

Portavogie Regeneration Forum

Northern Ireland · Charity number 107292

Details

Status	Received
Company number	634989
Registered	2019-03-14
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

Contact

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Activities

Purposes: The Charity's objects ("Objects") are to promote the benefit of the residents of Portavogie and its environs (the "area of benefit") without distinction of gender, sexual orientation, age, race, ethnicity, or political, religious or other opinion by advancing community development and regeneration within the area of benefit.

What the charity does: The advancement of citizenship or community development, The advancement of environmental protection or improvement

How the charity works: Community development, Economic development, Environment/sustainable development/conservation, Volunteer development

Who the charity helps: General public, Men, Older people, Parents, Specific areas of deprivation, Voluntary and community sector, Volunteers, Women, Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-11-30	£3,783	£3,767	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr James Kelly		
Mrs Karen Gardiner		
Mrs Margaret Heywood		
Mrs Susanne Young		
Ms Florence Ambrose		

Portavogie Regeneration Forum

Northern Ireland - Charity number 107292

Accounts

PORTAVOGUE REGENERATION FORUM	NIC107282	
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/12/2023	To	30/11/2024	
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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					
Donations & legacies	200	-		200	
Grants	-	2,556	-	2,556	2,576
Fundraising activities	1,027	-	-	1,027	100
Interest on deposit account	-	-		-	
Dividend on investments	-	-	-	-	-
Members' subscriptions	-	-	-	-	
Charitable trading receipts	-	-	-	-	
Rents from land & buildings	-	-	-	-	-
Other charitable receipts	-	-	-	-	
A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)	1,227	2,556	-	3,783	2,676
A2 Asset and investment sales (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).					
Proceeds from sale of fixed asset		-	-	-	-
Loan repayments received		-	-	-	-
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	1,227	2,556	-	3,783	2,676
A3 Payments					
In Bloom Project 2022/23		1,062	-	1,062	1,053
LHLH Project		-	-	-	50
ANDBC Christmas Grant 2022/23		1,002	-	1,002	627
Insurance		429	-	429	421
Miscellaneous		429	-	429	191
Governance costs		13	-	13	13
Memorial Bench	474	-	-	474	83
Donation to Portavogie PS	358	-	-	358	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A3 Sub total	832	2,935	-	3,767	2,438
A4 Asset and investment purchases (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
Purchase of investments	-	-	-	-	-
Loans made	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	832	2,935	-	3,767	2,438
Net of receipts/(payments)	396	- 379	-	16	238
A5 Transfers between funds		-		-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end		1,171		1,171	933
Cash funds this year end	396	792	-	1,187	1,171

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

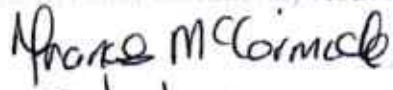
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current account	398	792	-	1,187	1,171
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	398	792	-	1,187	1,171
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details					
B3 Investment assets	Details		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
			Total			
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
			Total			
B5 Liabilities	Details		Fund to which liability relates	When due (optional)	Amount due (optional)	Last year
			Total			

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

Signature


Print Name
 Susanne Yang

Date of approval
 31/7/25

Independently examined by
 Charities and Faith Communities Network

 Date: 31/7/25

C4 Trustee expenses - details

	Number of trustees	£
	0	0
	0	0
	0	0
	0	0
	0	0

C5 Transactions with trustees and connected persons

Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction	Transaction amount (£)	Balance outstanding at period end (£)
		0	0
		0	0
		0	0
		0	0
		0	0

C6 Other information

Additional analysis (1)

Analysis of receipts and payments

1 Donations

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Donation - Memorial Bench	200	-	-	-	200	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	200	-	-	-	200	-
	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK

2 Grants

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
ANDBC CD Grant	-	556	556	776
ANDBC Xmas Grant	-	1,000	1,000	1,000
ANDBC In Bloom Grant	-	1,000	1,000	800
LHLH	-	-	-	-
Total	-	2,556	2,556	2,576
	OK	OK	OK	OK

3 Gross receipts from other charitable activities

Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total current period	Total last period

	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
Fundraising Activities	1,027	-	-	-	1,027	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1,027	-	-	-	1,027	-

