



ANNUAL REPORT 2022

Ballee Community Association

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The Committee of Ballee Community Association present their Annual Report for the year 2022 and Accounts for the year 01.04.21 to 31.03.2022 and confirm that they comply with requirements of The Charities Commission for Northern Ireland.

This report has been prepared in line with the Objectives and Constitution of the Association by the Committee with the assistance Ballymena South Cluster.

Registered Association Address:

Ballee Community Centre

3 Ballee Way

Ballymena

BT42 3EX

MEMBERS 2021 – 22

List of Committee Members

Ronnie Crooks
Sydney McKeown
Iris Smyth
Margaret McKeown
Diane Young
Maureen Waring
Joan Ferguson
Cllr. Elizabeth Adger (MEABC)
Richard Hastings (Green Pastures)
Stephen Johnson (Victory Praise)

Committee Office Bearers

Chairperson - Ronnie Crooks
Secretary - Iris Smyth
Treasurer - Sydney McKeown

Professional Advisors

Bankers Ulster Bank

Insurance Brokers AJ Gallagher

Support Services:

Ballymena South Community
Cluster Ballee Community Centre,
Ballymena,

OUR OBJECTIVES

Ballee Community Association is an Unincorporated Association governed by an adopted Constitution. Application has been successfully made to the Charities Commission for Northern Ireland and is now recognised as a Charity.

Charity Registration Number: NIC100100

Charity Name: Ballee Community Association

CHAIRMAN'S SUMMARY

Strategic Highlights

It has been an active year in which we have seen the return of "normal" activities, including the weekly Ballee 60+ Luncheon Club and an additional short term project which saw the delivery of a Warm Space. This initiative, supported and funded by MEABC, was to ease the burden of the rising cost of living, and to offer an opportunity for friendship, as well as helping the community to save on their own heating bills by accessing a community space.

The committee continues to support Ballee Community Childcare Centre. Kim Rodgers provides an excellent service to the community in her role as Childcare Manager. The Pre-School is funded through PEAGS and in the academic year from September 2021-June 2022 there were 41 funded places through PEAGS. While the After Schools provision was not required due to lockdowns imposed by the Covid Pandemic, a growing need for Pre-Pre School provision was identified and is now part funded through the DfC Neighbourhood Renewal Program and the Pathway Fund.

The Education Authority's Ballymena South Area Youth Worker continues to offer targeted youth provision in Ballee and has completed weekly sessions with a small group of youth. This group is increasing in numbers and EA have pledged to continue this work in Ballee throughout 2023.

Free classes continue to be offered to the community through the CALL Project and a Soft Furnishings Class started in March 2023. These classes continue to provide an opportunity for both learning, and social bonding.

BCA continues to be part of Ballee and Harryville Community Enterprises and the Enabling Scheme/Wind Turbine Project is coming to an end with the sale of turbines. The Ballee & Harryville Workspace units continue to be a success with 100% occupancy at all times. B Holmes, I Smyth, D Young and M McKeown

continue to represent the committee on the board. W. McDowell has now resigned from the Board of Ballee & Harryville Community Enterprises.

We have seen some changes to the committee in the past year and we are sad to say goodbye to our Treasurer, Mr. Sydney McKeown, who put in over 10 years of service and maintained the accounts for the Association. We thank Mr. McKeown for all his hardwork and dedication over the years. Ms. Smyth is instrumental in supporting the 60+ Club each week and we thank her her for everything she does for the Association and our members.

We continue to be supported by the Ballymena South Community Cluster staff team, including H. Bowyer in her role as Community Development Officer, and A. Stewart who is the Administrative Assistant. This support is vital to our ongoing success and we thank them for assisting us with funding applications, promotion of our work, and general admin support.

We appreciate Cllr. Beth Adger as she continues to support us as our local councillor on the Mid and East Antrim Borough Council. We also thank our Honourary President Mrs. Margaret McKeown, who has had Ballee Community in her heart for many years.

The Association continues to do everything it can to improve the lives of Ballee residents. It has been my privilege to continue to serve as Chairperson. I would like to thank all the members for all their work in the various aspects of the Association and in particular the Office Bearers who have been an invaluable help and constant source of encouragement.

Ronnie Crooks
Chairman

REPORT ON ACTIVITIES

Luncheon Club

The Luncheon Club has attracted a few new members this year and each week up to 25 older people are supported with a hot meal and an activity. During the past year the Club has received talks from the Dog's Trust and Diabetes UK and a visit from Wee Critters. Funding was also accessed through MEABC to host a special Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration, which was truly a once in a lifetime opportunity.

CALL Project

Members of the community were able to attend a Soft Furnishing Class, as well as some members meeting on a Thursday to partake in knitting and crocheting.

Community Centre

Ballee Community Centre has been utilised for the Ballee 60+ Club, targeted Youth Work, Linedancing classes, and focus group sessions, Child Bereavement Counselling Services, and NIHE Drop Ins.

Childcare Centre

Ballee Community Childcare has continued to deliver first class childcare services to the community. The Pre-preschool and Pre-School continue to have healthy waiting lists and K. Rodgers continues to run the childcare centre smoothly and efficiently.

Ballee and Harryville Community Enterprises

The letting of the workspace units (beside the Childcare Centre) continue to generate much needed revenue for the community. Currently the units are at 100% capacity and BHCE continues to be Lead Partner in Ballymena South Community Cluster and are working hard to finalise the Cluster's Wind Turbine Project.

FINANCIAL

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Statement of Receipts & Payments for Year End:

31 March 2022

	Current Year Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Current Year Restricted Funds 2022 £	Current Year Total Funds 2022 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2021 £
RECEIPTS				
Donations & Legacies				
Donations and gifts from individuals	500		500	1,800
<i>Charitable Activities:</i>				
Grants / MEA SLA		6,864	6,864	6,625
60+ Club & Fundraising	3,945		3,945	2,000
User Groups	815		815	480
	5,260	6,864	12,124	10,905
PAYMENTS				
Running Costs		5,410	5,410	5,061
Events / Projects	3,717		3,717	5,874
Bank Fees & Interest	83		83	75
Equipment & Fittings				2,721
Donations to Other Groups	100		100	200
Ballee Community Childcare	10,000		10,000	872
	13,901	5,410	19,311	14,802
Asset / Investment Purchases	-	-	-	-
Surplus / (Deficit) for the Year	(8,641)	1,454	(7,187)	(3,897)

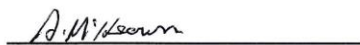
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Statement of Assets & Liabilities - Year End:

31 March 2022

FUNDS RECONCILIATION	Current Year	Current Year	Current Year	Prior Year
	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Total Funds brought forward 01.04.21	47,391	-	47,391	51,288
Surplus / Deficit this Year:	(8,641)	1,454	(7,187)	(3,897)
Total Funds carried forward 31.03.22	38,750	1,454	40,204	47,391
Bank & Cash Balances				
Ulster Bank Current Account			40,204	47,391
			40,204	47,391
Other Assets (Unrestricted Fund)				
			-	-
Liabilities (Unrestricted Fund)				
			-	-
TOTAL NET ASSETS			40,204	47,391

This report was approved by the Trustees on 28 June 2022 and signed on their behalf by:



Mr Sydney McKeown
Treasurer

Ballee

Community Association

