

Greater Shantallow Area Partnership Limited
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Report of the trustees (incorporating the directors' report)
for the year ended 31 March 2023

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act (NI) 2008, 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 Trustees Report contains the information required to be provided in the Trustees 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 trustees present a summary of its purpose, governance, activities, achievements and finances for the financial year ended 31 March 2023.

Directors and trustees

The trustees, who are also directors of Greater Shantallow Area Partnership Limited for the purposes of company law and who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out below.

Trustees	Peter McDonald	
	Martin Connolly	
	Rosemary Doherty	Resigned 06/06/2022
	Tony Hasson, Sandra Duffy	
	Cathal McCauley , Vivienne Lynott	
	Brian O'Neill	Resigned 01/12/2021
	Marie Gillespie & Elaine Young	
	Brian Tierney, Charles McDaid & Michael Doyle	
	Caolan Campbell & Francis G McMonagle	Appointed 14/02/2022 & 06/04/2022

Secretary Cathal McCauley

Reference and administrative details

Charity number	XR29759, NIC 100209
Company registration number	NI034587
Registered office	Unit C3 & C4 Northside Village Centre, Derry, BT48 8NN

Key personnel

Project manager Rory McParland

Advisers

Auditors Shaun McGinty & Co (Statutory Auditor)
44 Woodbrook, Derry, BT48 8FF

Bankers Allied Irish Bank
Strand Road, Derry, BT48 7TN

Solicitors Hasson & Co
39/41 Clarendon Street, Derry, BT48 7ER

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Structure, governance and management

The Greater Shantallow Area Partnership Limited is a charitable company limited by guarantee not having any share capital and registered under the Companies Act 2006. The charitable company's governing document is the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Board of Directors

The charity is governed and directed by a voluntary board which currently comprises 13 people from varied backgrounds and skill sets. The aim of the board is to provide leadership and develop strategy as well as to ensure good governance and financial control.

New Board members undergo induction training to brief them on roles and responsibilities and their legal obligations under charity and company law, the committee and the decision-making processes, the strategic and operational planning processes, the organisational structure and key organisational activities.

The Board ensures the good governance of the organisation by setting its strategic objectives and policy direction through GSAP's three year strategic plan, and monitoring progress on this through the annual operational planning process

Appointment and Retirement of Directors

At each annual general meeting one-third of the directors who are subject to retirement by rotation shall retire. The directors to retire shall be those who have been longest in office from their last appointment or reappointment. If the company does not fill the vacancy the retiring director shall be deemed to have been reappointed unless at the meeting it is resolved not to fill the vacancy or unless a resolution to reappoint the director is put to the meeting and is lost.

Board Meetings

The board of directors met 4 times during the year and there were usually 7 directors in attendance. These meetings include a directors meeting in December 2022 when the March 2022 accounts were approved.

Officer Board

There is also a smaller Officer Board, which consists of the Chairperson, the Company Secretary and the Treasurer, which is constituted by the company and which meets whenever required during the year. The Officer Board would usually meet a couple of times each year. The main meeting of the Officer Board is the meeting to discuss and review the financial statements for the year. Following on from this Officer Board meeting the full accounts are presented to and approved by the full Board of Directors at the company's AGM.

Senior Management

The Project Manager, appointed by the Board, manages the day to day operations of the organisation. To facilitate effective operations, the Manager has delegated authority for operational matters including the application and monitoring of strategic and operational objectives, attends all board meetings and updates the directors on the charity's current financial and operational position.

All GSAP project staff report directly to the project manager.

Compliance with Sector-Wide Legislation and Standards

The charity engages pro-actively with legislation, standards and codes which are developed for the sector in the UK and Northern Ireland. The charity subscribes to and is compliant with the Companies Act 2006; The Charities SORP (FRS 102) and the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

Health and Safety

The charity ensures the well-being of its employees, clients and customers through the strict adherence to health and safety standards. Systems are in place to ensure that employees are aware of and implement the charity's health and safety requirements. Employees are required to work in a safe manner as mandated by law and best practice.

