Club held 2 céilis
- Rhythmic Dancing (6 sessions)
- McMillan Charity concert organised by Fiona Henry
- Weekly Irish Dancing Classes hosted by Nicola Convery began on 21/04/24

Irish Dancing classes started on a weekly basis towards the end of the financial year and will continue over the summer. During the year the local community continued to leave clothes for recycling, which continued to be a significant fund raiser.

In June 2023, Northern Health and Social Care Trust, Health and Wellbeing Team started a "Read Yourself Well" initiative within the premises and there has been considerable interest in the books available for free loan to anyone in the community.

Knocknagin Community Hall now has its own Instagram account and Facebook page, kindly facilitated by Angela Walls, Gerard Walls

There is a significant damp problem in the basement of the hall. Initial rough estimates were in the region of £40K to £50K to fix the problem. To date, there has been no progress with this issue and various solutions are being considered.

New exterior lighting has been installed at the rear of the building.

A quote of £2135 has been obtained for painting the hall. Preparation work is at an additional cost. It is proposed that the painting will be completed in early August.

There is a requirement for additional storage space at the back of the hall and to date there are no plans or funding allocated towards this project.

FUNDING

- May 2023; Mid Ulster District Council - Community Venues Grant 2023-24 approved £1,500 towards running cost; paid in two instalments June 23 and Jan 24
- DAERA -Rural Micro Capital Grant Programme did not open for applications during this financial year
- CWSAN Mental Health & Emotional Wellbeing and Suicide Prevention funded by the Public Health Agency awarded £600 paid directly to the tutors for 12 weeks of Health and Wellbeing activities including a Wellbeing talk, chair exercises, line dancing, flower arranging and relaxing/calming sessions.
- An application to the Workspace Community Fund for £2000 in November for painting the hall was unsuccessful
- An application has been made to the National Lottery Community Fund under the programme Sustainable Community Buildings. This has necessitated two committee members attending a carbon literacy course with subsequent assessment to attain carbon literacy certificates, before progress can be made to the next stage. The next stage of application requires interaction with Action Renewables to assess the needs to provide a sustainable building and put forward a plan to the National Lottery Fund. This will be assessed during the 24/25 financial year.
- Application to British Heart Foundation for a free defibrillator was unfortunately unsuccessful.
- An application to MUDC for an Irish Language Activity Fund Grant was successful and plans are being drawn up for delivery of the course.

Table 1 and Fig 1 below show the income generated over the year with the most income again generated by Fund Raising. However, when expenses incurred in generating this income have been subtracted, the income generated by Fund Raising is actually greatly reduced to £5795, the breakdown of which is shown in Table 2/Fig 2. The hall is now widely used by many groups and individuals and funding generated by use of the hall facilities (£4330) contributes greatly to much needed funds. During the year KHC were unsuccessful in some of their grant applications and were only successful in attracting grant funding to the value of £1500, approximately £2000 less than the previous financial year. All grant income awarded is restricted and was spent or will be spent as per application (described in the paragraph above). Again, we are very grateful for the donations (£1333) received from various sources during the year.

Income from reimbursable expenses has been shown for the sake of completeness but is actually repayment of expenses incurred for refreshments for events facilitated by KHC and do not contribute to the funds of KHC.

Table 1: Income Generated

Income Generated (£)	
Fund Raising	10161
Use of Hall Facilities	4330
Grants	1500
Donations	1333
Reimbursable expenses	1984
Total	19308

