

Galbally Friends Fund
Annual General Meeting 21 May 2024
Secretary's Report

Firstly I would like to welcome everyone here this evening. I am the secretary for Galbally Friends Fund and I will give a brief introduction and a quick outline of what we, as a committee have been doing since our last annual general meeting, which was held on 2nd May 2023.

So I will start this evening by introducing the current committee and what role each member has. The committee is made up as follows:

Paddy Begley (Fundraising Officer)
Pauline Bowman (Assistant Secretary)
Fergal Kelly (PR & Advertising)
Katrina Loughran (Joint Chairperson)
Plunkett McCrory (Fundraising Officer)
Roisin McNulty (Joint Chairperson, Secretary)
Francis McVeigh (Treasurer)

So, the main aim of Galbally friends Fund is to support the local community, as defined by the townlands outlined in our Trust Deeds, by means of financial assistance. In this reporting year, there were 6

beneficiaries, each receiving payment of £2000.00, as well as ⁵all receiving a Christmas payment also. However, 1 payment was processed very late in the last financial year, and this beneficiary will be included in the accounts for 2024-2025 period.

The group met as a committee on 12 occasions in the past year and in the past year we received 3 financial donations from within the parish, one from the local primary school, and two donations from local businesses.

We continue to reach out to the community through social media outlets and the parish bulletin. In December we had a very successful campaign on social media. We received endorsements from 8 local community groups and this was published on Facebook on the lead up to Christmas. Application forms continue to be kept in the foyer of Galbally Community Centre and at the back of Galbally Chapel. These forms have now been updated to include payment details for online transfers.

Aims & Objectives for 2024-2025

The main aim of the committee is to continue to keep the group active within the community and to continue to support those outlined in group's trust deeds i.e. townlands named. The committee members are keen to raise the profile of the group within the community more, and this is something we are working on at present and hope to develop more in the coming year. We aim to continue to be as accessible as possible to the entire community.

As always, I would like to thank all the other committee members for their hard work and dedication to Galbally Friends Fund.

Signed: *Roisin McNulty* (Secretary)

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