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Risk Management & Principal Risks

The directors have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks which the charity faces and confirms that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to lessen these risks. The principal risk to the charity is if its core funding was not renewed by DfC. The charity has established a risk management process, which will ensure that the organisation manages and mitigates risk in line with the agreed risk of the organisation. The charity maintains an Issues log and Risk register which are reviewed regularly and acted upon by the Board. Having primary responsibility for risk management, the Board regularly consider the main strategic, business and operational risks facing the charity. The directors confirm effective controls and reporting systems are in place to lessen these risks.

Objectives and activities

The company's objects are to promote the benefit of the inhabitants of the Greater Shantallow Area without distinction of gender, race or political, religious or other opinions by advancing education, relieving poverty, preserving health and providing facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.

Aims, Activities & Public Benefit

We review our aims, objectives and activities each year. This review looks at what we achieved and the outcomes of our work in the previous 12 months. The review looks at the success of each key activity and the benefits they have brought to those groups of people we are set up to help. The review also helps us ensure our aim, objectives and activities remained focused on our stated purposes. In setting our objectives and planning our activities for the year the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for NI's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities have helped to achieve the charity's purposes and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.

To effectively deliver on our purpose and meet our objectives, GSAP currently employed 28 staff (19 full time & 9 part-time) and buy in when required a range of specialised service providers such as speech and language therapist, counsellors and essential skills tutors and other industry specific tutors and facilitators whenever this is necessary to ensure the benefit is provided to our beneficiaries.

The trustees can confirm that there has been no harm flowing from its purposes.

The focus of our work

Our main objectives for the year continue to be improving the quality of life of residents living within the Greater Shantallow, Outer North and Ballyarnett DE area. The strategies we used to meet these objectives included:

- * Providing a broad range of services, programmes and activities to individuals, families and communities within the Greater Shantallow Area to help address the problems associated with living in poverty, to help improve resident's health and well-being, to increase their skills and qualifications and overall improve their quality of life;
- * Focusing on informing, supporting and strengthening the community/voluntary sector operating in the area and
- * Working in partnership with other agencies to establish social, community and economic improvements within the area, develop new community infrastructure and secure the widest range of services available that helps meet the needs of the population.

Our aims fully reflect the purposes that the charity was set up to further.

Who are the intended beneficiaries?

- * Residents of all ages living within the Greater Shantallow / Outer North / Ballyarnett DE Area
- * Community/Voluntary groups operating within the Greater Shantallow / Outer North / Ballyarnett DE Area.

How Our Activities Deliver Public Benefit

Putting these strategies into action for our intended beneficiaries, GSAP has (3) three major areas of activity under the themes of 'A Learning Community', 'An Influential Community' and 'An Active Community'

A Learning Community

- * Provide capacity building, technical assistance in community development and good governance and financial info/advice and support with funding applications/tenders/fundraising to Community/voluntary groups each year.
- * Provide local, accessible, comprehensive personal development and training (formal/informal) to residents each year
- * Train and support existing front-line workers each year

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An Influential Community

- * Organise and/or facilitate networking events each year with local residents, government agencies and community/voluntary groups and a series of partnership meetings to advance the physical and social regeneration of the area, promote social inclusion and maintain linkages with key organisation.
- * Annually, encourage and support GSAP staff & Directors, local community/interest groups and residents to seek and/or maintain representation on community/voluntary and statutory bodies at a strategic level.

An Active Community

- * Recruit, train and support volunteers each year
- * Work with a range of partners to actively engage residents in the life of the community, improve their quality of life and secure investment to upgrade existing and develop new community and social infrastructure/facilities in the area.
- * Through project development, advice, information, support and /or project management protect/ safeguard 10 existing integrated community led, local services and help develop new integrated community led local services each year to meet the needs of local residents and improve the social, community and economic well-being of the area.

Achievements and performance

Financial Results

The charity's results and financial position for the year ended 31 March 2023 are as stated in the statement of financial activities and balance sheet which are included in this report.

Achievements during the year

The main achievements and performance of GSAP during the year are set out below. The benefits are demonstrated through regular feedback from individuals, families, community/voluntary groups and service users. We measure impact using a range of tools (pre and post questionnaires, examination/test results, Outcome based Accountability (OBA) report cards, official government statistics etc.) and, if required, commissioned independent evaluations of our services. We engage with service users through established forums and steering groups. We evaluate all programmes and make changes as appropriate, based on participant feedback.

