

# THE BETHANY COMMUNITY TRUST

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by 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 (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

This document has been prepared based on the guidance provided by the Charity Commission and Trustees have had regard to the Commission's Public Benefit requirement statutory guidance.

### **Objectives and activities**

The Bethany Community Trust was set up by members of the Limavady Community with the objective of building a local community hall on the site of a parish hall that was destroyed in a fire in 2009.

The site of the Community Centre lies in an identified area of deprivation. Accordingly, the Bethany Trust was able to attract funding from the Neighbourhood Renewal Investment Fund which operates under the auspices of the Department for Communities (D for C) in Northern Ireland. The application was successful and the Trust received a grant of £400,000 towards the cost of the building.

The cost of the build was approximately £1 million. The Parish of Limavady provided £720,000 with the balance coming from the Neighbourhood Renewal Investment Fund. The build work was completed in 2020 and the charity took delivery of the keys in September 2020. The building was used infrequently over the first two years. The calendar year 2022 was the first year when the Bethany Community Centre was free to open without Covid-19 restrictions.

The day to day management of the Community Centre is carried out by a steering group drawn from the different groups using the facility.

### *Public benefit*

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

### **Achievements and performance**

#### *Significant activities and achievements against objectives*

The following groups are presently using the Community Centre on an ongoing basis:

- Senior Citizens
- Mourners
- Ecumenical Groups
- St Vincent de Paul / Salvation Army at Christmas time
- Community meetings
- Bowling clubs
- Children's summer scheme
- Special needs groups
- Local drama and arts groups
- Voluntary outreach programmes / courses
- School parents and teachers associations
- Community concerts and shows, guest teas etc.
- Health and well being (elderly etc.)
- Pilates

### **Financial review**

Total incoming resources amounted to £17,233 (2022: £19,594) and after deducting resources expended of £42,521 (2022: £40,551) net expenditure of resources amounted to £25,288 (2022: £20,957).

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### Structure, governance and management

The Bethany Community Trust, a private company limited by guarantee, was incorporated on 17 November 2016 (company No: NI 642200). The Directors of the Trust are all drawn from the local community and give their time and professional expertise completely free of charge.

The Northern Ireland Charities Commission approved The Bethany Community Trust's registration on 23 November 2020.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Monsignor B McCanny

Dr S Bradley

Mr F McAulay

Mr G McNicholl

Mr N MacFlynn

Mrs M Harron

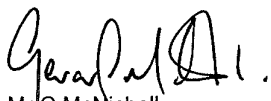
### *Recruitment and appointment of trustees*

Any person who is willing to act as a trustee, and is permitted by law to do so, may be appointed to be a trustee by either an ordinary resolution or by a decision of the trustees.

Unless otherwise determined by the company in General Meeting the number of trustees shall be not less than two.

None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Mr G McNicholl

**Trustee**

27 February 2024