Fig 1: Income Generated

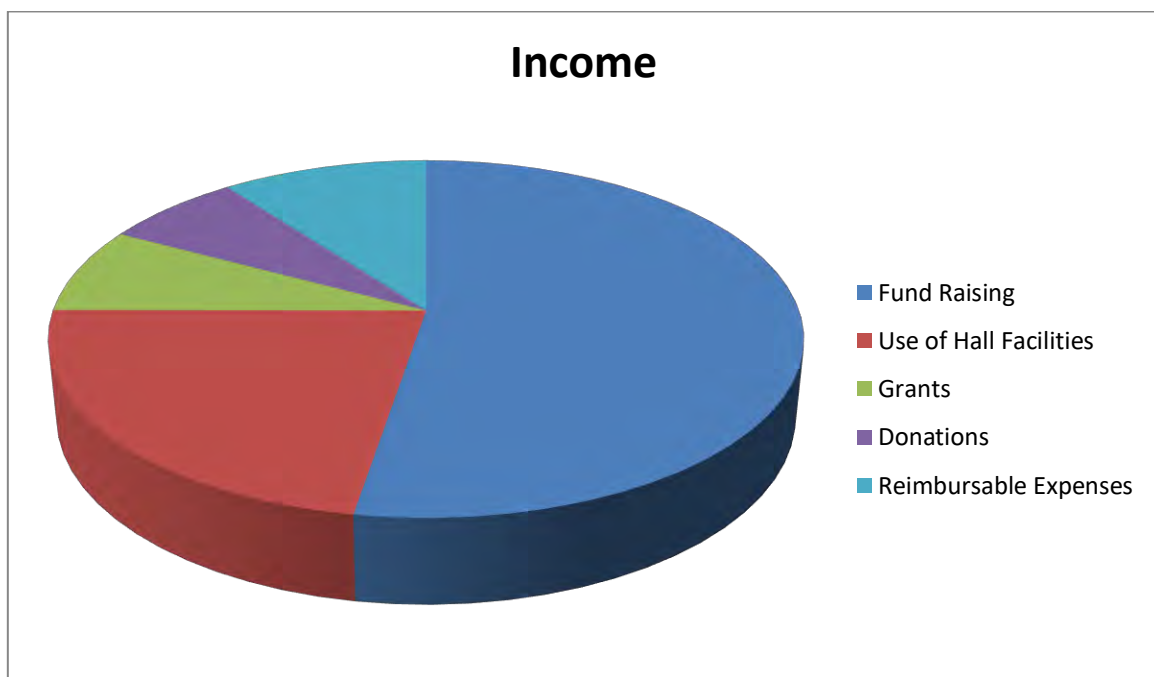


Table 2 and Fig 2 display the breakdown of income accrued through Fund Raising events. In keeping with the last financial year most income from fund raising events was again generated by the monthly Social Dance. While this generates significant income, it is at the same time in keeping with the ethos of KHC in increasing health and wellbeing within the community.

Table 2: Income from Fund Raising following deduction of expenses

Actual Fund-Raising Income (expenses deducted £)	
Social Dances	2615
Clothes Recycling	1397
Craft Fair	1135
Chair Exercises	368
Yoga	228
Line Dancing	38
Amazon Smile	14
Total	5795