Key analytical summary points under each theme are as follows:

A Learning Community

39 local community/voluntary groups were provided with capacity building and technical assistance in community development and good governance, which helped to build their confidence, increase their skills and enhance their ability to effect change for themselves and their community. In addition, groups received financial info /advice and support completing funding applications, which enabled them to learn new skills in relation to fundraising and improve their ability to access, secure, and manage additional financial resources efficiently and effectively thus helping to sustain their activities/services.

63 existing front-line workers were provided with training and support in areas such as Good Governance Training, Finance for Non-Financial Managers Training, Effective Meeting Training, Barista Training, Food Safety Training, Designated Child Protection Officer Training, Hospitality Training, EPI Pen Training and Emergency First Aid training etc, which enabled them to build their knowledge and skills, promote good governance, engage better with the communities they serve and contribute to community building initiatives.

12 Community/voluntary groups received advice, information and ongoing support to register as a charity with the Charity Commission and complete their online annual returns.

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A Learning Community continued

944 children aged 0 to 3 years participated in a range of early intervention programmes throughout our Talking to Our Babies programme and 320 parents of children aged 0 to 3 years old participated in a range of early intervention/parenting support programmes with an additional 74 parents/carers completing job specific training such as Makaton, Autism level 2 & 3, Child Protection, Paediatric First Aid.

135 parents/carers and 135 children and young people completed our 8 week Families Connect programme, FaCT.

376 residents participated in the GSAP Skills North West programme completing 240 educational qualifications in courses such as First Aid, Mental Health First Aid, CSR, Food Hygiene, COSHH, Infection Control, Working at Heights, Food safety, Manual handling, Forklift induction, Abrasive Wheels, H & S in Catering and a range of soft skill sessions. In addition, 47 participants gained employment as a result of participation on the Skills North West Programme.

GSAP completed 4 cross community/ good relations outreach programmes during the year. The "Living at Home" Connections is an intergenerational project aimed at bringing the older and younger generations closer. 100 older participants are provided with an Ipad and the internet as a means of communication with the outside world.

Teach Na Failte identified 40 participants for their outreach programme where they address the causes and consequences of "The Troubles" facilitating a series of study visits and workshops addressing issues of identity and shared history. With the Future Tech Festival, 1000 young people attended our one day digital and technology focused event in Shantallow Community Centre, which was organised by GSAP staff.

Through the Traveller Support project GSAP facilitated the delivery of a Traveller Support Initiative in the Outer North/Ballyarnett DE area during the 2022/23 year.

GSAP provides ongoing support infrastructure, technical assistance and advice to a WHSCT employee based in the GSAP offices at Northside, and the Heart of the Community festival at St Brigids College which was attended by 738 local people, residents and friends of St Brigids College.

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An Influential Community

9 networking events were organised and/or facilitated by GSAP which enabled local groups/residents to share knowledge, skills, and resources and strengthen and build new relationships, including a visit to GSAP by Deirdre Hargey, DFC Minister, on 14 June 2022. This networking event was an opportunity for the Minister to meet with GSAP's senior management team, the Family Support team and other local support services to discuss supports for local residents, particularly post Covid supports and the current cost of living crisis. The discussions also covered the Community Wealth Buildings concept and vision. There was also a NIO Office visit by Permanent Secretary Shailesh Vara on 18 August 2022, who met with members of the GSAP Board and senior management to discuss future plans and hear about the ongoing work of GSAP as a community support agency. Follow up meetings are to be arranged with the NIO. The Future Tech event, held at Shantallow Community Centre on 16 September 2022, was planned and organised by GSAP staff and was attended by a range of primary and post primary schools. Employers and training providers who attended included Ulster University, NWRC, Seagate Manchester United Foundation, GSCA, the Nerve Centre All State and a range of local digital and technology entrepreneurs. Regarding the Boomhall/ Foyle Riverscape there have been ongoing discussions and support for the Boomhall Trust relating to the redevelopment of Boomhall and the surrounding area, including with a community survey and business plan. There have also been discussions with the Foyle River Gardens Project, Culmore Community Partnership and other community sector interests regarding Boom Hall. Ongoing networking with Derry Children & Young People Locality Planning (Western Areas Outcomes Group), who are working closely with Save The Children to secure funding to help support families due to the cost of living crisis. Funding for this is still to be agreed. GSAP has also been involved in a series of engagements with the Food Poverty Partnership within DC & SD Council area to tackle ongoing food poverty issues across the city. Ongoing networking with Outer North NR Partnership, DC & SD Council and a range of local providers, including On Street Community Youth Initiative, Skeoge Community Association, Culmore Community Partnership, Shantallow Youth Intervention Group, Galliagh Residents Association and Rainbow Child & Family Centre, to secure a range of funding opportunities, including a £15K consensual grant for 2022/23 to underpin community services in the new Galliagh Community Centre. Also secured approx. £16K of funding under the Food & Essential items Transition fund for 2022/23 to deliver a series of food poverty programmes. GSAP has assumed the lead role for these 2 programmes. GSAP has also been involved in ongoing discussions with a range of local sports clubs to advance pitch development proposals and potential winter training facilities linked to Derry GAA County Board and to the re-development of St Brigids College.

