

## **Trustee Annual Report**

### **Collective Community**

**Reg No:** 109297

A community of people gathering to make a difference in our local community, as we live out our faith, providing a community garden, food for refugees and asylum seekers, projects focused on wellbeing, and regular gatherings for community and spiritual life.

### **Address**

7 Dirraw Road, Ballymoney, BT53 7LB

### **Trustees**

Diana Ramsey

Kenneth Baird

Heather Shiels

### **Activities**

#### **Faith Communities**

- Meeting in various locations around the north coast, our communities gathered regularly for the benefit of their members and the local neighbourhood.
- We have invested in centralised office space at our community space, with investment in live streaming and video content creation allowing us to provide support to those faith communities meeting in various places across the north coast including teaching material, recordings for those unable to attend, etc.

#### **Community Garden**

- We continued to grow our community/garden/coffee space called Origin, on Dirraw Road in Ballymoney.
- We added solar power to help us offset the growing amount of power required to run activities throughout the year.
- Organised community benefit events multiple times per week throughout the year where local people are welcome to come and enjoy a safe and warm environment, grow their own food, and aid wellbeing.
- We delivered food grown in our gardens to refugee and asylum seeker families locally and further afield in Belfast.
- The team advised other groups across the UK on starting similar projects, and this remains a key objective - to encourage and inspire others to make a difference.

### **Public Benefit Requirement**

The trustees have all necessary policies and systems in place, such as Conflict of Interest and Safeguarding policies. Quarterly meetings are held and recorded. Regular updates on the financial position are received. Community programmes are held throughout the year for the benefit of all. Regular contact is kept with funding agencies and local council employees. Training programmes are attended, and information is circulated through our WhatsApp group.

### **Transactions with related parties**

During the year our Collective employed one of our trustees as team leader, and transacted for work undertaken in the stewarding of events, running the community garden, and paid agreed compensation for electric/heating/maintenance used on the shared site.

### **Year-End Financial Position**

Spending on projects was higher than usual during this period for our organisation, due to specific income used to upgrade facilities at our community garden space. We don't foresee any issues going forward, due to excellent regular financial support from members and our plan to seek funding and grants over the coming months.

We have current policies in place such as Financial and Anti-Fraud, which are regularly updated.

### **Thanks**

As chairperson, I would like to acknowledge everyone involved in the wider Collective Community, and in particular the core team who make everything work especially with the intense and demanding job of looking after the Community Space at Origin throughout the year.

**Signed:**

K Baird  
Chairperson  
Signed:

