

**FERMANAGH RURAL COMMUNITY NETWORK**  
(A company limited by guarantee, not having a share capital)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**RELATING TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

**Fermanagh Rural Community Network**  
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
for the year ended 31 March 2024

**15.2 ANALYSIS OF MOVEMENTS ON FUNDS**

	Balance 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers between funds £	Balance 31 March 2024 £
DAERA	-	131	131	-	-
Fermanagh & Omagh District Council	-	123,800	123,800	-	-
Screggagh Windfarm	-	59,923	59,923	-	-
Miscellaneous income	9,433	14,172	7,285	17,255	(935)
Lakeland Care	-	15,586	15,586	-	-
OFRA/DAERA	-	35,248	35,248	-	-
Dfc Volunteering	-	100	100	-	-
NIHE	-	16,637	16,637	-	-
SPRING	3,232	3,625	6,857	-	-
NI START	-	15,615	15,615	-	-
	12,665	284,837	281,182	17,255	(935)
<b>Unrestricted Income</b>					
Fermanagh Rural Community Network	71,612	-	-	17,255	88,867
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>84,277</b>	<b>284,837</b>	<b>281,182</b>	<b>34,510</b>	<b>87,932</b>

**16. STATUS**

The company is limited by guarantee not having a share capital.

The liability of the members is limited.

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company in the event of its being wound up while they are members, or with one year thereafter, for the payment of debts and liabilities of the company contracted before they ceased to be members, and the costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributors among themselves, such amount as may be required, not exceeding £1.

**17. POST-BALANCE SHEET EVENTS**

There have been no significant events affecting the Charity since the year-end.

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**13. GRANTS RECEIVABLE**

**Capital grants received and receivable**

At 1 April 2023	6,911	6,911
Increase in year	-	-

As 31 March 2024	5,998	5,767
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**Amortisation**

At 1 April 2023	(5,767)	(5,487)
Amortised in year	(231)	(280)

At 31 March 2024	(5,998)	(5,767)
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**Net book value**

At 31 March 2024	913	1,144
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At 1 April 2023	1,144	1,424
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**14. RESERVES**

<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
£	£

At 1 April 2023	84,277	79,764
for the year	3,655	4,513

At 31 March 2024	87,932	84,277
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**15. FUNDS**

**15.1 RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
At 1 April 2022	79,764	-	79,764
Movement during financial year	1,281	3,232	4,513
	81,045	3,232	84,277
At 31 March 2023			
Movement during financial year	7,822	(4,167)	3,655
At 31 March 2024	88,867	(935)	87,932

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**9. EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION**

The average number of persons employed (including executive directors) during the year was as follows:

	2024 Number	2023 Number
Administration	4	3

The staff costs comprise:

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	92,084	73,931
Pension costs	5,149	4,784
	<u>97,233</u>	<u>78,715</u>

**10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>		
At 1 April 2023	36,132	36,132
Additions	-	-
At 31 March 2024	<u>36,132</u>	<u>36,132</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>		
At 1 April 2023	24,241	24,241
Charge for the year	2,378	2,378
At 31 March 2024	<u>26,619</u>	<u>26,619</u>
<b>Net book value</b>		
At 31 March 2024	<u>9,513</u>	<u>9,513</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>11,891</u>	<u>11,891</u>

**11. DEBTORS**

	2024 £	2023 £
Other debtors	25,100	7,148
	<u>25,100</u>	<u>7,148</u>

**12. CREDITORS**

Amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Other creditors	23,481	3,790
Accruals and deferred income	57,567	56,497
	<u>81,048</u>	<u>60,287</u>



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**Taxation and deferred taxation**

No current or deferred taxation arises as the company has been granted charitable exemption. Irrecoverable valued added tax is expensed as incurred.

**3. GOING CONCERN**

The Directors/Trustees envisage that based on future funding opportunities the company will be performing on a much lesser scale. The Directors/Trustees confirm that it is appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis. The financial statements do not include any adjustments that would result if the going concern basis was not appropriate.