Encouraged and supported GSAP staff & Directors, local community/interest groups and residents to seek and/or maintain representation on 13 city wide bodies that operate at a strategic level, including Skills North West Employment Support Initiative, NIHE Housing Community Network, Family Support Hubs (HSCB), DC & SDC Community Planning Transitional Partnership, DENI / DOJ Wrap Around Educational Support Project, Skeoge Lands Steering Group, Galliagh New Build Steering Group, WHSCT Locality Planning Group, North West Community Network, Enterprise North West, Bay Road Steering Group, Neighbourhood Health Improvement Project (NHIP) and Foyle Women's Information Network. GSAP organised and/or facilitated a series of partnership meetings, % project ideas with 15+ meetings attended, to advance the physical and social regeneration of the area and to promote and maintain linkages with key organisations.

An Active Community

565 volunteers were recruited, trained and supported to participate in community development work, events and programmes within the Greater Shantallow Area.

Provided ongoing information and advice to over 39 community/voluntary groups through electronic newflashes, GSAP facebook, Skills North West facebook, Talking to Our Babies facebook, ETHOS family support facebook and ASPIRE facebook.

8 community/voluntary groups received assistance in completing 48 ACCESS NI checks through GSAP as part of the recruitment process for staff and volunteers.

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Local Project Highlights

GSAP during the year continued to protect 12 existing local integrated local services managed by GSAP; including the Outer North Community Support Project undertaken by 3 FTE staff members, the secretariat of the Outer North Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership undertaken by 1 FTE staff member, the Shantallow Family Support Hub (ETHOS) undertaken by 2.5 FTE staff members, the Greater Shantallow Talking To Our Babies Project undertaken by 1 FTE staff member, the ASPIRE Programme undertaken by 1 FTE staff member, the GSAP Skills North West programme undertaken by 2 FTE staff members; the Greater Shantallow Extended Schools Programme 2022/23 funded through the EA extended schools programme, the Outer North Families Connect Project undertaken by 1 FTE staff member, the Greater Shantallow Foodbank, the new Skeoge Community Hub at Clon Dara in partnership with APEX and the Big Lottery (3 FTE staff & 1 PTE staff, 3 FTE staff employed through the DfC Job Start Scheme on 6-9 month work placements), the employment of 2 PTE staff as play park attendants, the DENI Wrap Around Education Support programme lead by DENI and funded through the DOJ Tackling Paramilitarism programme.

Local Project Highlights continued

GSAP during the financial year also continued the development of 3 new integrated community led local services, including The Catalyst Project (incorporating SAFE, STAR and Cafe Links) and based at the new Skeoge Community Hub, managed by GSAP and funded by the Big Lottery for 4 years from September 2021; the DENI WRAP Pilot Education Support Programme 2022/23 to support the delivery of 5 key projects, including the Family Learning Intervention Programme, Mini Questing Initiative, Rainbow Learning Hub, Pre-employment & education programme and the Youth Opportunities & Community Investment programme, all managed by GSAP and with additional funding secured for 2023/24 and the Ballyarnett & Community Regeneration Initiative. After securing funding, GSAP has been able to partner with Shantallow Community Residents Association to deliver a local family based early intervention programme. The funding secured enabled GSAP to employ a family support worker to engage specifically with local families referred on to this programme. Funding was secured for the 2022/23 year and additional funding for the 2023/24 year has been secured to continue the programme.

