

Ards Peninsula Villages Partnership

Northern Ireland · Charity number 108317

Details

Status Received

Registered 2021-11-25

Register [View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register](#)

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Activities

Purposes: The Charity's purposes ('the Objects') are to:- (1) To advance community development and rural regeneration in the Ards Peninsula areas of Ballyhalbert, Ballywalter, Carrowdore, Cloughey, Greyabbey, Kircubbin, Millisle, Portaferry, and Portavogie (the "area of benefit") and in particular the promotion of the community and voluntary sector for the benefit of the public by: (a) Development of opportunities to promote the area and enhance the visitor and local community's experiences. (b) Encourage economic and social development through signposting and/or creation of opportunities to enhance employability for local people. (c) Work in partnership with others to restore, safeguard and create access to the environment and heritage including historical sites on the Ards Peninsula. (d) Provide opportunities for community groups to network to build healthier, safer and stronger communities across the Ards Peninsula where member organisations can join together to find mutual support, exchange views, share common issues and information, create a collective voice and work in partnership promoting equity, diversity and interdependences.

What the charity does: The advancement of citizenship or community development

How the charity works: Community development,Heritage/historical,Rural development

Who the charity helps: General public,Voluntary and community sector

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£18,405	£14,665	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Andrew Gillespie		
Brian Bailie		
James Kelly		
John Carlile		
Mary Mageean		
Steve Newell		
William Carlile		
William Megraw		

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Accounts

Ards Peninsula Villages Partnership
Accounts 2024/25

Opening Balance Unrestricted - 01/04/24 **£2,076.20**
 ACNI Restricted Fund from 2023/24 **£4,716.00**
Account Balance Total April 2024 £6,792.20

Income	2024/25	Last Year	Expenditure	2024/25	Last Year
Grant - ANDBC Festival Grant	£5,017.00	£7,338.04	Insurance	£500.23	£638.71
Grant - ANDBC Community Development Grant 23/24	£229.00	£916.00	Website Hosting	£450.00	£239.96
Grant - ANDBC Community Development Grant 24/25	£1,350.09		Venue Hire	£340.00	£367.90
Grant - NIHE	£2,575.00		Photocopying etc	£200.00	
Grant - ACNI Grant Balance	£624.00	£5,616.00	Art Mosaic Project	£5,079.76	£900.00
Traders Fees	£1,750.00	£960.00	Kite Festival	£8,095.96	£7,011.83
Collection Tin Donations	£68.58				

Income Total: £11,613.67 £14,830.04 Expenditure Total : £14,665.95 £9,158.40

Account Total Income 2024/25 £18,405.87

2024/25 - Income/Expenditure Balance £3,739.92

C/F Restricted ACNI Grant **£449.54**
 C/F Restricted ANDBC Festival Grant **£1,000.00**

Balance Unrestricted 2024/25 £2,290.38

Signed Treasurer

Date:

M. Waage
26/6/25

Independently examined by

County Down Rural Community Network

Signed: *Francis McEneaney*

Date: 26/6/25

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£1,115.76

OPENING BALANCE - 01/04/23

Account Details
Income

Grants - Ards and North Down Borough Council
Grant - Arts Council for NI Sept 23-Aug 24
Donations - Kite Festival Traders

Expenditure

Insurance £638.71
Website Hosting £239.96
Venue for Meetings £367.90
Kite Festival £7,011.83
Art Mosaic Project £900.00

Income Total:

£14,830.04

Expenditure Total :

£9,158.40

2023/24 - Income/Expenditure Balance

£5,671.64

Account Balance - 31/03/24

£6,787.40

2024 - Restricted Funding (ACNI)

£4,716.00

Unrestricted Balance

£2,071.40

Signed Chairperson

Date:

R. O'Neally
13th. May 2024.

Independently examined by

County Down Rural Community Network

Signed: *James McConico*

Date: 18/5/2024

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Annual report

**ARDS PENINSULA VILLAGES PARTNERSHIP
ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2023/24
GIVEN AT AGM ON 13TH MAY 2024
BY BILL MEGRAW, CHAIRPERSON**

- APVP still meeting every month via Zoom or in person, with sub group meetings Kite Festival and Heritage being held in person.
- Charitable Status maintained.
- Several Strategic meetings held with local Councillors and MLAs in terms of promoting the work of APVP and asking for support to promote the Ards Peninsula to Tourists.
- Continued engagement with Council Regeneration Dept with updates on ANDBC Small Settlement Schemes, Village Plans, etc.
- Delivered the Ards Peninsula Kite Festival held in Ballywalter a great event with good press coverage.
 - Development of 9 policies and forms to ensure compliance with ANDBC policies and health and safety of the public.
 - Giant Kites and Sand sculptor on Site;
 - Up to up to 7000 attendees – 61% from Ards and North Down, 37% rest of Northern Ireland and 2% International;
 - Additional 1000 car park spaces provided, thanks to Lord Dunleath;
 - 7 Food stalls and 13 craft stalls;
 - Kite Design workshop;
 - Broad range of children’s entertainment – DJ, bouncy castle, magician, stilt walkers, roundabout, etc all free of charge; and
 - 40 volunteers manning event.
- Ards Peninsula Art Mosaic Project – funding has been obtained from Arts Council for NI, to undertake an Intergeneration Art Mosaic project in all 9 villages on the Ards Peninsula. This is still ongoing and it is intended that the final art mosaics will be displayed at a public space in each village and will create an art mosaic trail across the villages.
- Ards Peninsula Heritage Trail sub group has been meeting to explore pursuit of it, we have engaged with ANDBC Heritage Officer.
- Village Environment Planting, co-ordinated meeting with ANDBC Parks Department to discuss ANDBC planting schemes in the villages.
- Update undertaken of APVP website, thanks to Brian Bailie.

