
Beragh Evangelical Christian Church

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Trustees Annual Report 1st January 2023 - 31st December 2023

The charitable objects of the Church are:

“(a) To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Beliefs in the Schedule hereto attached in Northern Ireland and in such other parts of the United Kingdom and the world as the Trustees may from time to time think fit and other such purposes which are exclusively charitable according to the law of England and Wales and are connected with the charitable work of the charity;

(b) To further Christian education in Northern Ireland and in such other parts of the United Kingdom and the world as the Trustees may from time to time think fit;

(c) To relieve persons who are in condition of need or hardship or who are aged or sick and to relieve the distress caused thereby in Northern Ireland and in such other parts of the United Kingdom and the world as the Trustees may from time to time think fit.”

Summary of main activities to further our charitable objects for public benefit.

To fulfil our main activities as a charity in respect to the Charity Commissions’ Public Benefit Statutory guidance, we have as a church maintained, Two regular Sunday Worship Services and conducted various Christian ministry amongst the general public. Visitation of the sick and needy and school assemblies were carried out on a regular basis as also a weekly Bible study and Prayer Meeting was conducted throughout the course of the year.

Governance and appointment of New Trustees.

The Church as a Charity has a clear and approved “Charitable Constitution” to help with the smooth guidance and governance of our charitable work.

Section 17 of our Constitution states;

“The spiritual government and leadership of the Church Fellowship for the purposes of which the Church has been established shall remain with the recognised spiritual leadership of the Church Fellowship and to the extent to which the members of the Committee are not synonymous with the church leadership their powers shall be confined to the proper management and administration of the Church Fund in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution and in furtherance of the said objects and in so doing they shall have full and proper regard to such spiritual leadership provided always they shall not act outside their powers as conferred by this Constitution or by the general law”

Details of the Committee powers and procedures are set out below as also the regulations and authorisation in appointing new trustees.

These are as follows: - **Members Meetings**

Officers

“The Committee shall from time to time appoint a treasurer and a secretary and such persons may or may not be members of the Committee.

5.5 All officers and Trustees, with the exception of the Minister, will be appointed from the Church membership.

12.1 There shall be an annual general meeting of the members of the Church which shall be held whenever practicable within three months of the financial year end of the Church as determined by the Committee and the business of the annual general meeting should normally include the presentation of reports by the Pastor or other chairman of the Committee, the treasurer and the secretary and when relevant shall include the appointment of Committee members in accordance with the provisions of Clause 5 of this Constitution.

12.2 The Committee shall have power to make regulations governing the calling and conduct of the annual general meeting and such other members' meetings (known as Special Church Meetings) as may be deemed necessary by the Committee.

12.3 Special Church Meetings are called for the following purposes:

- i) Calling a minister when required
- ii) Election of Elders when required
- iii) Election of Deacons when required
- iv) Appointment of Trustees when required (and further to the provisions of Clause 5)
- v) Matters of Church order and discipline, upon the recommendation of the Elders
- vi) Considering a Special Resolution which shall require the approval of two-thirds of those members present and entitled to vote. The voting shall be by ballot."

End of year financial situation and review.

The church yearly accounts for 2023 were presented, reviewed and adopted at the Church AGM and are as stated.

All accounts are in credit and loans serviced.

Names of Trustees.

Mr Giles Patterson
Mr Malcolm Fulton
Mr Derek McFarland
Pastor William Leonard (Chairman).

We the Trustees of Beragh Evangelical Christian Church submit this report for your attention.

Signed 

Date. 22nd October 2024.