Local services provided

Among the stand out results for 2022/23 derived from the integrated local services included:

- * 355 adults and 219 children/young people) were able to access intervention/treatment services through the family support hub, and 88 of those young people were able to access specialist support to address their needs. During the reporting period the Family Support Hub made 929 outgoing referrals to 95 local providers, interventions and support services.
- * 472 Year 8 pupils, across 2 academic years, attending St Brigid's College in September 2022 accessed a range of personal/social development and health programmes and resource packs
- * 192 local residents participated in healthy lifestyle programmes such as Tai Chi, Chair Aerobics, walking Club, personal development, Swimming, Minding me programme, Restore Nutrition, Outdoor Boot camp, Yoga etc thus reducing social isolation and improving their overall health and well-being,
- * 801 young people attending local schools accessed a range of extended school programmes and services such as counselling, speech therapy, outdoor environmental education programmes and literacy and numeracy tuition etc,
- * 429 food (week supply) parcels donated by the four local Churches were distributed by GSAP to families in need across the area thus helping to reduce the impact of poverty and improve their quality of life.

Financial review

Financial Review

The results of the financial year are set out in the Statement of Financial Activities and additional notes are provided in the accounts showing income and expenditure in greater detail. During the year ended 31 March 2023 the charity had total income of £920,008 (2022:£850,016) and costs of £894,373 (2022:£849,018) resulting in a surplus of £25,635 (2022:£998) for the year.

Extended Schools

During the year ended 31 March 2023 the charity again managed the Extended Schools programme for a cluster of schools in the area. The Extended Schools programme generated income of £64,747 (2022:£62,893) and incurred project costs of £56,019 (2022:£55,013). The charity's management of the Extended Schools programme generated an unrestricted surplus of £6,860 which went towards meeting the charity's unfunded operating costs. As at 31 March 2023 debtors include a balance of £46,003 relating to extended schools claims owed.

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Social Capital (North West) CIC

The year ended 31 March 2023 financial statements include a donation of £0 (2022:£0) to the charity from Social Capital (North West) CIC, the trading company that it owns and operates. As at 31 March 2023 debtors include £4,328 owed by Social Capital (North West) CIC.

Derry City & Strabane District Council Funding

The year ended 31 March 2023 accounts include grant income of £58,113 (2022:£29,270) from the District Council. The main grants received from council included approximately £15,000 under the consensual fund, £12,000 under the venue fund and £16,000 under the transition fund. The accounts include £46,551 of matching expenditure relating to the various programmes funded through the District Council. As at 31 March 2023 current assets include £28,854 of grants owed by the council.

Department for Communities funding

The financial statements include £440,977 (2022:£422,428) of grant income from the DfC during the year. This grant income is matched with the wages costs and overhead costs for the different projects operated by the charity that DfC funds. As at 31 March 2023 debtors include £15,030 (2022:£26,116) of grant claims due from DfC while deferred income in current liabilities includes £18,979 (2022:£20,147) of DfC grants received in advance.

The Catalyst Project - Big Lottery Funded

The year ended 31 March 2023 financial statements include £117,947 of grant income from Big Lottery together with the related matching expenditure for the Catalyst Project which operates from the Skeoge Community Hub. This funding started in September 2021 and is to run for 4 years. As at 31 March 2023 current liabilities include deferred income of £53,229 relating to the Big Lottery grant received in advance. The deferred income and related matching expenditure will be recognised in the subsequent financial statements.

Going Concern

The various DfC funding was again renewed for another year to 31 March 2024 and the board are confident that they will continue to be awarded new core funding and as such have no concerns with regards to the going-concern status of the charity. However the charity's ability to continue as a going-concern is dependent on continuing to receive core funding. Should the charity not get its core funding renewed it would be highly likely that it would not be able to continue and the going-concern basis for preparing the accounts would no longer be appropriate. It is currently expected that the various funding will continue to be made available to the charity and as such the going-concern basis remains appropriate in preparing the financial statements.