- APVP partnered with County Down Rural Community Network for the roll out of the Ards Peninsula Tatties Project, this saw 900 potato grow packs distributed at 100 packs per village all 9 villages on the Ards Peninsula.

Thanks

Thanks were to the management committee of APVP for their continued engagement and commitment to APVP. Thanks also expressed to Lord Dunleath, Carol Day, our MLAs and Councillors who have engaged with us. ANDBC Council Staff from Regeneration Dept, Heritage Dept, Parks Dept and Community Development Dept. And to CDRCN for help and secretariate.

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ARDS PENINSULA VILLAGES PARTNERSHIP

Unqualified report for a charity that is not a company and has an income of £250,000 or less.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Charity Trustees of Ards Peninsula Villages Partnership.

I report on the accounts of Ards Peninsula Villages Partnership from its formation, covering the period 1st April 2023 – 31st March 2024, 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

Signed: *Frances McCormick*

Dated: 13th May 2024

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OPENING BALANCE - 01/04/22

£644.03

Account Details

Income

ANDBC - Running Costs Grant Aid
 ANDBC - Community Festival Grant
 ANDBC - Tourism Festival Funding
 Traders Fees for Kite Festival
 CDRCN Loan

£968.72
 £3,516.03
 £2,295.00
 £630.00
 £5,000.00

Expenditure

Insurance
 Website Hosting
 Venue for Meetings
 AGM Refreshments
 Accounts Fee
 Kite Festival
 Stall Holder Fees
 CDRCN Repayment of Loan

£481.46
 £174.12
 £190.00
 £80.00
 £50.00
 £5,802.44
 £160.00
 £5,000.00

Income Total:

£12,409.75

Expenditure Total :

£11,938.02

2022/23 - Income/Expenditure Balance

£471.73

Account Balance - 31/03/23

£1,115.76

Signed Treasurer:

M Magee.

Date:

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Independently examined by

County Down Rural Community Network
 Signed: Frances McLeimide
 Date: 11th Sept 2023

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- Death of Michele Strong and the loss of her contribution to the group condolences given.
- APVP still meeting every month via Zoom, with sub group meeting.
- Charitable Status obtained.
- Several Strategic meetings held in terms of promoting the Ards Peninsula for Tourists:
 - Sharon Mahaffy and Claire McClay, ANDBC Tourism Dept
 - Sharon Scott, Strangford Lough Cluster.
- East Coast of Ards Peninsula approved to be part of Strangford Lough Cluster
- Continued engagement with Council Regeneration Dept and now all Village Entrance Signs have been erected, some of these still need adjustments.
- APVP partnered with County Down Rural Community Network or organise and deliver Tatties Project, this saw 900 potato grow packs distributed at 100 packs per village all 9 villages on the Ards Peninsula got involved.
- Gardening Workshops, partnering with CDRCN herb workshops and strawberry workshops held in Ballywalter, Greyabbey, Millisle, Portaferry and Portavogie



Mayor of Ards and North Down, Karen Douglas, was at Millisle Beach Park recently to launch this year's Ards Peninsula Kite Festival which will be held there on August 21 from 11am-3pm. From left are Frances McCormick, (Co. Down Rural Community Network), Willow Calvert, Bill McGraw, (Ards Peninsula Villages Partnership), Sandra Henderson, (Co. Down Rural Community Network), Mayor Douglas, Stephen Newell, (chairman of the Ards Peninsula Villages Partnership), Autumn Calvert, councillor Eddie Thompson, and Billy Carlisle, (Ballywalter Committee of the Ards Peninsula Villages Partnership).
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- Kite Festival held in Millisle with up to 7000 attendees, great event and excellent coverage in press and TV.
- Ards Peninsula Heritage Trail Survey undertaken and results compiled.
- Response submitted to DAERA regarding Fishing consultation, awareness of new Offshore Wind Farm proposals.
- Disappointment expressed with ANDBC declining to be part of the GEO Park and how ANDBC are lagging behind other Councils in promoting tourism especially the Ards Peninsula.
- Thanks were also expressed to Councillor Eddie Thompson for attending meetings and to CDRCN and Frances for help and secretariate.



Report Proposed by Steve Newell and Seconded by Barbara Workman and accepted by all.

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