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4 Payments relating directly to charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Christmas Festival 2023	-	1,002	-	-	1,002	627
In Bloom Project	-	1,062	-	-	1,062	1,053
LHLH	-	-	-	-	-	50
Repymt Council Grant	-	871	-	-	871	83
Administration	474	-	-	-	474	625
Memorial Bench	358	-	-	-	358	-
Portavogie PS Donation	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	832	2,935	-	-	3,767	2,438

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Portavogie Regeneration Forum

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Accounts

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A1 Receipts					
Donations & legacies		-		-	
Grants - ANDBC CD Grant	-	2,576	-	2,576	7,460
Fundraising activities	100	-	-	100	
Interest on deposit account	-	-	-	-	
Dividend on investments	-	-	-	-	-
Members' subscriptions		-	-	-	
Charitable trading receipts		-	-	-	
Rents from land & buildings	-	-	-	-	-
Other charitable receipts		-	-	-	
A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)	100	2,576	-	2,676	7,460
A2 Asset and investment sales (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).					
Proceeds from sale of fixed asset		-	-	-	-
Loan repayments received		-	-	-	-
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	100	2,576	-	2,676	7,460
A3 Payments					
In Bloom Project 2022/23		1,053	-	1,053	926
LHLH Project		50	-	50	4,950
ANDBC Christmas Grant 2022/23		627	-	627	1,180
Insurance		421	-	421	416
Miscellaneous		191	-	191	172
Governance costs		13	-	13	13
Repymt of ANDBC Error pymt	-	83	-	83	
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A3 Sub total	-	2,438	-	2,438	7,657
A4 Asset and investment purchases (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
Purchase of investments	-	-	-	-	-
Loans made	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	2,438	-	2,438	7,657
Net of receipts/(payments)	100	138	-	238	- 197
A5 Transfers between funds		-		-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end		933		933	1,130
Cash funds this year end	100	1,071	-	1,171	933

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 £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current account	100	1,071	-	1,171	933
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	100	1,071	-	1,171	933
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK

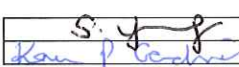
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets			-	-	-	-
			-	-	-	-
			-	-	-	-
			-	-	-	-
				Total	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B3 Investment assets			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
		Total	-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
		Total	-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	When due (optional)	Amount due (optional)	Last year
B5 Liabilities				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
		Total		-	-

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

Signature


Print Name
 SUSANE YOUNG
 KAREN O'BRIEN

Date of approval
 21/3/24

Independently examined by
 County Down Rural Community Network
 Signed: Frances McQuinn
 Date: 21/3/24

C4 Trustee expenses - details

	Number of trustees	£
	0	0
	0	0
	0	0
	0	0
	0	0

C5 Transactions with trustees and connected persons

Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction	Transaction amount (£)	Balance outstanding at period end (£)
		0	0
		0	0
		0	0
		0	0
		0	0

C6 Other information

Additional analysis (1)

Analysis of receipts and payments

1 Donations

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-

OK OK OK OK OK OK

2 Grants

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
ANDBC CD Grant	-	776	776	460
ANDBC Xmas Grant	-	1,000	1,000	1,000
ANDBC In Bloom Grant	-	800	800	1,000
LHLH	-	-	-	5,000
Total	-	2,576	2,576	7,460

OK OK OK OK

3 Gross receipts from other charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total current period	Total last period

Additional analysis (2)

5 Breakdown of restricted funds

	Restricted fund 1 - enter name of fund below	Restricted fund 2 - enter name of fund below	Restricted fund 3 - enter name of fund below	Restricted fund 4 - enter name of fund below	Total restricted funds	Total restricted funds last period
	ANDBC CD Grant	ANDBC In Bloom	ANDBC Xmas Grant	LHLH Grant		
Receipts						
Donations	-	-	-	-	-	-
Legacies	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	776	800	1,000	-	2,576	7,460
Receipts from fundraising activities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gross trading receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Income from investments other than land and buildings	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rents from land & buildings	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	776	800	1,000	-	2,576	7,460
					OK	
Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from sale of investments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
					OK	
Total receipts	776	800	1,000	-	2,576	7,460
					OK	

