

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT for Enniskillen ComicFest
for the year ended 31st July 2022

The trustees present their Trustees' Annual Report prepared in accordance with Charities SORP (effective January 2015) and the independently examined statements for the year ended 31st July 2022

Structure, Governance and Management

Enniskillen ComicFest is governed by its Constitution that was adopted on 1st September 2020.

The trustees at the date of this report and those who served during the financial year together with the dates of any changes are set out are listed below.

Trustees / Directors

The trustees who served during the year are as follows:

Chair. Paul Trimble

Secretary. Paul Donaghey

Treasurer. Chris Fawcett

Stephen Trimble

Lauren Trimble

James Eames

Niamh Cusack

Enniskillen ComicFest is registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland since 15th February 2021, under reference number NIC107954.

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Objectives and Activities

Objectives

The objectives of Enniskillen ComicFest are to advance the education of the public in the arts and culture of comic book literature and associated fields of art, design, technology, philosophy and literature, particularly, but not exclusively by:

- a) the organization of a comic book convention based in County Fermanagh;
- b) the encouragement of active participation by all ages and communities in the medium of comic book literature and other niche related hobbies and interests
- c) such other ways as the committee shall decide from time to time.

Key Activities in this Year

Initially it had been decided that due to the ongoing situation with Covid it would be best not to run ComicFest. However in the end a smaller, scaled down event was run with fewer Guest creators and stalls. The focus was on the launch of the new Battle Action Special rather than the usual more family

orientated event and advertising was primarily focused on comic shops rather than the public to keep attendance within safety parameters.

Enniskillen ComicFest Trustees have considered Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our objectives and in planning our future activities to ensure that these achieve the association's purposes and provide a benefit to beneficiaries.

Financial Review

Review of Business

Enniskillen ComicFest is non-profit making with net income and resources in this year of zero. Due to the costs incurred by the late cancellation on our 2020 ComicFest thanks to the global pandemic and the short lead time for this years show which reduced funding opportunities our Reserve has been used up. The Trustees are aware that this has been caused by circumstances beyond our control and steps will be taken to rebuild the Reserve. The trustees continue to manage resources in an efficient and sustainable manner.

Reserves Policy

Enniskillen ComicFest has a Reserves Policy, which requires that reserves are built or maintained at a level which ensures that the organisations core activities could continue during a period of unforeseen difficulty and that the organisations known liabilities will be paid should the organisation cease to trade.

Future Plans

Enniskillen ComicFest plans to continue to focus on controlling costs, while maintaining the high standards of service to our beneficiaries and running a top quality comic book convention.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

for the year ended 31st July 2022

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with

all appropriate regulations. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant information (information needed by the charity's independent examiner in connection with preparing the independent examiners report) of which the charity's independent examiner is unaware, and

- the trustees have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant independent examiner information and to establish that the charity's independent examiner is aware of that information.

On behalf of the Trustees



Paul Trimble
Trustee

Date: 22/5/23