Fig 2 Income from Fund Raising following deduction of expenses

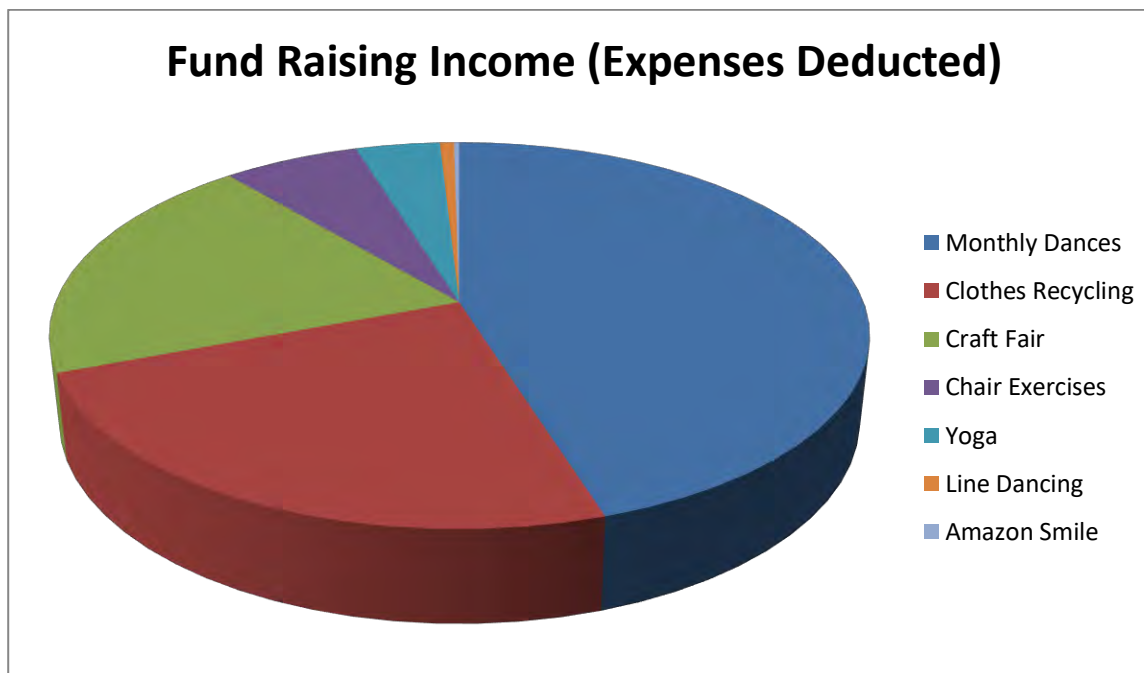


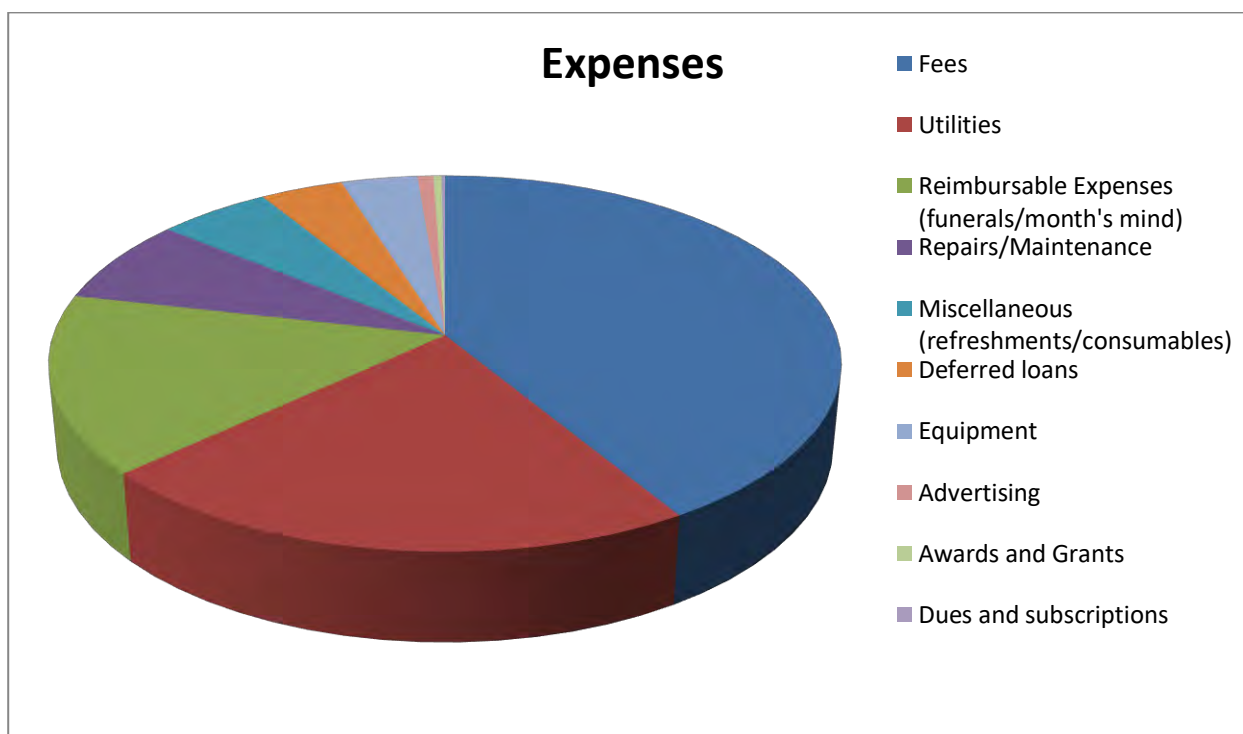
Table 3 and Fig 3 display the expenses incurred in the financial year with fees being the greatest expense. However, this figure is mainly made up from the expenses incurred in fund raising, including the entertainment fees for the bands at the social dances (£2160) and tutor fees for line dancing, chair exercises and yoga (£1848). The remainder being accountancy fees (£856), entertainment licence (£400) and Access NI check (£10). A pre-requirement of the Entertainment Licence is an advertisement in a local paper, which cost £96 (Derry Post). Repairs and maintenance were much lower than last year (£936), which was approximately 82% of last year's costs. However last year's figure included cavity wall insulation, which was partially funded by the DAERA Micro Capital Grant. Last year's Trustee report stated that we had fully paid all of the