Payments

Expenses for fundraising activities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gross trading payments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investment management costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payments relating directly to charitable grants and donations	695	627	1,053	50	2,425	7,657	-
Governance costs:	13	-	-	-	13	-	-
Audit / independent examination	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Preparation of annual accounts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Legal costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	708	627	1,053	50	2,438	7,657	OK

Payments relating to asset and investment movements

Purchases of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Purchase of investments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-	OK
Total payments	708	627	1,053	50	2,438	7,657	OK
Net receipts / (payments)	68	173	(53)	(50)	138	(197)	OK
Transfers to / (from) funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	OK
Surplus / (deficit) for year	68	173	(53)	(50)	138	(197)	OK

Nature and purpose of funds

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Portavogie Regeneration Forum

Northern Ireland - Charity number 107292

Annual report



Portavogie Regeneration Forum Annual Report 2024

This report outlines the work and achievements of Portavogie Regeneration Forum since our previous General Meeting in June 23.

Please see below a timeline of our project delivery from the start of April 2023.

- Spring-Summer 2023 In Bloom – completed
- April 2023 – March 2024 Running costs - completed
- Winter 2023 Christmas Festival - completed
- Spring-Winter 2024/5 In Bloom – applied for awaiting decision
- April 2024 – March 2025 Running costs – applied for awaiting decision

In addition to these achievements, we have continued to work with elected representatives, statutory, and voluntary agencies around many regeneration issues.

Throughout the period we have also supported and advertised numerous ‘Beach Cleans’ with NIFHA and Portavogie Primary School. Our thanks to Mrs Murray who brought the P7’s to the clean and has agreed to support future cleans. I hope we have inspired a few eco-warriors!! The school also support us with our In Bloom projects not only do they allow us unlimited use of their polytunnel but the pupils assist with the planting of potatoes and onions. Susan and Anne do a fabulous job leading the planting sessions and I hope in years to come one or two of the children will have picked up enough skills to grow some of their own produce. We are currently working with a candidate from the Duke of Edinburgh scheme to complete the volunteering section of her bronze award.. We look forward to continuing these partnerships over the next year.

I would like to thank Ards and North Down Borough Council for their support, both financially and in terms of guidance. The ongoing support from elected representatives is appreciated and we hope these strong relationships will continue. The running costs we receive from the council and the department of communities is invaluable without this we would not be able to function.

The advice and mentoring given to us by Frances McCormick of County Down Rural Network has been invaluable and the Regeneration Forum would like to publicly thank Frances and the network for this, without you the PRF would not exist. We certainly would not be able to navigate the demands of HMRC and the Charities commission which increase every year with the introduction of charities commission accounts.

We only have six members, all of whom have work and family commitments, so it has been a struggle at times to deliver projects. To avoid sounding like a broken record but it is very clear that we must try again and again to attract more members who will bring a much-needed boost and hopefully key skills that would help make the group more productive in the future.

The Regeneration Forum is dedicated to driving and overseeing the regeneration and community development within Portavogie. This year as well as attracting more members we must try to fundraise to boost PRF monies in our account. This would enable the forum to apply for more grants that require groups to provide project money in advance to its completion. It is also our hope that this year will see the forum grow, both in terms of numbers on the committee, and in terms of reputation within the village and the wider Ards Peninsula.

Susanne Young (Treasurer)

James Kelly (Chairperson)

Portavogie Regeneration Forum

Northern Ireland - Charity number 107292

Annual return



County Down Rural Community Network

Ards Network Centre
43-45 Frances St
Newtownards BT23 7DX
Tel: 028 9182 8884

PORTAVOGIE REGENERATION FORUM

Unqualified Report for a charity that is a company limited by guarantee and has an income of £250,000 or less.

Independent Examiner's Report to the charity trustees of Portavogie Regeneration Forum

I report on the accounts of Portavogie Regeneration Forum for the year 1st December 2022 – 30th November 2023, which are set out attached.

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:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- 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.