**4. INCOME**

**4.1 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 £	2023 £
Screggagh Wind Farm	-	59,923	59,923	56,497
DAERA - Rural Community Development Support Service	-	131	131	154
Fermanagh & Omagh District Council	-	123,800	123,800	600
Lakeland Community Care	-	15,586	15,586	38,557
NI START	-	15,615	15,615	20,000
OFRA/DAERA	-	35,248	35,248	-
Dfc Volunteering	-	100	100	126
NIHE	-	22,987	22,987	23,375
SPRING	-	3,625	3,625	17,481
	-	<u>277,015</u>	<u>277,015</u>	<u>156,790</u>

**4.2 OTHER INCOME**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 £	2023 £
Other income	<u>7,822</u>	-	<u>7,822</u>	<u>1,281</u>

**Fermanagh Rural Community Network**  
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
for the year ended 31 March 2024

**1. GENERAL INFORMATION**

Fermanagh Rural Community Network is a company limited by guarantee not having a share capital incorporated in Northern Ireland. The registered office of the company is 3 Queen Street, Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh, BT74 7JR which is also the principle place of business of the company. The financial statements have been presented in Pound Sterling (£) which is also the functional currency of the company.

**2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the charity's financial statements.

**Basis of Preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and Part 8 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. They also comply with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2005, as updated in 2008) and with the financial reporting standards. The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the company's financial statements.

**Statement of compliance**

The financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 March 2024 have been prepared on the going concern basis and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015)' and FRS102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic', applying Section 1A of that Standard.

**Cash flow statement**

The company has availed of the exemption in FRS102 from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement because it is classified as a small company.

**Incoming Resources**

Voluntary income or capital is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the company is legally entitled to it, its financial value can be quantified with reasonable certainty and there is reasonable certainty of its ultimate receipt. Entitlement to legacies is considered established when the company has been notified of a distribution to be made by the executors. Income received in advance of due performance under a contract is accounted for as deferred income until earned. Grants for activities are recognised as income when the related conditions for legal entitlement have been met. All other income is accounted for on an accruals basis.

**Resources Expended**

All resources expended are accounted for on an accruals basis. Charitable activities include costs of services and grants, support costs and depreciation on related assets. Costs of generating funds similarly include fundraising activities. Non-staff costs not attributed to one category of activity are allocated of apportioned pro-rata to the staffing of the relevant service. Finance, HR, IT and administrative staff costs are directly attributable to individual activities by objective. Governance costs are those associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.

**Tangible fixed assets and depreciation**

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost or at valuation, less accumulated depreciation. The charge to depreciation is calculated to write off the original cost or valuation of tangible fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives as follows:-

Fixtures, fittings and equipment	-20% reducing balance
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**Debtors**

Debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due. Income recognised by the company from government agencies and other co-funders, but not yet received at year ended, is included in debtors.

**Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash at bank and in hand comprises cash on deposit at banks requiring less than three months notice withdrawal.

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**BALANCE SHEET**  
**as at 31 March 2024**

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Tangible assets	10	<u>9,513</u>	<u>11,891</u>
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Debtors	11	25,100	7,148
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>135,280</u>	<u>126,670</u>
		<u>160,380</u>	<u>133,818</u>
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	12	<u>(81,048)</u>	<u>(60,287)</u>
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		<u>79,332</u>	<u>73,531</u>
<b>Total Assets less Current Liabilities</b>		88,845	85,422
<b>Grants receivable</b>	13	<u>(913)</u>	<u>(1,144)</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u>87,932</u>	<u>84,278</u>
<b>Funds</b>			
Restricted trust funds		-	-
General fund (unrestricted)		87,932	84,278
<b>Total funds</b>	15	<u>87,932</u>	<u>84,278</u>

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

For the financial year ended 31 March 2024 the company was entitled to exemption from the audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006; and no notice has been deposited under section 476.


The directors confirm that the members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its profit and loss for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland', applying Section 1A of that Standard.

**Approved by the Board of Directors and authorised for issue on 16 September 2024 and signed on its behalf by:**

  
**Louise McLaughlin-Borlace**  
**Director**

  
**Margaret Burleigh**  
**Director**

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**SUMMARY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**  
For the year ended 31 March 2024

<b>Statement of</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Unrestricted Funds	7,822	1,281
Restricted Funds	277,015	156,790
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>284,837</u>	<u>158,071</u>
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<u>(281,182)</u>	<u>(153,558)</u>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>	<u>3,655</u>	<u>4,513</u>

The company has no recognised gains or losses other than the results for the year. The results for the year have been calculated on the historical cost basis.