interest free loans raised for refurbishment of the hall, but unfortunately a cheque (£500) had to be reissued as it was mislaid by the payee (shown as deferred loans in tables and charts). Consumables and refreshments make up the figure shown as miscellaneous expenses (£680). The equipment expense (£460) was spent restocking cups needed for many of the social functions held. Total expenses for the year were approximately 70% of the previous year, and although income generated was less than the previous year (approximately 92%), mainly due to attracting less grant funding, the financial situation remains healthy.

Table 3: Expenses

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Expenses	
Fees	5274
Utilities	2794
Reimbursable Expenses	1984
Repairs/Maintenance	936
Miscellaneous	680
Deferred Loans Repaid	500
Equipment	460
Advertising	96
Awards and Grants	50
Dues and subscriptions	20
Total Expenses	12794

Fig 3: Expenses



BENEFITS and BENEFICIARIES

The benefits that flow from our purpose include provision of a safe recreational facility, which can be accessed freely by people of all ages and abilities within the rural community of Desertmartin and surrounding areas. The benefit of this extends to local people being able to fully identify their needs and allow them to develop local solutions to improve the quality of life for people living within the community. This helps the area tackle issues around environmental issues, rural isolation, poverty and deprivation. Our work creates a space in which people can meet in a safe environment and has positive implications for the physical, mental and emotional wellbeing of local people. By improving their health and wellbeing and reducing their social isolation, this contributes to a healthy, vibrant and sustainable community, thus reducing levels of stress and anxiety.

The benefits of the work also include building civic pride within the local community. Through this work, people are animated about their local community and are given opportunities to volunteer and contribute to the social and cultural life within the area.

The charity's beneficiaries are primarily the people of all ages and abilities living in and around Desertmartin and surrounding rural hinterland area of Mid Ulster District Council, who have been identified as being rurally isolated and / or socially excluded.

The benefits of our charity are demonstrated through feedback from all users and regular evaluation of our services. The benefits of our work are also evidenced by the demand for our charitable activities and wide community support through our fund-raising events.

RESTRICTIONS ON WHO CAN BENEFIT

There are no restrictions on who can benefit. All activities and services are open to all regardless of, ability, race, gender, creed, or of political, religious or other opinions.

HARM

No harm has flowed from any of our Purposes.

PRIVATE BENEFIT

There is no private benefit to any individual.

SERIOUS INCIDENT REPORTING

There are no serious incidents to report.

VULNERABLE BENEFICIARIES

Appropriate Policies, Procedures and Training are in place such as POCVA Policy & Procedures.

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

In setting our objectives and planning our activities for the year, the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities have helped to achieve the charity's purposes and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.

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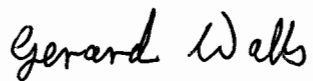
Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)*

Year ended 30 April 2024

Small company provision

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 9 August 2024 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



Mr Gerard Walls
Director