Name: Frances McCormick

Relevant body: County Down Rural Community Network

Address: 43-45 Frances Street, Newtownards BT23 7DX

Independently examined by

County Down Rural Community Network

Signed: Frances McCormick

Date: 21/3/24

Portavogie Regeneration Forum

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Accounts

**PORTAVOGIE REGENERATION FORUM
FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS INCOME AND EXPENDITUE – 30TH NOVEMBER 2022**

OPENING BALANCE – 01/12/21

Accounts Opening Balance £1,130.23

Account Details

Income

ANDBC Running Costs Grant £460.06
 ANDBC In Bloom Grant 2021/22 £200.00
 ANDBC In Bloom Grant 2022/23 £800.00
 ANDBC Christmas Grant 2021/22 £200.00
 ANDBC Christmas Grant 2022/23 £800.00
 Keep NI Beautiful - LHLH Grant £5,000.00

Expenditure

In Bloom Project £925.90
 Christmas Celebrations £1,180.51
 Live Here Love Here Project £4,949.71
 Insurance £415.94
 Bank Fees £72.00
 Miscellaneous £113.00

Total £7,460.06

£7,657.06

Total Income £8,590.29

Total Expenditure

£7,657.06

Accounts

Closing Balance 30/11/22 £933.23

Signed Organisation Representative:

S. J. S.

Position in Organisation:

Treasurer

Date:

4th May 2023

Signed Independent Examiner:

Frances McLennan

Organisation:

County Down Rural Community Network

Date:

5th May 2023

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Please see below a timeline of our project delivery from the start of April 2022.

- Spring-Summer 2022 In Bloom
- Winter-ongoing 2022 LHLH
- Winter 2022 Christmas Festival
- Spring-ongoing 2023 In Bloom

In addition to these achievements, we have continued to work with elected representatives, statutory, and voluntary agencies around many regeneration issues. Throughout the period we have also supported and advertised numerous 'Beach Cleans' and as part of LHLH have a group of 30 volunteers who are looking after nominated spots throughout the village. We look forward to continuing this partnership work within the coming year.

I would like to thank Ards and North Down Borough Council for their support, both financially and in terms of guidance. The ongoing support from elected representatives is appreciated and we hope these strong relationships will continue. On that note we would like to wish Pete every success as a newly elected councillor, he has always been a hardworking, organised, and focused member of our team who quietly did a large share of the work. Pete, thank you for the many hours of commitment you have given the PRF. I know that Pete will do an amazing job at ANDBC. Portavogie and the lower Peninsula was already blessed to have one hardworking councillor in Robert Adair and now they will have two, so the future seems bright for the villages that were in the past so often forgotten.

We would like to wish Lorna a long and happy retirement. Unfortunately, we will also lose Lorna who was one of the founder members all those years ago. Lorna, we can't thank you enough for the many Tuesdays you have stayed after school to attend meetings, that must have felt like afterschool detention, but you never complained. You have always encouraged our close working relationship with Portavogie Primary School. No project was too large or too small for school involvement and each project always warranted a schoolbag drop! You often filled in for an absent Chairperson and recent rolls have included Treasurer and Secretary. It's fair to say that the Forum even managed to teach a headteacher a thing or two

over the years, for instance you now know that strawberries are perennial! We will miss you but look forward to regular updates from you about your life after school and PRF.

The advice and mentoring given to us by Frances McCormick of County Down Rural Network has been invaluable and the Regeneration Forum would like to publicly thank Frances and the network for this, without you the Forum would not exist. Finally, I would like to thank Portavogie Primary School, a special mention to Anne and Susan who spearhead the 'In Bloom' planting and all the volunteers in the community who participated in and helped with projects and initiatives over the last fourteen months.

In recent months, it has become clear that the forum is facing two main obstacles, financial and lack of members. Due to budget delays at the Department of Communities we have seen our running costs budget 2023-24 cut to just enough to pay for insurance and bank charges, thankfully the council have still allocated their part of the grant however I am unsure if we will receive any extra funds from the Department of Communities. We can no longer avail of free monthly meetings due to council budget restraints, whilst it couldn't have come at a worst time, we would like to thank the council for the many years of free meetings we have received which has been a great support. With Lorna's retirement we only have six members, all of whom have work and family commitments, so it has been a struggle at times to deliver projects. It is very clear that we must try again and again to attract more members who will bring a much-needed boost and hopefully key skills that would help make the group more productive in the future.

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James Kelly (Portavogie Regeneration Forum Chairperson)

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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.

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Signed: 

Dated: 4th May 2023