

The Cabbage Patchers
(company limited by guarantee)
Report of the Directors
for the year ended 30 June 2019

The directors present their report and audited financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2019. The directors of The Cabbage Patchers who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Cabbage Patchers is governed by a voluntary board of directors. The directors meet during the year to make management decisions on areas such as future projects and funding applications. The Cabbage Patchers plan on making new appointments to the board to enhance the knowledge and expertise of the organisations' management.

Risk

The directors have actively reviewed the major risks which the charity faces and believes that the charity has sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The directors have also examined other business and operational risks, which the charity faces and confirm that it has established systems to mitigate significant risks.

Objectives and Activities

The objectives of the charity are to promote the benefit of the inhabitant of Warrenpoint and its environs, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, age, race, ethnicity, or political, religious or other opinion by associating with the community and voluntary organisations, statutory authorities and inhabitants, in a common effort to:

1. Provide community gardening facilities and amenities:
 - (i) to relieve those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, social isolation, financial or other disadvantage;
 - (ii) to provide opportunities for training and work experience;
 - (iii) to advance the education of the public by encouraging their participation in gardening projects and to raise awareness of the health benefits of taking part in gardening;
 - (iv) in the interests of social welfare for recreation and other leisure time occupations with the object of improving the conditions of life for all of the said objectives;
 - (v) to facilitate programmes that assist vulnerable people and those deemed to be at risk.

2. To advance community development by providing facilities and amenities for community and voluntary groups and organisations.

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Achievements and Performance

During the year ended 30 June 2019 funding for projects and running costs was secured from organisations including Newry, Mourne and Down District Council, Linking Generations Northern Ireland and the Department for Communities Volunteering Small Grant.

Financial Review

Overview of Performance

For the year ended 30 June 2019 The Cabbage Patchers incurred a deficit of £1,034 (2018: £282).

Incoming Resources

Total incoming resources for the year ended 30 June 2019 were £1,433 (2017: £4,845).

Balance Sheet

At 30 June 2019 the cash position of The Cabbage Patchers showed cash in bank of £56 (2018: £1,711).

Reserves Policy

The charity's policy is to maintain a level of free reserves which meets the needs of the organisation both at the current time and in the foreseeable future. Free reserves are its total funds excluding restricted funds, designated funds or income funds which can only be released by disposing of fixed assets held for charity use.

The Cabbage Patchers had a deficit in reserves of £84 at 30 June 2019.

Plans for Future Periods

The activities of The Cabbage Patchers were severely curtailed in the year ended 30 June 2019 following the theft of their gardening equipment in the summer of 2018. Since then they have received donations from local businesses and began to build up the stock of equipment once again. The trustees are confident of securing future funding to allow them to continue with the projects of the group. Their plans include continuing to provide gardening facilities and amenities for the wider community and continue to work with the relevant groups such as Youth Justice Agency and Volunteer Now on specific projects using the gardening facilities.

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Statement of directors' responsibilities

The directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Company law requires the directors, to prepare the financial statements for each financial period 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 directors are required to:

- ✚ Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- ✚ Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- ✚ Make judgements and estimated 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 business.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. 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.

Special provisions relating to small companies

The above report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies in accordance with FRS 102.

On behalf of the board

Imelda Hughes
Director

Date: 29 May 2020