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
For the year ended 31 March 2024

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
<b>Incoming Resources</b>						
Charitable activities						
Grants from governments and other co-funder	4.1	277,015	277,015	-	156,790	156,790
Other income	4.2	7,822	7,822	1,281	-	1,281
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>7,822</b>	<b>277,015</b>	<b>284,837</b>	<b>1,281</b>	<b>156,790</b>	<b>158,071</b>
<b>Resources Expended</b>						
Charitable activities	5.1	281,182	281,182	-	153,558	153,558
<b>Net incoming/outgoing resources before transfers</b>		<b>7,822</b>	<b>(4,167)</b>	<b>3,655</b>	<b>1,281</b>	<b>3,232</b>
Gross transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds for the year</b>		<b>7,822</b>	<b>(4,167)</b>	<b>3,655</b>	<b>1,281</b>	<b>3,232</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>						
Balances brought forward at 1 April 2023	15	81,045	3,232	84,277	79,764	79,764
<b>Balances carried forward at 31 March 2024</b>		<b>88,867</b>	<b>(935)</b>	<b>87,932</b>	<b>81,045</b>	<b>3,232</b>
		<b>84,277</b>				

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.  
All income and expenditure relate to continuing activities.

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**OF FERMANAGH RURAL COMMUNITY NETWORK**

We have examined the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 March 2024, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Summary Income and Expenditure Accounts, the Balance Sheet and the related notes.

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our work has been undertaken so that we might compile the financial statements that we have been engaged to compile, report to the Board of Directors that we have done so, and state those matters that we have agreed to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members, as a body, for our work, or this report.

**Respective responsibilities of directors and examiner**

The company's trustees (who are the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and that an independent examination is required.

It is our responsibility to:-

- examine the financial statements under section 65 of the Charities Act;
- follow the procedures laid down by the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

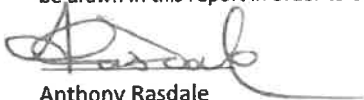
We have examined your company financial statements as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and our examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the company and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from the directors concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention which gives us cause to believe that in any material aspect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006
- the financial statements do not accord with those accounting records
- the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102)
- there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Independent examiner's statement**

We have no concern and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



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**STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES**  
For the year ended 31 March 2024

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

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law) including FRS102

The Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' Section 1A (Small Entities). Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the surplus or deficit of the company for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the relevant financial reporting framework, identify those standards, and note the effect and the reasons for any material departure from those standards; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in operation.

The directors confirm that they have complied with the above requirements in preparing the financial statements.

In so far as the directors are aware:

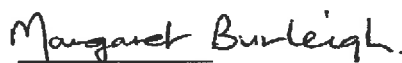
- there is no relevant information (information needed by the charity's independent examiner in connection with preparing the independent examiners report) of which the charity's independent examiner is unaware and
- the directors have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant independent examiner information and to establish that the charity's independent examiner is aware of that information.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**Approved by the Board of Directors on 16 September 2024 and signed on its behalf:**



**Louise McLaughlin-Borlace**  
Director



**Margaret Burleigh**  
Director

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### **DIRECTORS' ANNUAL REPORT**

**For the year ended 31 March 2024**

#### **Public Benefits**

The benefits which flow from the purpose of Fermanagh Rural Community Network are the provision of practical support in the form of guidance, information and signposting to their full and affiliated members. A benefit is also educational and networking opportunities being made available for member groups and the community through accessing the knowledge and expertise of the locally based staff, using the facilities provided in the resource centre and network services and programmes. Fermanagh Rural Community Network provides the above benefits to their rural communities by directly tackling issues that are causing disadvantage and poverty through; Empowering the voice of rural communities; Championing excellence in community development practice; Developing civic leadership in rural communities through a community development approach; Actively working towards an equitable and peaceful society; Promoting the sustainable development of rural communities. These benefits can be demonstrated through the Annual Reports of Fermanagh Rural Community Network and through ongoing monitoring and evaluation of work being carried out. The beneficiaries of Fermanagh Rural Community Network are community groups and the general public living in the area of benefit. There is no harm flowing from the purposes of Fermanagh Rural Community Network.

**Approved by the Board of Directors on 16th September 2024 and signed on its behalf:**



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Director



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**DIRECTORS' ANNUAL REPORT**  
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**Financial Review**

Fermanagh Rural Community Network is non-profit making with income in excess of expenditure of £3.655. The trustees and staff continue to manage resources in an efficient and sustainable manner.