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the charity to seek to maintain liquid funds at a level that would enable it to operate for a reasonable period should funding be reduced or stopped. The charity's aim is to build up the Unrestricted Funds General Reserve to provide for future costs and contingencies that would arise in the event that funding was reduced or stopped so as to allow for the orderly winding up of the charity. Any funds generated through projects organised by the charity are used to cover non-funded operating costs and wages.

The charity's Unrestricted funds balance at 31 March 2023 stood at £ 151,766. This represents unrestricted funds available to the charity to cover both ongoing unfunded costs and would also be available to meet costs in the event that the charity was to lose its core funding if the board needed to effect the orderly winding up of the charity. The costs to be covered in this situation would include all unfunded redundancy and other overhead costs to be incurred during that period.

Transactions involving Trustees

Any contracts entered into by the charity during the year where trustees had any interests are as detailed in the Related Parties note in the financial statements.

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Events after the Balance Sheet Date

1) The charity expects to complete the purchase its current rented premises at Northside Village Centre in late 2023 or early 2024. In addition to the previous donation of £100,000 from the Northside Development Trust, which is currently being carried in deferred income, the charity has secured additional funding from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, a loan from Community Finance Ireland as well as its own unrestricted funds in order to be able to complete the purchase of its offices. The building acquisition together with the related funds to finance the purchase will be reflected in the March 2024 financial statements.

2) After the year end the charity was involved in the preparation and submission of revised proposals for the redevelopment of Boom Hall to potential funders. The charity's board are hopeful that there will be further developments with this potential project in the current financial year.

3) The 4 year funding application to the National Lottery Community Fund for the Skeoge Hub project, approved in June 2021 and amounting to approximately £478K, started to be drawn down in September 2021 and the March 2023 accounts include a full year's figures relating to the matching income and expenditure for the project. The income and matching expenditure for the remaining 2.5 years of the project will be recognised in future periods accounts as the project continues.

Plans for future periods

In future financial years GSAP will continue to develop relationships with key agencies responsible for delivering services within the area and work with local residents, local organisations, schools, community groups and statutory agencies to develop positive changes in the quality of life of disadvantaged families and neighbourhoods thus ensuring comprehensive social inclusion. GSAP staff and the board of Directors will work hard to remain at the centre of local development. This will be achieved by working even more closely with local residents and community & voluntary groups in the area, remaining actively involved in the delivery of the new Ballyarnett Community Plan, the Derry City & Strabane District Council Area Strategic Growth Plan and the delivery of the Outer North Regeneration Plan, continuously identifying the need and putting forward sound cases for investment and grasping opportunities that may arise from new government policies and initiatives such as the City Deal.

During the March 2024 financial year GSAP expects to secure ownership of its currently rented premises at Northside Village Centre, and specifically the Community Building at Northside. In addition to the £100,000 building fund donation previously provided by the Northside Development Trust, the charity has secured further funding from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities together with a loan from Community Finance Ireland as well as its own funds and expects to complete the purchase of the premises in late 2023 or early 2024. As at 31 March 2023 the Northside Trust donation of £100,000 continues to be treated as Deferred income but should be recognised in the March 2024 year once the premises purchase is completed.

The charity is also hopeful that there will be progress in the coming year with regards to progressing the plans and proposals for the regeneration of Boom Hall.

Statement as to disclosure of information to auditors

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

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Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also directors of Greater Shantallow Area Partnership Limited for the purpose of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Company law and the Charities Act (NI) 2008 require the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1986. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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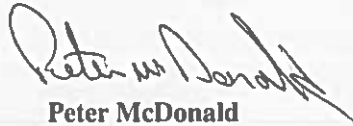
Auditors

Shaun McGinty & Co (Statutory Auditor) are deemed to be reappointed in accordance with Section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006.

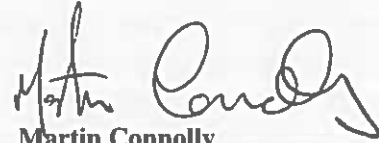
On behalf of the board



Cathal McCauley
Secretary



Peter McDonald
Director



Martin Connolly
Director

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