**Financial Results**

At the end of the year the company has assets of £ 169,893 (2023 - £145,709) and liabilities of £81,961 ( 2023 - £61,431). The net assets of the company have increased by £ 3,654 .

**Future Plans**

Fermanagh Rural Community Network are focused on continuing its role as the Local Rural Support Network for County Fermanagh and have secured funding to operate and maintain service provision to its beneficiaries.

**Directors**

Louise McLaughlin-Borlace	Patrick Drumm
Margaret Burleigh	Liam Jones
Brian Richardson	Iris Mahon
Brian McManus	Rosemary Forde
Oliver McCaffrey	Kathleen Breen
Tony Harte	Pauline Carson

In accordance with the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the directors retire by rotation and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Fermanagh Rural Community Network has a Resource Centre and staffed office maintained with a Network Co-ordinator and Community Development worker and Administrator.

The secretary who served during the year was:

Brian Richardson

**Compliance with Sector- Wide Legislation and Standards**

The company engages pro-actively with legislation, standards and codes which are developed for the sector. Fermanagh Rural Community Network subscribes to and is compliant with the following:

- The Companies Act 2006
- The Charities SORP (FRS 102)

**Reserves Policy**

Fermanagh Rural Community Network have a Reserves Policy, which requires that reserves are built or maintained at a level which ensures that the organisation 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.

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This contract, funded by Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA), through the Tackling Rural Poverty and Social Isolation (TRPSI) Programme Framework, commenced on 1st November 2023.

- FRCN in partnership with Lakeland Community Care Limited; Erne East Community Partnership-OAK Healthy Living Centre; ARC Healthy Living Centre; The Courthouse Kesh Limited; Omagh Forum for Rural Associations delivered 'The Food Poverty – Financial and Wraparound Support Programme' that was operated under the working title of 'WRAP-Western Response & Action on Poverty' for Fermanagh and Omagh District Council. The WRAP Programme operated over timeframe November 2023 to March 2024 and 143 Households from across the entire Fermanagh and Omagh District received an Individual Personalised Tailored Plan of support that assisted their household in becoming better off in terms of food security, fuel provision and income level.

- FRCN managed the Screggagh Windfarm Community Benefit Fund in which twenty-nine eligible community & voluntary organisations received donations totalling £59,923.

- FRCN are a Registered Helper Group with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland and advise and support those groups undergoing charity registration charities with their annual reporting.

- FRCN have promoted the Community Planning process for the Fermanagh and Omagh District, are members of the Community Voluntary Sector Forum and Community Planning Strategic Partnership Board.

- FRCN are a member group of Fermanagh & Omagh Interagency Forum for Older People facilitated by South West Age Partnership and comprises of a community, voluntary and statutory organisations.

- FRCN are a partner organisation on Lough Erne Landscape Partnership, which has the aim of reconnecting local people with their Lough Erne Landscape and its built, natural & cultural history and heritage.

- FRCN are supporting and have representation on Fermanagh and Omagh PEACEPLUS Partnership which has been established to oversee the effective development and implementation of a Local Community Peace Action Plan. The partnership is representative of communities across the district and includes Councillors, Social Partners, and Statutory Representatives.

- FRCN are members of Fermanagh and Omagh District Council's Agricultural Liaison Group that undertakes liaison with and makes representation to the relevant bodies and agencies on behalf of the rural communities of the district.

- FRCN are members of and have Board representatives on Rural Community Network NI the regional voluntary organisation that articulates the voice of rural communities on issues relating to poverty, disadvantage, and equality.

- FRCN organise the Annual Community Achievement Awards and Networking Event recognising achievements of local Groups and Individuals. This event with the FRCN Annual General Meeting promotes and celebrates the extensive levels of voluntary community activity taking place throughout County Fermanagh.

Fermanagh Rural Community Network Trustees have considered Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing its objectives and in planning its future activities to ensure that these achieve the networks purposes and provide a benefit to beneficiaries.

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**Review of Activities, Achievements and Performance**

Fermanagh Rural Community Network in its role as the Local Rural Support Network for County Fermanagh delivered the following key community development support activities to positively benefit and sustain County Fermanagh's rural communities over the year.

- 71 Full Member Groups and 75 Associate Member Groups.
- 10 Network Management Committee Meetings.
- Developing Group Capacity and Projects - 800+ Member Group support requests including development assistance, funding information & project grant application assistance responded to during the year.
- 4 Member Group Support & Advice Workshops/ Information/ Consultation events.
- Facebook, Twitter, and Website updated regularly, and information updates circulated.
- Network representation on twenty strategic/theme-based partnerships
- FRCN continued strategic partnership with Lakeland Community Care Limited to deliver and expand the range of healthy living, social engagement, and community relations projects, delivered within and from Belcoo Healthy Living Centre.
- FRCN have received funding from the Northern Ireland Housing Executive under their Sustaining Tenancies Funding Programme to deliver the "*Erne West Sustaining Tenancies Project*" that is supporting NIHE tenants living in the Erne West Area with a range of actions that have the overall aim of increasing their levels of social interaction and wellbeing.
- FRCN have been awarded a *Start Here Programme Grant* from *The Rank Foundation* which is being used for employment of a new Community Development Officer for three years. The Department of Communities (DfC) provide the funding for the Start Here Programme Grant awards under their Covid Employment and Skills Initiative.
- FRCN working in collaboration with Lakeland Community Care Limited have a contract to deliver 'The *SPRING Rural Enhanced Social Prescribing Project (SRESPP)*' (to end of September 2023), focusing on the communities in Erne West District area of County Fermanagh. This project is a collaborative partnership project led by Derg Valley Care Healthy Living Centre on behalf of the Healthy Living Centre Alliance (HLCA) to deliver social prescriptions in local communities across Northern Ireland. The rural enhanced project is funded by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA).

FRCN and Omagh Forum for Rural Associations are working in partnership to deliver the 'DAERA Local Rural Community Development Support Service Programme' contract for the Fermanagh and Omagh District Council area, with key areas of work being under the following identified themes:

- Support for Community Planning
- Support for isolated rural people
- Support for the sustainability of Rural Villages
- Marginalised minority communities in rural border areas

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**DIRECTORS' ANNUAL REPORT**

For the year ended 31 March 2024

The Directors present their Directors' Annual Report, combining the Directors' Report and Trustees' Report, and the unaudited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and Accounting and Reporting by Charities Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The Directors' Report contains the information required to be provided in the Directors' Annual Report under the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) guidelines. The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purpose of charity law and under the company's constitution are known as members of the board of trustees.

In this report the directors of Fermanagh Rural Community Network present a summary of its purpose, governance, activities, achievements and finances for the financial year 31 March 2024.

The company is a registered charity and hence the report and results are presented in a form which complies with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and, although not obliged to comply with the statement of Recommended Practice applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015), the organisation has implemented its recommendations where relevant in these financial statements.

### **Missions, Objectives and Strategy**

#### **Mission Statement**

Fermanagh Rural Community Network provides practical support, guidance, information, signposting and networking opportunities for member groups, through our locally based staff, resource centre and network services and programmes. This benefits rural community groups in developing sustainable rural communities, directly tackling issues that are causing disadvantage and poverty.

#### **Objectives**

The objectives of the Company shall be to relieve poverty and advance education for the benefit of the inhabitants of Fermanagh and its hinterland without distinction of sex, race or political, religious or other opinion and in particular to promote any charitable activity which give support to the local rural communities suffering disadvantage and poverty and which seeks to improve the conditions of life for the inhabitants of the area of benefit.

### **Structure, Governance and Management**

#### **Structure**

Fermanagh Rural Community Network is a company limited by guarantee not having a share capital. The company is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. The directors, who are also the trustees of the charity at the date of this report and those who served during the financial year together with the dates of any changes are set out on page 5.

Fermanagh Rural Community Network has a Resource Centre and Staffed Office maintained with a Network Coordinator, Community Development Worker, Administrator and Community Development Officer.

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

<b>Directors</b>	Louise McLaughlin-Borlace Margaret Burleigh Brian Richardson Brian McManus Oliver McCaffrey Tony Harte Patrick Drumm Liam Jones Iris Mahon Rosemary Forde Kathleen Breen Pauline Carson
<b>Company Secretary</b>	Brian Richardson
<b>Charity Number in Northern Ireland</b>	100161
<b>Registered Office and Principle Address</b>	3 Queen Street Enniskillen Co. Fermanagh BT74 7JR
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**for the year ended 31 March 2024**